

# INSATS NEWSLETTER #4

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## Amnesty Calendar

**1-5 April:** Vitalina Koval on tour in Sweden

**3 April:** Nordic report release of "*Time for Change: Justice for rape victims in the Nordic countries*"

**10 April:** Launch of Death penalty report 2019

**10 - 12 May:** National Annual Meeting in Gävle

**29 July - 3 August:** Nordic Youth Conference in Sweden

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## REPORT RELEASE AND CAMPAIGN AGAINST RAPE AND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The third of April it is finally time for the launching of Amnesty's report "*Time for Change: Justice for rape victims in the Nordic countries*" about rapes in the North. Kumi Naidoo, international general secretary of Amnesty, is also going to participate in the launching of the report, together with the report authors from other nordic countries.

We are also well into the planning of the upcoming campaign connected to this. When the report is released, we will campaign our hearts out against rape and for human rights, and we want you all to be part of it!

More specific info is still to come, but if you want to be sure not to miss anything, join our women's rights network! You can join by going to the activist portal (Aktivistportalen, [www.aktivism.amnesty.se](http://www.aktivism.amnesty.se)) → click on campaigns and actions (Kampanjer och Aktioner) → click on women's rights (Kvinnors rättigheter), and scroll down to the heading "Gå med i nätverket för kvinnors rättigheter" (= "join the network for women's rights").

We are looking forward to the campaigning of this spring and summer together with you!

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## PRIDE 2019 - WE STAND UP FOR TURKEY

During the coming Pride season (May - September) Swedish Amnesty will campaign in solidarity with the LGBTQI-movement in Turkey. The last four years Istanbul Pride has been prohibited from taking place. What, only a few years ago, used to be a big and living manifestation, is now being pushed away by police and decision makers. That is a development that neither the LGBTQI-movement in Turkey, nor Amnesty, can accept, and thus we dedicate this year's Pride campaign to international pressuring in solidarity of Istanbul Pride, and against the prohibition.

But it's not only Istanbul that has stopped allowing manifestations for everyone's right to live a life free from discrimination. Also in the capital Ankara there is a prohibition against all forms of extroverted LGBTQI-activities, with the intention to, among other things, protect "*public health and morality*" and "*other people's rights and freedoms*". However, last year some students at Middle East Technological University (METU) defied the ban and carried out a parade with massive support from all corners of the world. 2019 we once again campaign to support students in Ankara, for the LGBTQI-movement in Turkey and against the current ban. **We march for those who can't!**

We will also give those who want to a chance to act for **Zak Kostopoulos**, a queer activist from Greece who was last year beaten to death. The violent police intervention can have contributed to Zak's death. Amnesty demands that the arbitrary use of violence by the police will be investigated and that the ones guilty will be held responsible.

More information about this year's Pride, as well as material can be found on [aktivism.amnesty.se/hbqti!](http://aktivism.amnesty.se/hbqti)

Last year we were seen in 18 different Pride parades around the country - can we beat that 2019?

**>>>CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR YOUR AREA AND DATE!<<<**

6-12 May: Växjö Pride

15-26 May: Norrköping

20-25 May: Linköping's Rainbow week  
24-26 May: LundaPride (in Lund)  
25 May: Öckerö Pride  
8-9 June: Halmstad  
12-16 June: West Pride  
14-15 June: Luleå Pride  
14-15 June: Pride Falkenberg  
27-29 June: Borås Pride  
29 June: Trollhättan Pride  
29-30 June: Helsingborg Pride  
18-21 July: Malmö Pride  
29 July-3 August: Stockholm Pride  
15-18 August: Gävle  
17 August: Säfte Pride  
19-25 August: Jönköping  
23-25 August: Örebro Pride  
31 August: Karlstad Pride  
14 September: Östersund

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## THE ANNUAL MEETING

**Direct or representative democracy - how should Amnesty Sweden be governed in the future? At the annual meeting in Gävle the decision will be made.**

The question of changing to representative democracy has long been discussed. After an extensive work the Swedish board now puts forward a proposal of changing over to representative democracy. The proposed model of governance means that the members appoint delegates who represent them, and who make decisions at the section's annual meeting.

Read the whole proposal from the Swedish board in the annual meeting documents that will be sent out the **12th of April**. Take part and affect!

