

Bring Back Our Girls Campaign

Central Milton Keynes was the venue for the first rally of local campaigners aimed at raising awareness of the Chibok girls.

In April 2014, nearly 240 girls were kidnapped from their homes and schools in Chibok, Northern Nigeria by extremist group Boko Haram. An international outcry resulted in the global #bringbackourgirls campaign.

A team of nine volunteers from Milton Keynes took on the initiative to raise local awareness about the plight of the young girls. During an emotional rally on Saturday 18 May 2014, speakers expressed their solidarity with those working to secure the safe release of the girls.

Public Affairs spokesperson, Maik Banjo said "Girls and children should not be used as instruments of war. We very much feel for the parents of these girls and hope for their safe release. The support of the British government is also appreciated as is that of MK residents"

As MP for Milton Keynes North it was very important that I attended the rally. I am very aware of how seriously the British government is taking this issue and how much support is being given to the Nigerian authorities. We are all really concerned about the welfare of the girls. I am proud to be able to support this campaign and will continue to advocate on their behalf with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.