

## Insats #2 February 2020



8th of March last year

### Coming up:

8th of February	Nominations of trustees is closed
14th of February	Last day to hand in motions
15th of February	Last day to report 2019
1th of March	Workshop about our new strategic goals
8th of March	Day of action - International Women's day
14-15th of March	Lobby education and training days
20-22 of March	National Youth Meeting
26-29th of March	Initial Training Course in Asylum Rights in Malmö
21-26th of April	Actions weekend against death sentence
15-26th of April	Initial Training Course in Asylum Rights in Gothenburg
9-10th of May	Annual Meeting in Stockholm

## **One month left until the 8th of March!**

We continue to fight for women's right and we need your help on the 8th of March!

Amnesty is currently working and stressing the issues of rape in Sweden and the report *Time for change - Justice for the victims in the Nordic Countries*. Our campaigning has so far led to great results: the police has employed 350 new detectives working with rape and spends 300 milliones more on work tasks concerning sexual assault and rape.

Nevertheless, the work is not done. We hope to expand our movement and become a even stronger voice for women's rights by raising the issue about rape. To be able to do this we need you: to inform about the question, raise money and encourage people to become members and Amnesty activists on the 8th of March.

### **What are the most important messages we want to send out?**

1. In 9 out of 10 cases the offender is not prosecuted!
2. Only 7 % of the cases reported to the police has led to conviction!
3. It can't go on like this, it is *TIME FOR CHANGE!*

### **What we want people to do on the 8th of March?**

1. Swish money - so that we can continue our campaign!
2. To learn more about the Swedish Consent Act and rape by participating in our quiz!
3. Leave their contact details so that we can engage them in our work by becoming Amnesty activist in the long term!

To order material for actions connected to the 8th of March click in to the webpage: [aktivism.amnesty.se/timeforchange](http://aktivism.amnesty.se/timeforchange)

For questions and thoughts, don't hesitate to send an email!!

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Campaign leader Northeast

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## **Urgent Action**

On the 29th of December two kurdish iranians were harshly convicted after an unjust trial period. We need to stand up for their right to an unbiased and just trial! They were not allowed to choose their legal rights defender and were forced to "confess" as they were tortured and physically abused. Houshmand Alipour was given the death penalty and risking to be executed. Mohammad Ostadghader was convicted to 11 years in prison during the same trial. More information about how to engage and stand up for their rights, contact:

<http://aktivism.amnesty.se/dodsstraff>

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## Spring Schedule 2020 for Campaign and Activities

Here is a rough draft of spring activities, so that you will be able to plan your work. The activities might change a bit, so if you want to participate in a certain event, please get in touch with the contact person stated below.

Issue/Event:	Focus area:	How?	When?	Contact person
Women's Rights	Time for Change - Rape in Scandinavia.	Advocacy and Lobbying.	8th of March  Later this spring	Sanna Blomgren
Amnesty ABC: Introduction course about Amnesty	Three modules (1-1,5 hours) The content can be adapted if requested.	Groups/Districts book this through aktivistportalen or the education coordinator.	When suitable	Emma Ley/ Fartun Andersson Ramnemo
Corporations and Human Rights (HR)	Campaign for a Swedish law that forces Swedish companies to take responsibility for human rights.	Lobbying, Petitions and letter to the editor	Starts in March	Olivia Linander
Death penalty	Release Ahmadreza Djalali. Release of the annual death sentence report.	External campaign work and writing letters.	25-26th of April	Olivia Linande
Also Human	Health rights for vulnerable EU-citizens.	Lobbying	Not Scheduled	Marianne Gyllenpistol
Also Human	Opposing bans on begging.	Campaigns and Actions	Not Scheduled	Marianne Gyllenpistol
Refugees and Migration	Refugees rights.	Lecture (1-1,5 hours)	District book this themselves	Ellinor Hagman
Refugees and Migration	Introduction course in asylum rights and Amnesty work with refugees and migrants.	Weekend course	Malmö: 28-29/3 Göteborg: 25-26/4	Ellinor Hagman and Madelaine Seidlitz
Refugees and Migration	National meetings with refugee and	Meeting for deepening and experience exchange.	7-8th of March	Ellinor Hagman

	migration groups.			
Workshops for districts	Board development days.	Training for new and old board members.	April	Regional quality management
LGBTQI	OS in Japan: focus to implement a national anti-discrimination law, including LGBTQI-individuals.	External campaign work	Late spring - summer	Marianne Gyllenpistol

## Words from The Secretary General

### New budgetary

We are an organisation that changes continually and for a while our budget has partly been facilitated by donations, such as heritage. This financial addition will now be phased out, which means that we are going back to a “normal stage” in terms of budget. This means that we will from now on need to consider our resources a bit more to make sure that they are used in the most effective way.

### New strategic path

The challenges currently discussed on the international level are stressing inequality, climate crisis and negative effects linked to technological evolution. These issues are reflected in discussions about the next global strategic goals. The proposition put forward is based on two major issues: freedom of speech, opinion and association and secondly, inequality and discrimination. Moreover a focus is also put on three specific issues: the climate crisis, technology and corporate accountability.

For more information contact:

Anna Lindenfors  
Secretary General

## Workshop about the new strategy

Come and discuss the future of Amnesty on the 1th of March in Stockholm.

The workshop will be focused around the draft of Amnesty’s International global strategic goals. You will get the opportunity to discuss the direction of Amnesty International in Sweden in relation to the global strategic goals.