# **PROGRAMME FOR AMNESTY SWEDEN'S ANNUAL MEETING 2019**

Programme 10-12 May 2019 in Gävle. You find descriptions of the different programme points on [Amnesty's website](#)

## **FRIDAY 10 MAY**

**15.00            REGISTRATION OPENS**

**15.30-16.15    PRE-MEETINGS**

- **MEETING FOR BEGINNERS**
- **AMNESTY'S WORK WITH REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS**

**16.00-16.30    FIKA**

**16.30-17.05    OPENING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**17.05 - 17.45   THE AMNESTY YEAR 2018**

**17.45 - 18.00   PREPARATIONS**

**18.00 - 18.30   PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS OF TRUST**

**18.45            BUS LEAVES TO THE HOTEL**

**19.30 -         DINNER AT THE HOTEL**

## **SATURDAY 11 MAY**

**08.30            REGISTRATION OPENS**

**09.00 - 09.30   INTRODUCTION, BEFORE GLOBAL ASSEMBLY 2019 AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT MOTION PROCESSING**

**09.35 - 10.20   THREE ELIGIBLE SESSIONS**

- **ELIGIBLE SESSION 1: AMNESTY'S EQUALITY WORK**
- **ELIGIBLE SESSION 2: HOW DO WE FINANCE THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL?**
- **ELIGIBLE SESSION 3: ALSO HUMAN (OCKSÅ MÄNNISKA)**

**10.25 - 11.10   FOUR ELIGIBLE SESSIONS (INCLUDING MOTION PROCESSING 1-2)**

- **TIME FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BOARD'S PROPOSAL REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY**
- **CONVERSATION ABOUT THE SITUATION OF WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS**
- **PROCESSING GROUP: GOVERNANCE**

- **PROCESSING GROUP: ENGAGEMENT/METHOD**

**11.10 - 11.30 FIKA, STATIONS COVERING DIFFERENT TOPICS AND GROUPS**

**11.30 - 12.50 MOTION PROCESSING 3-6**

- **PROCESSING GROUP: HUMAN RIGHTS**
- **PROCESSING GROUP: OPERATION AND COMMUNICATION**
- **PROCESSING GROUP: GOVERNANCE**
- **PROCESSING GROUP: ENGAGEMENT/METHOD**

**12.50 - 13.50 LUNCH**

**13.50 - 14.50 TWO ELIGIBLE SESSIONS (INCLUDING MOTION PREPARATION 7)**

- **MOTION PREPARATION - PROCESSING GROUP GOVERNANCE MODEL  
THE BOARD'S PROPOSAL ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY**
- **THE AMNESTY FUND - THE ROLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AID IN A GLOBAL MOVEMENT**

**15.00 - 15.55 PANEL DISCUSSION ABOUT RAPE IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES**

**15.55 - 16.25 FIKA**

**16.25 - 17.15 THREE ELIGIBLE SESSIONS**

- **ELIGIBLE SESSION 1: CURRENT QUESTIONS IN THE AMNESTY MOVEMENT**
- **ELIGIBLE SESSION 2: PRIDE 2019**
- **ELIGIBLE SESSION 3: TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES**

**17.20 - 18.20 INTERNATIONAL GUEST: HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER MÔNICA TEREZA BENÍCIO (Marielle Franco's widow)**

**18.30 BUS LEAVES TO THE HOTEL**

**19.30 - 02.00 DINNER AND PARTY AT SÖDERS KÄLLA**

## **SUNDAY 12 MAY**

**09.00-10.00 THREE ELIGIBLE SESSIONS**

- **SESSION 1: CAMPAIGN EDUCATION ABOUT RAPE IN SWEDEN**
- **SESSION 2: WORKSHOP: AMNESTY'S PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE**
- **SESSION 3: WORKSHOP: AMNESTY'S ACTIVIST STRATEGY**

**10.10-11.00 PANEL DISCUSSION: WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES DO MUNICIPALITIES HAVE TOWARDS VULNERABLE EU-CITIZENS?**

**11.00-11.20 FIKA**

**11.20-11.35 ELECTIONS**

**11.35-12.45 ANNUAL MEETING DECISION**

**12.45-13.45 LUNCH**

**13.45-14.25 CONTINUATION ANNUAL MEETING DECISION**

**14.30-15.15 INTERNATIONAL GUEST: HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER NONHLE MBUTHUMA**

**15.15-15.35 CLOSURE**

**15:45 BUS LEAVES FOR THE TRAIN STATION**

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Last day to apply for the annual meeting of the Swedish section is **22 April!**

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**Last chance to nominate the award winners!**

A lot of you have already sent in your nominations, but there is time for even more! Do you know any group that was extra good at thinking fresh and new for an activity 2018? Or that were paid attention to in media? And which retainer should get their "lifetime award" for their solid and genuine work with Amnesty? Only you hold the answers, therefore take the chance to nominate to the three categories **The great creativity award, The great activity award and The great engagement award**. Send your nomination to Daniel Lundh latest the **30 April**.

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**CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXHIBITION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

Throughout the years Amnesty activists have planned, carried out and participated in countless campaigns and manifestations. At this year's annual meeting in Gävle you once again have the opportunity to show the work you've done during 2018 in an exhibition in the

lobby. If your group has worked with a special issue or a certain topic that you want to shed light on and inform other members about, the exhibition is a perfect chance to do so.

The exhibition will be full of pictures, posters, information and memories from different activities that have been carried out by the Swedish sections groups, as well as information about different issues that are important to Amnesty. It gives us the chance to rejoice, be motivated and learn from each other's engagement and accomplishments. The exhibition can also give new perspectives on how our work can stand out from the mainstream, engage others and have the desired effect. Does your group want to contribute to the exhibition and present any of the work you've done since the annual meeting 2018? Contact [max.engdahl@amnesty.se](mailto:max.engdahl@amnesty.se) or [arsmotet@amnesty.se](mailto:arsmotet@amnesty.se).

