

FOCUS ON THE RALLIES

SATURDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

In attendance : Pete, Keith, Sally, Stephen, Ceri, Khaldoun, Patrick, Chris, Harry, Elizabeth, Jane

The last meeting looked at overall strategy with everyone sharing thoughts, listening to each other and thinking about the future.

We are waiting to let others contribute before bringing this all together and sharing the thinking.

There is a huge variety of activity taking place and working groups will form for different areas of work. This the start of a group to focus on the events that take place in the public space / the public arena - including the Wednesday and Saturday rallies, the local and national marches.

Agenda to include

- Types of events and their purpose
- Roles / Jobs that need doing
- Building a crowd
- Internal Communication
- External Communication – social and pres
- Planning the next 2 months

WEDNESDAY RALLIES : Alternation – RLI and TH

Purpose

A visible presence on a regular day for drivers and also people walking by (this is better at RLI because of the bus stop)

To sort

Who brings the placards (could be sorted on a Saturday by asking for volunteers)

They live at Single Step and can be dropped off at the Royal pub (store in kitchen and pick up the next day to take to SS. Manager called Nina is a good friend of Pete)

SATURDAY RALLIES

Themes over the past 20 months have included

- Silent/vigil – (important to keep silence)

- Children making
- Speeches and chants
- Songs of Gaza
- Themed rallies – Medics / Women / Nakba / Roadside placards
- Marches

Purpose

Creating community – keeping hope alive

Engagement of new people

Raising awareness and education

To sort

Leaflet giving – more people to do this and also a training session to help people develop answers for questions that arise

Speakers – can we find more Palestinian voices – link to Uni people or Preston

Organiser - it was agreed that there should be one for each Saturday Rally

Possible organiser (based on the past)

Gaz, Pete, Kathryn, (Heather), Chris, Eugene/Audrey

Harry in a team, Elizabeth

Open Call – can be more than one person

Organiser Checklist

Leaflet givers / engagement

Speakers

Stewards

Compere

Placards / Visuals

PA

Documentary person

BUILDING A CROWD

PRINT Create a double sided leaflet to put house to house – one side a call to the rallies the other a general ‘this is what you can do’

Pete/Kathryn to draft words – Chris to design

EXTERNAL COMMS

Need to re-engage the social media / press group and see who can take on roles

NEXT TWO MONTHS

28	Silent – Pete
5	Silent
12	Chris
19	Keith – with debut speakers
26	Sally PA / legal suppression
2	Ceri Interfaith / Peace speakers
9	Songs of Gaza
16	Chris
23	Silent
30	Conversations – Elizabeth/Ceri