

Lincoln Amnesty International Groups

March 2021 Newsletter



Alternative 'Christmas' Market

Jessica is at present consulting people and checking bookings to reschedule the Market.

Our booking in May for Bailgate Methodist Church hall looks unlikely to be possible under the recent Government 'roadmap' dates.

Let Jessica or us know when you think would be a good time to have it

Midlands Social Justice Campaign- April and May 2021

Events have been launched already online to engage in International Women's Day, plan online discussions, walk 60 Km (not in one stint!) to celebrate AI's 60th Anniversary year, and set up a soap box event where we film ourselves for 30 seconds finishing off the sentence 'Social Justice means to me.....' Our regional representative Gethin Davies has been vigorously organising this campaign.

I will attach a list of films on this human rights theme which we could individually watch and discuss?

Some recommended films on human rights themes

Film title	Available from	Comment
Timbuktu 2014, cert 12, 96 mins, subtitled	BFIplayer Also on DVD	Excellent recent drama set in the political turbulence of the Sahel region.
La Haine 1995, cert 15, 98 mins, subtitled, b/w	BFIplayer Also on DVD	Landmark French film on racism and police violence directed at young people.
Battle of Algiers 1966, cert 15, 121 mins, subtitled, b/w	BFIplayer Also on DVD	One of the greatest films of all time.
Donbass 2014, cert 15, 128 mins, subtitled Maidan 2018, cert 12, 121 mins, subtitled	BFIplayer Also on DVD	Two films by Sergei Loznitski: Donbass is fictional and Maidan a documentary. Both are about Ukraine.
Wajib 2018, cert 15, 96 mins, subtitled	BFIplayer Also on DVD	Superb drama from Palestine with a father and son playing a father and son.

Currently on Netflix, recommended by AIUK in March 2021

The White Helmets 2016, cert 12, 42 mins, partly subtitled	Netflix --	A documentary about the Syrian first responders.
E-Team 2014, cert 15, 89 mins	Netflix Amazon Prime	A documentary about four human rights investigators.
Immigration Nation 2020, cert 15, 372mins	Netflix	Six-part documentary series about the US immigration system.
Black Earth Rising 2018, cert 15, 480 mins	Netflix	Eight-part drama about war crimes, and the Rwandan genocide.
The War Against Women 2013, cert 15, 61 mins	Netflix	Documentary about sexual violence in conflict situations.
13th 2016, no cert, 100 mins	Netflix	Documentary about criminalisation of African Americans by US justice system.

Beasts of No Nation 2015, cert 15, 136 mins	Netflix Also on DVD	Drama about child soldiers in Africa.
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On the day Nazanin should be reunited with her husband & daughter, they were at the Iranian Embassy handing in a petition signed by 160,000 of you demanding that Nazanin is reunited with her husband and daughter in the UK - NOW.

Nazanin continues to have her rights denied at the hands of an authority who have played cruel political games with her life.

There is no time to waste. Now that Nazanin is facing a second charge, we'll be ramping up the pressure on UK government to do everything necessary to bring Nazanin home



Syria: First conviction of former Syrian official in Germany for crimes against humanity

History was made on 24 February as a German court in Koblenz delivered the first guilty verdict for crimes under international law committed by a government official in Syria. Responding to a decision of the Higher Regional Court in Koblenz, Germany, which has sentenced

Eyad al-Gharib, a former Syrian security officer, to four-and-a-half years in prison for his role in aiding and abetting the torture of detained protesters in Damascus, Amnesty International's Deputy Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Lynn Maalouf said:

"Today's historic verdict – the first of its kind for crimes under international law committed by a Syrian government official- is a resounding victory for the tens of thousands of Syrian torture survivors and victims of enforced disappearance as well as for Syrian and international human rights and litigation organisations who together, for years, have fought relentlessly for truth and justice. These organisations helped ensure crimes were documented and legal files built for prosecution and without them this trial would not have been possible.

There is more information and actions on the AI UK website.