



# Southampton Group

## AMNESTY NEWS

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### COMMUNITY ORGANISING

Amnesty UK is encouraging all Groups to build relationships with sympathetic local groups. To this end it has held a number of training sessions. One of the sessions focussed on Community Mapping. Some of the key points of Community Mapping are outlined below, many thanks to Peter Murray who attended the training sessions on behalf of the Southampton Group.

**COMMUNITY MAPPING:** this is a technique to identify potential allies in campaigns. Initially the community is divided into three broad areas: **MARKET, STATE & CIVIL SOCIETY**. Each of the three areas is broken down into more detailed examples.

#### **MARKET:**

- **Key industries-** What are the major industries we could be working with?
- **Major employers-** Who are the biggest employers in the area?
- **Important business developments-** Who is coming into the area?
- **Football clubs-** Are the football clubs influential in your area? Are they a part of the identity of the people?
- **Media-** What do people in your area read? How do they consume information and news?

#### **STATE:**

- **Councils make up-** Who runs the council? What's the majority? What did it used to be?
- **MPs-** Who are they and from which party? Are they powerful figures, front or back benchers? Are they allies?
- **Police-** What is the state of the police force, how accountable are they?
- **Health-** Who are the local providers and trusts, local hospitals and GP surgeries?

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#### **AI's VISION**

is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international standards

#### **AI's MISSION**

is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom and conscience and expression and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights

#### **AI's CORE VALUES**

remain those of international solidarity, effective action for the individual victim, global coverage, the universality and indivisibility of human rights, impartiality and independence, and democracy and mutual respect

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### CIVIL SOCIETY:

- **Universities-** Are the universities in your area influential?
- **Civil institutions-** (places people congregate)- What are the institutions in which local people congregate and relate to? Sports clubs, local football teams, faith organisations?
- **Academy trusts-** How many schools are there in your area? How big are the academy trusts?
- **Trade Unions-** Which operate in key employers in the area? Are they influential to politics in your area?
- **Housing associations-** Where are they?
- **Local and major funders-** Who has provided funding for work in your area?
- **Major faiths-** Demographically is there an influx or outflux of a particular faith group?
- **Charities/NGOs-** Which are the charities in your area, and what do they do?
- **Campaign groups-** Who is active, what are the major campaigns?
- **Overall demographics-** Ethnicity, class, gender, countries of origin-what issues have the people faced?
- **Other political groups-** Who are they? Where are they?
- **Gatekeepers-** Who are those individuals that can open or close doors? Whose names keep coming up. Who is on every board imaginable?

These issues will be explored further in the November meeting.

### BUSINESS MEETING

1. Treasures report: not clear if St Andrews is reopening for outside groups.
2. Future events: "Walk in the Forest" on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Post meeting note, it was a very successful walk which raised £60.
3. Write for rights: there will be a relevant human rights film at Uni, will discuss further next meeting.
4. Nationality & Borders Bill: Peter has been involved with the local coalition; however, he has made it clear that whilst we (Amnesty) may support the broad principles it would not be appropriate for us (Amnesty) to become formal members of the coalition. Peter will join the demonstration on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.



### Scene from the New Forest

Six members of the Southampton Group, plus dog and two members of the Romsy Group spent an enjoyable morning strolling through the New Forest. Followed by a convivial lunch.

**COLUMBIA**  
**Indigenous community fighting for its land**

Joel Chipiajen is a member of the Indigenous ASEINPOME community, which has been forcibly displaced from its ancestral land of El Porvenir repeatedly over the last 30 years. El Porvenir is in Columbia's central Meta region and the people are from the Sikuani and Kubeo ethnic groups.

In the 1990s, the FARC armed group, expelled the community to expand its coca production. The community returned but was displaced again in 2000 by paramilitary groups.

In 2015, Joel and 42 Sikuani-Kubeo families returned to El Porvenir, and since then they have been demanding recognition of their title to their ancestral territory. But they face threats from armed groups and land invasions from outsiders. At least two families in the community have had their houses burned to the ground by unidentified people, and armed men are a constant presence in the territory.

**APPEAL:** Urge the director of the National Land Agency to grant ownership of the ancestral lands of the ASEINPOME Indigenous community to its residents.

**SEND APPEALS TO:**

- Director of the National Land Agency Myriam Martínez Cárdenas
- Calle 43 #57-47, Bogotá, DC, Colombia

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**SALUTATION:**

- Dear Director

**COPY TO:**

- His Excellency Antonio José Ardila
- Embassy of Colombia
- 3 Hans Crescent
- London SW1X 0LN

**EMAIL:**

- [elondres@cancilleria.gov.co](mailto:elondres@cancilleria.gov.co)

**SALUTATION:**

- Your Excellency

## **CORONA VIRUS**

**For the foreseeable future the Southampton Group will not be holding face-to-face meetings. However, we will be arranging virtual meetings see DIARY box. And if possible some external fundraising events**

**We plan to continue to produce a monthly News Letter.**

**Each month we will include at least one letter or action, which you will either be able to copy or email. Any information we may receive about cases we are working on and news from the web.**

## **DIARY**

**For details of how to join any of the events/meetings outlined below please contact our secretary, Valerie at our email address:  
[AmnestySouthampton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:AmnestySouthampton@yahoo.co.uk)**

### **November**

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>: On zoom**

**"How we win human rights by growing and nourishing our Groups/ building people power, sharing lessons from successful Groups" Holly Harrison-Mullane and Owen Collins.**

**7.30 pm see joining instructions above. NB this will expand on the article at the beginning of this News Letter.**

## **SOUTHAMPTON GROUP WHO'S WHO**

### **Group Officers:**

**Chair:** Duties shared

**Secretary:** Valerie Oswald

**Treasurer:** Gareth Davies

**Outreach and Parliamentary Officer:**  
Veronica Tippetts

**Newsletter:** John Williams

**Campaigning Activity:**  
**People on the move**  
**Protecting the space for human rights defenders**  
**Death Penalty**  
**HR Act**  
**Snoopers Charter**  
**South Asia**  
**China**

**Case file:** Marielle Franco, Brazil

**Individual at Risk:** Aster Fissehatsion and Dawit Isaak, Eritea

## **Issues on the Web [amnesty.org.uk](http://amnesty.org.uk) Include:**

**UK:** Home Office set to make asylum system "far worse"

**Death penalty:** See the 40-year flight to end the death penalty by Amnesty.

**Climate Crisis:** Five young women of colour fighting climate change worldwide.

**USA:** Pressure Israel to end its systematic violations against Palestinians.

**Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe:** 2000 days separated.

**UK:** Prime minister: reunite children with their families.

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