

## Insats #11 2020 English Summary

### Calendar

10 December Digital training: Amnesty A: basic education about Amnesty (english)  
10 December International Day for Human Rights  
14 February Last day to report 2020 activity

### Write for Rights, write for the right to protest!

The 10th of December, the International Day for Human Rights, is just around the corner! We hope that you haven't missed to sign up to the Write for Rights campaign? Whether you campaign physically or online, it is important that you sign up through the registration-form. The form, along with information about the campaign, can be found at [aktivism.amnesty.se/skriv](http://aktivism.amnesty.se/skriv).

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### Swedish banks lack policies against killer-robots - demand change!

*The largest banks in Sweden lack policies against killer robots, autonomous weapons, being weapons that can select and attack targets on their own. Amnesty wants to change this!*

Fair Finance Guide is an international initiative which investigates which demands for sustainability and social responsibility banks make. In Sweden, the seven largest banks, along with two smaller, are looked into annually. Through Fair Finance Guide's website, one can easily compare the banks' results and choose to send messages to one's bank directly through the website.

Amnesty in Sweden is one of the organisations supporting Fair Finance Guide's work. This year, we have chosen to bring forth one of the topics which are brought forth in the report. The report states that Sweden's largest banks have chosen to not support the demand of the adoption of a policy regarding killer-robots.

A debate article published earlier this fall by Amnesty, together with three other organizations, highlight some of the greatest risks to human rights that exist when companies are enabled to produce and export killer robots. Among other things, the basic principles of human dignity and the right to life are put at risk if machines are allowed to make decisions about life and death.

On December 2, Fair Finance Guide will release its policy review report for 2020. After the report is released, you will be able to write letters to your banks and demand that they introduce a policy on killer robots. This can be easily done at [www.fairfinanceguide.se](http://www.fairfinanceguide.se), where you can already find out more about your particular bank.

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## **Time to report 2020**

2020 is soon over, and it is time to sum up and report on this year's operation. Every year, all Amnesty groups and districts must report on their activities and finances. Since this has been a rather different year, many groups and districts have had to do things a little differently. Therefore, it is very important that we all report back on how the year has been in order for us to get a correct overall picture. This is the case no matter how high or low the activity level has been.

The purpose of reporting your activity is both for the Swedish section of Amnesty to have a clear view of how things this year have been, but also for you and your group to look back at what you've accomplished during the past year. Important to remember here is that no matter what those accomplishments may be - you're an important part of the organisation.

You will receive instructions regarding your group by email from your Activism coordinator during December. The last date for reporting is 14 February.

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## **New computer system - Double check your membership!**

For about a month now, we have started using a new membership register that offers many new opportunities for our activist movement. Among other things, we will now be able to see whether the organised activists of our Amnesty groups (group members, board members) are members of the organisation. As you might already know, Amnesty demands that all organised activists are members. The ambassadorship and representation of the organization is one of the reasons for the requirement.

This is not a new requirement, the only difference is that it will now be noticed. Therefore, feel free to remind each other to double check that you are members of Amnesty Sweden. The easiest way to become a member is to go to [www.amnesty.se/blimedlem](http://www.amnesty.se/blimedlem) and click on 'Bli medlem' ('Become a member'). Are you under 18? Then your membership is free but you still need to register, you do it via [www.amnesty.se/ungdomsmedlem](http://www.amnesty.se/ungdomsmedlem)

For questions, concerns or cheers, do not hesitate to contact me.

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### **The board informs - What happened at the annual meeting?**

In September/October, Amnesty Sweden held our first digital annual meeting! It was a week-long annual meeting where we shared exciting discussions about motions and elected representatives for the section board and other positions of trust. The evaluation of the meeting shows that the vast majority of those who participated thought that the meeting, under the prevailing circumstances, exceeded expectations.

The annual meeting prepared motions and proposals on human rights issues, working methods, changes in the articles of association, and revised guidelines for the nomination committee. The annual meeting elected new members and a new chairman to the section board. The Board now consists of Parul Sharma (Chairman), Anna Fairbrass (Vice Chairman), Anna Tibblin, Michael Falk, Malgorzata Gosia Håkansson, Clara Gustafsson, Ulrika Westerlund, Mehjar Azzouz and Tuija Geelhard, and staff representatives Beatrice Schönning and Madelaine Seidlitz.

Due to the current situations with Covid-19, the Board has determined that the upcoming annual meeting 2021 will also be held digitally. More info in the ad!

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### **Writing motions with the Beredningskommitté**

Amnesty is an organisation in change and we need to keep up with the changes of the world. By doing so, it is important that members both want to and are able to make their voices heard, not only during the annual meeting but during the whole year around. The task of the Beredningskommitté is to support members who have ideas or suggestions. We can help you formulate what you want to get across and make sure it reaches the right recipient.

Beredningskommittén will have two digital training sessions in January, on the 16th at 14:00, and on the 20th at 18:30. These can be found here: [aktivism.amnesty.se/utbildning](https://aktivism.amnesty.se/utbildning). However, we are also available for open lectures and exchange of ideas with individual groups and districts if there is an interest!

You are welcome to contact us at [bk@amnesty.se](mailto:bk@amnesty.se), perhaps even before you have started writing.

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### **Sign up for digital Amnesty A: basic training about Amnesty**

Amnesty A is mainly for new activists within Amnesty, or for those who are on their way into our organisation. In the first part we will focus on Amnesty's vision, which questions we work with and what methods we use in our work. The training will be held in both English and Swedish, here is the time and date for the one in English:

Date: 10 december  
Time: 18.15

Place: Digital

Instructions on how you participate will be sent to you a few days before the education.  
Sign up here [aktivism.amnesty.se/abc](https://aktivism.amnesty.se/abc)

If you have any further questions or thoughts, feel free to contact us.

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**Wanted: new activists for the youth council!**

Are you a youth activist interested in getting further engaged and working with activists outside of your own group? Do you want to have a say in the campaigns we work on? Or, do you want to be a part of organising the national and regional youth meetings?

If yes, a role in the youth council is perfect for you!

We are currently searching for new members for the youth council, since the current members are all graduation in the upcoming summer.

Send me an e-mail if interested, and I will get back to you shortly!

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**In need of graphic design? Contact us!**

While producing your own material, there are a lot of things that you need to consider, such as fonts, colors, logo and more. To make this easier, there is a special design group that can help you with exactly this!

The design group consists of activists who all work with graphic design, motion, and digital design on a daily basis and who have extra good control of Amnesty's graphic profile. We simply function as our own small design agency for Amnesty groups!

Since us in the group have expertise within different areas we can help you produce various kinds of material: digital and/or printed posters, flyers, signs, exhibition material, social media campaigns, a short animated film, editing film material, among other things. We are here to help you take your ideas further!

You can reach us at [formgivningsgruppen@amnesty.se](mailto:formgivningsgruppen@amnesty.se) or through the Aktivistportalen.

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