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## EUROPEAN YOUTH MEETING 2019

At EYM young experienced Amnesty activists from whole Europe gather for four days of education, experience sharing and campaigning. The purpose of the meeting is to give you new tools and knowledge that help you grow as an activist and leader within Amnesty. This year the theme is youth activism, building a grassroots movement, and shrinking space of the civil society in Europe and what we can do to counteract it.

The Swedish section sends two participants to EYM. You need to be between 18 and 24 years to be able to apply. Last day to apply is SOON, **10th of April!** Don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions! Or to Mehjar or Frida who represented Sweden last year. They have sent a little letter to whoever is curious about last year's EYM.

Application and more information is found here:  
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Hey everyone!

In July 2018 Mehjar and I were at Amnesty's European Youth Meeting (EYM) in Paris. It was really a fantastic experience!

So many engaged, lovely people in the same place! Vi learned a lot, and also had the highest number of actions in the shortest time span so far in our lives. The topics were human rights in different countries, two examples being Russia and Hungary, hate speech online and offline, self-care as an activist, intersectionality, young leadership and more. The actions were for the BRAVE-campaign, abortion rights in Argentina, and against pushbacks of refugees in Slovenia.

Beside all this, we also got a lot of chances to share ideas, tips and experiences with each other, and even brainstorm new action ideas to take with us to our groups at home.

The best thing according to me was getting to know Amnesty activists from countless other countries, with whom we can now keep in touch with and arrange stuff together with!

I recommend everyone to apply for EYM 2019!

Greetings,

Frida Sonderegger and Mehjar Azzouz

Gothenburg's student group

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## Also human (Också människa)

The campaign *Också människa* (= *also human*) continues its work against local begging bans and for everyone's right to housing. Would you like to engage in the campaign, but not sure how? Perfect - have a look down below!

What can I do for Also human?

1. Write letters to the editor!

Local media is a fantastic channel for argumentation and having an impact. Use the platform to discuss human rights and the responsibility of the municipality!

2. Begging ban - what does it look like in my area?

The question of whether or not to ban begging is being discussed in numerous municipalities. But far from all parties agree, and the possibility to affect is therefore great. Check with your municipal board (kommunstyrelse) how your municipality is handling the question, and contact the council (fullmäktige) if a decision is about to be taken!

Right to housing - how does it look in my area?

Does your municipality offer any shelter? If not, send in a citizen proposal and argue for one! If there is a shelter - are vulnerable EU-citizens accepted to the shelter? How many consecutive nights are people allowed to stay? Is there relevant support in place? Keep asking questions to people responsible within your municipality!

3. Put up and spread our campaign material For the campaign there is a poster exhibition, where Zinica and Aurel are portrayed together with an info text. Put up the exhibition at cafés, libraries and other places where people move! And why not take the chance to collect signatures against a local begging ban, or in support of a citizen proposal for long-term shelters.

More about current actions, the campaign, and material can be found on [aktivism.amnesty.se/eumedborgare](http://aktivism.amnesty.se/eumedborgare). And the project group at the secretariat is always happy to help, of course!



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## **NEW FACES IN ACTIVISM**

There is some change happening amongst us working with activism!

In the south Fartun Andersson is going on parental leave and is being substituted by Emma Ley as project developer south. Emma Brossner Skawonius, who has worked with youth activism will take over after me (Amelia Wingqvist) as boss for activism and school until August, during which time Ebba Carlson will substitute her in her old role.

**Sweden is divided into three larger areas or regions with 5-7 districts in each. Each area has two employees with the mission to support and develop the activism in the area - one project developer and one campaign leader.**

### **Regional teams**

**The task of the project developer is to develop and give support to groups and districts. You turn to the project developer regarding questions about basic courses, recruitment, district meetings, project grants, writing reports, leadership and association formalities.**

### **Who are we?**

In region south Amelia Wingqvist (campaign leader in work against different forms of discrimination) and Emma Ley (project developer) are currently working. The southern region includes Skåne-Blekinge, Kalmar-Kronoberg, Halland, Jönköping and Gotland. Amelia and Fartun work at our office in Malmö. Fartun will go on parental leave in April.  
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In region northeast work Sanna Blomgren (campaign leader women's rights, refugee rights, corporate responsibility) and Jehna Al-Moushahidi (project developer). Here the districts Stockholm, Uppsala, Gästrikland-Dalarna, Södra Norrland, Västerbotten, Mälardalen and Östergötland-Södra Sörmland are included. Sanna and Jehna work at our secretariat in Stockholm.

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To all of you that I've met during my eleven years in activist work - what a good time we've had, what good things we've achieved and how much we've learned. Good bye for this time, we might see each other in the future at the barricades.

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