When: 1th of March 12-5 pm

Where: Amnesty’s office in Stockholm: Alnögatan 11

Registration and more information:

<http://aktivism.amnesty.se/grupper-och-distrikt/globala-strategin/>

If you cannot participate on the 1th of March, but want to discuss the questions. Please contact:

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Project leader  
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## **New Guidelines for Travel Costs**

Amnesty has before provided travel costs (housing, food and transportation) for everyone participating in activities or member events. From this year there is new guidelines: Amnesty will cover some of the housing and food costs, but transportation to and from these events is something that we no longer have the capacity to provide for you

This decision was made due to the new economic situation (mentioned briefly before) and because of a motion from the student council, that expressed that too much money was spent on these events, during the last annual meeting.

Exceptions will be made if an activist or member does not have the economic capacity to cover these costs.

Do you have questions or thoughts contact,  
Anna Johansson  
Head of Department - Opinion and Influence  
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## **Welcome to the youth meeting in Stockholm!**

Do you want to become more involved at school and learn more about issues that Amnesty works with, such as the death sentence? Join our annual year meeting! This year's theme is death sentence and engaging more youth in Amnesty.

### **When and how?**

Date: 20-22th of March in Stockholm

The registration is binding and the only expense is the transportation to and from Stockholm.

If the transportation expense is an issue the secretariat will pay it.

When you have registered you should get a confirmation email.

Maximum two people from each group can attend

Last day to register: 1th of March

Registration for the course:

<http://aktivism.amnesty.se/ungdomstraff>

Sara Bessa  
Activist coordinator, Youth Activism  
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## **Apply to become a ABC-educator!**

Do you like to hold presentations? Do you want to spread information about what Amnesty does and how we work as an grassroots organisation?

We need new Amnesty ABC- educators across the country that can educate new Amnesty activists. As an educator there is no need for you to have a lot of experience within the organisation. You will be provided with training, support and material to be able to manage this task. already know alot about amnesty you will be provided with a course.

If this sounds interesting do not hesitate to contact me and write a few sentences about yourself.

Emma Ley

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## **Registration to the Annual Meeting has opened**

It's finally time for the Annual Meeting!

The meeting is free for all members and you will receive 3000kr to cover the housing and food.

When and Where?

Date: 9-10th of May

Place: Hallunda folkets hus in Stockholm

Last day to register: 20th of April at: [amnesty.se/arsmotet](http://amnesty.se/arsmotet)

Important dates:

- 8th of February: Send nominations and application for elective offices to the nomination committee: [valberedningen@amnesty.se](mailto:valberedningen@amnesty.se)
- 14th of February: Last day to send in a motion to the annual meeting. Send to: [bk@amnesty.se](mailto:bk@amnesty.se)
- 13 of April: Last day to become a member

## **Apply or nominate someone to the nomination committee**

As a member in the nomination committee you will be part of a team that select the candidates running for positions in the Amnesty's Swedish Decision Board, Amnesty foundation board, the Preparation Committee and the Review Committee.

No previous experience is required to apply for a position in the nomination committee.

Last day to apply or send in nominations is the 22th of February:

[vv@amnesty.se](mailto:vv@amnesty.se)

Instructions to apply or nominating someone:

Applying:

- Name, age and where you live
- Experience of nomination committees or recruitment
- Motivation of why you think this position would suit you

- Your network within amnesty
- Other experiences that could add to your work tasks within the nomination committee
- Picture of yourself (black and white)

Nomination someone:

- Name
- Contact details to the one you are nominating
- Age and address (of the one you are nominating)
- Motivation of why the nominated would suit this position.

## Who is working with Amnesty Activists?

*Sweden is divided into three regions, every region has two employees that is working with activism:*

Activist coordinators - take care of the long-term structures of groups and districts. You contact the activist coordinator if you have questions about: introduction courses, recruitment, district meetings, founding, reporting, leadership and association formalities.

Campaign leaders - main task is to organise activities in line with the sections campaign work within the region she/he is in charge of. You contact the campaign leader if you have questions about current campaigns, activities, funding of activities, campaign courses and seminars for activists.

Region South, includes Skåne-Blekinge, Kalmar-Kronoberg, Halland, Jönköping och Gotland. From the office in Malmö Marianne Gyllenpistol works as the campaign leader and Fartun Andersson works as the activist coordinator. Fartun is on maternity leave until the 12/2, until she is back Emma Ley is substituting her position.

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Region Northwest, includes: Gothenburg, Älvsborg-Bohuslän, Skaraborg, Värmland-Dalsland, Örebro och Norrbotten. Olivia Linander (campaign leader) och Daniel Lundh (activist coordinator) works at the office in Gothenburg.

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Region North East, includes Stockholm, Uppsala, Gästrikland-Dalarna, Södra Norrland, Västerbotten, Mälardalen och Östergötland-Södra Sörmland. Sanna Blomgren, campaign leader, and Mats Engman, activist coordinator are located in Stockholm.

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The activist coordinator for youth activism is Sara Bessa. She is located in Gothenburg and her task is to support all youth groups across Sweden.

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## **Order Amnesty Press 1!**

Take the opportunity and order Amnesty Press straight from the Printing office! The first edition this year is published around the 6th of March, this might be the perfect thing to distribute in your group. To order more copies, send Ulf a message stating AP-extra tidningar, at the latest on the 19th of February. Don't forget to write your address and phone number in the email.

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