



OWEN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Cardiff Amnesty Group have nominated **Dr Owen Collins** to stand for election on the AIUK Board. Owen is a committed campaigner who has been the driving force behind one of the most active Amnesty groups in Wales and he needs your help.

Taking the Temperature of AIUK

Many local Amnesty groups are meeting virtually because of the pandemic. Taking advantage of this situation, Owen would like to 'take the temperature' of the movement ahead of the AIUK Board Elections.

"I want to be sure that I understand what the local network needs from AIUK, especially given the effects of COVID-19. I would be really grateful if local groups could spare a few minutes to tell me what they want from their Board."

To invite Owen to an online meetings please email him at amnesty.cardiff@btinternet.com

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Stand Up in the Park, Cardiff*



Wales Amnesty International Conference, Aberystwyth



Cardiff Amnesty Group with Richard & Rebecca Ratcliffe*



Knit for Naz, Cardiff*

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Candidate Statement

AMNESTY MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVISM EXPERIENCE

I bring 20 years of AIUK activism and a background in risk and financial management in the public and charitable sector. As Head of Fundraising and Development in a faith-based charity (turnover £6M), I understand that ethical fundraising is integral to good governance.


I joined Amnesty while in school; in the blink of 20 years I find I have been Chair and Vice-chair of the Cardiff group for a decade. Under my leadership the group won AIUK's Human Rights Activism Award in 2019. I therefore understand the value and challenges of the grass-roots movement.

Recent campaigning highlights:

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"Knit for Naz" initiative supporting Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe 

AGM resolution passed to end excessive cellular confinement in UK prisons 

Founding annual flagship "Stand Up in the Park" comedy festival 

ELECTION MANIFESTO

While the new Global Strategy (2021-2028) offers exciting opportunities, AIUK must not lose sight of founding principles. Alongside cheerleading local activism, I will guide implementation, mindful of:

- Resourcing local groups/ networks appropriately
- Campaigning for prisoners of conscience/ 'core' activity
- Providing perspective/ experience of a devolved nation

Professional expertise in fundraising, an under-represented skill on the Board, is also essential when charity finances have been rocked by COVID-19. A dyed-in-the-wool advocate for collective action, I want to provide a framework that enables everyone to campaign for human justice and freedom while meeting the challenges of sustaining income.

