

Amnesty International works

We have a record of real achievement. We know this because the people we have been trying to help say that our pressure has had an effect.

“When the first two hundred letters came, the guards gave me back my clothes. Then the next two hundred letters came, and the prison director came to see me. When the next pile of letters arrived, the director got in touch with his superior. The letters kept coming: three thousand of them. The President was informed. The letters still kept arriving and the President called the prison and told them to let me go.”

Letter from a former prisoner of conscience from the Dominican Republic

“At last I am free! Free after ten months of detention in horrible conditions, which I could only endure with your constant moral support ... I would like to let you know that each of your actions, at any level, has greatly contributed not only to my liberation, but also to the promotion of press freedom.”

Letter from Pius Njawe, a prominent journalist in Cameroon

Amnesty International Bristol Group



For more information about the group, our activities or to receive our monthly newsletter, contact Peggy Salisbury on 0117 9734629 or email aibristolnl@tesco.net

Making a difference

Are you looking for a way to get involved in a local organisation and put your talents, spare time and enthusiasm into making the world a fairer place? If so, you are not alone.

Amnesty International is a human rights movement with over a million members worldwide. We work for peoples' human rights irrespective of their race, wealth, sexual orientation, political ideology or religious beliefs.

We campaign against:

- Detaining prisoners of conscience
- Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Other severe suffering inflicted because of a person's beliefs or identity
- The use of the death penalty
- Extrajudicial executions and 'disappearances'
- Children taking part in armed conflict
- Arm sales and security transfers (weapons or training) to countries where they can reasonably be assumed to contribute to human rights abuses
- Returning refugees to countries where they are at risk of serious violations or abuse.

See www.amnesty.org.uk for more information about joining Amnesty International UK

Joining the Bristol Group

We are a group of volunteers that meets and takes action on Amnesty International's campaigns. We also hold regular social events.

Our current campaigns are to:

- Stop violence against women
- To prevent the use of the death penalty
- Control the arms trade
- Defend human rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Protect children's rights
- Protect the rights of refugees/asylum seekers

Why not come along to one of our regular events?

| Date | Event and venue |
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| <u>Third</u> Monday every month 7.45pm | Group meeting Group issues, regular speakers and campaign activities, usually held in the Bristol YHA, Narrow Quay |
| <u>First</u> Friday, most months 2.30-4.30pm | Christine's letter writing Held in her home in Bishopston. Phone 0117 9248138 to confirm. |
| <u>Fourth</u> Tuesday every month From 7.30pm | Pub letter writing Campaigning over a few pints in the Miners Arms, St Werburghs |
| <u>Last</u> Saturday every month 10.30 – 12noon | Saturday letter writing Write letters over a coffee in La Ruca on the Gloucester Road |