## Minute Item 84

## Address to Council by Chaka Artwell (Oxford Voice)

London has welcomed people seeking sanctuary for many centuries: Jean-Jacque Rousseau, Karl Marx, & Marcus Garvey have all had need to seek sanctuary in London during times of personal persecution. London has been the City of choice for many peoples seeking sanctuary and this tradition is something the English peoples should cherish.

Today in 2014 there is a man whose Whistle Blowing activities have not only saved many people in places like Iraq and Afghanistan from unlawful military attack. But this man's activities is helping to established the rights of western people not to be arbitrarily put under surveillance by the covert intelligence societies of the United States.

As a result of Mr Julian Assange's Whistle Blowing activities the world has seen an Apache helicopter fatally attacking Rueter Journalist and then attacking the Ambulance who assisted the dead and wounded. In a world governed by secrecy there is a need for brave courageous people who will speak our for truth and justice in a world full of government led wrong doings.

Oxford Voice is calling on Oxford City Councillors to support a humanitarian Petition asking the Home Office to allow this brave man to leave the Ecuadorian Embassy in order to seek sanctuary in Ecuador.

I am sure Oxford City Councillors would welcome the chance to uphold the fine tradition of sanctuary for the oppressed. Your support in this matter is much needed as offering sanctuary is a fine and noble tradition. In support of the best tradition of English freedom, please sign this Petition to free Mr Assange from confinement in Ecuadorian Embassy in London. Thank you.

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