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See end of list or overpage for information about regular meetings of some of our member groups

NOV-DEC 2018

Fri 23rd Nov – Chester Friends of Palestine

6.30 pm – 8.30pm Room 301, Riverside Building, University of Chester, Castle Drive, Chester, CH11SL Chris Matheson MP will be speaking on his recent visit to the West Bank: Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) funded a visit of a number of British MPs to the occupied Palestinian territory in August 2018. Further information contact ChesterFriendsofPalestine@hotmail.com

Thurs 29th Nov – "Walk my Journey"

7.00pm. Chester Cathedral Gardens. Chester. CH1 2HU

Presented by Theatre in the Quarter in collaboration with City of Sanctuary. Walk My Journey is a film and live musical event involving over 700 young people. Performed in the gardens of Chester Cathedral, (and incorporating the city's Lantern Parade) "Walk My Journey" explores the stories of young displaced people from across the world told through the eyes of 6 asylum seekers. http://chester.citvofsanctuary.org/2018/10/29/walk-my-journey

Sat 1st Dec – "Write for Rights"

9.30am to 12.30pm, In the Kitchen at Storyhouse, Chester, CHI 2AR

The annual 'Write for Rights' campaign is the world's biggest letter-writing event. Chester and Wrexham Amnesty Group are arranging a public event. You have the opportunity of exercising the 'power of the pen' by sending a card with a message of hope and support to those facing violence, threats, intimidation and even death.

Sun 2nd Dec - Sustainable Chester Winter Fair

11.00am, Industry, 1 Overleigh Rd, Chester, CH4 7HL

Chester Friends of the Earth would love a good attendance so they can again put on an event like this in the future. Anyone who has a business or organisation with a Sustainable theme please come along. Email chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk for info and to book.

Fri 7th Dec – Film Show & discussion on Fracking

7.00pm, Westminster Community Centre, Church Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 2ER This event is organised by the Frack Free Dee group in connection with the January 2019 Inquiry into the I Gas proposals for gas well testing at Portside, Ellesmere Port. Further information from outreach.frackfreedee@outlook.com Refreshments provided. (See below for dates of Inquiry sittings)

Mon 10th Dec - Film showing 'A Cambodian Spring'

6.00pm At Storyhouse, Chester, CH1 2AR

To mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Chester & Wrexham Amnesty Group have organised a showing of the film 'A Cambodian Spring'. This film is an intimate and unique portrait of three people caught up in the chaotic development that is shaping modern-day Cambodia. Tickets and further information available at https://www.storyhouse.com/event/a-cambodian-spring

Sat 15th Dec – Chester Friends of Palestine, street campaigning

10.30am – 12.30pm. Meet up outside HSBC, Eastgate, Chester.

Will also be giving out Christmas cards. Further information: ChesterFriendsofPalestine@hotmail.com

2019 dates overleaf...

JAN - MAY 2019

Tues 15th Jan – CWDF Forum

6:45 pm - 9:00 pm The Unity Centre, Cuppin Street, Chester, CH1 2BN

The first Forum gathering of the New Year. Speaker Helen Tandy on the theme "Ethical Investment/Divestment".

NB: This meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in place of our customary 2nd Tuesday

15-18 & 22-23 Jan - I Gas Public Inquiry

10am, Chester Town Hall, Chester, CH1 2HQ

This is the Public Inquiry concerning the Appeal by I Gas into the planning refusal for gas well testing at Portside, Ellesmere Port. The scheme raises broad issues of climate change as well as significant local environmental and amenity concerns. The Frack Free Dee group are presenting evidence, and hope that as many people as possible come in for an hour or two, or stay with the Inquiry team to support them. Further information at www.facebook.com/FrackFreeDee

Tues 12th Feb - 'Eritrea and Human Rights'

7.30 – 9.00pm, Best Building, University of Chester, *off Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ*This will be a talk by a speaker from Eritrea for Amnesty International . For further information contact Gill Miller 07941 629236.

Sat 9th Mar – International Women's Day

11.00am – 3.30pm Chester Town Hall.

Chester Women's Aid's annual celebration of IWD provisionally to be held on Saturday 9th March in the Town Hall. They are looking for entertainers, stall holders and volunteers, please let them know if you are interested. www.chesterwomensaid.org

Tues 13th Mar - CWDF Forum

6.45pm – 9.00pm The Unity Centre, Cuppin Street, Chester, CH1 2BN

The second Forum gathering of 2019. Open session on local responses to the concerns of climate change and climate justice (to be confirmed). 01244 350323.

Tues 14th May - CWDF Forum

6.45pm – 9.00pm The Unity Centre, Cuppin Street, Chester, CH1 2BN

Speaker Shantele Janes on the work of CHAWREC – the Chester, Halton and Warrington Racial Equality Council. Followed by the CWDF AGM. 01244 350323.

Regular meetings of some of our member groups ...

Second Tuesday of odd months: Full Forum meetings of CWDF, normally 6.45 for 7.00pm at The Unity Centre, Cuppin Street Chester, CH1 2BN. Contact 01244 350323 www.chesterwdf.org.uk

2nd Tuesday of the month (except August and December): Chester and Wrexham Amnesty International Group, meetings alternate between Chester and Wrexham. Check the website for details or contact:

www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chester-and-wrexham amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com

Third Wednesday of the month: Chester and District Friends of the Earth meet at 7.30pm in the Custom House, Watergate Street, Chester. Contact Peter Benson 07740 179939 or chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk

Last Wednesday of the month (normally): Chester Friends of Palestine meet at 7.15pm in the Riverside Building of the University of Chester, Castle Drive CH1 1SL.

Contact chesterfriendsofpalestine@hotmail.com

Third Thursday of odd months: Chester CND meet at 7.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk, Frodsham Street Chester, CH1 3LF. Contact Allison 07873 125051 or chestercnd@gmail.com for further information.