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10 OCTOBER

International day against the death penalty

19-20 OCTOBER

Mega Weekend in Stockholm

1-20 NOVEMBER

Campaign peak for Bhopal

16-17 NOVEMBER

Group secretary - training session

23-24 NOVEMBER

The right to asylum - training session, Stockholm

25 NOVEMBER

International day for the elimination of violence against women

25 NOVEMBER - 17 DECEMBER

Campaign peak for Time for change

29 NOVEMBER - 17 DECEMBER

Write for Rights

ALSO HUMAN - RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE

In november last year Amnesty released a report on the situation of exposed and vulnerable EU- citizens in Sweden. What we called vulnerable EU-citizens are individuals who, based on on their economical situation (often in combination with discrimination in their home-country), migrate to other countries for work. You maybe encounter hem in you daily life outside your local store. You maybe hear about a temporary settlement that is supposed to be evacuated, or you may be approached on the street by someone who simply asks for money. Many arrive to Sweden from Romania and Bulgaria, and many are romani, but not all of them.

The campaign "Also Human" aims to have the Swedish authorities take responsibility and live up to their lawful obligations towards this group of individuals. Simultaneously, the campaign also wants to acknowledge the individual - remind the public that these individuals also are humans, that they act rationally and human and that they make the same choices and many other would have in such a vulnerable situation

The work is grounded in our report and have four focus areas: the right to housing, health-care, fresh water and sanitary access, as well as freedom from police harassment. We have also worked against a ban towards begging although it is not a major topic in our report. We have so far worked with housing and against police harassment and the ban towards begging. It is therefore time to start working for the right to health care.

NEW TOPIC, THE RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE

This autumn we will take on a new topic for the campaign "Also Human," that is the right to health care. Many of the vulnerable EU-citizens that were interviewed by amnesty recalls major health issues. Many of these individuals had health issues prior their entry in Sweden, and in many cases the conditions have worsened since the arrived due to extreme and harsh living conditions in Sweden.

Access to health care for a reasonable cost is a human right. However, vulnerable EU-citizens encounter a limited access to Swedish health care. Many of these individuals are expected to pay for the full amount of health-care, which can result in thousands of swedish sek, since they lack the European health insurance card. These individu-

als are sometimes refused to access health care and treatment. Municipalities and regions have different ways of approaching this topic, which results in a highly varied situation across the country. Amnesty wants to change this!

BACKGROUND

EU-citizens have, according to EU-law, the right to subsidised health care and treatment in another EU-country as they have in their country of residence. However, many Romanians lack health insurance since Romania lacks a universal healthcare insurance system. This is especially the case of those who lack employment and/or live in economic vulnerability. A romanian that is not insurance in his/her country of residence can not demand subsidised health care in Sweden, if one follows EU-law. Nevertheless, health care is a human right that encompasses all individuals within a state, and EU-law does not trump the fundamentals of human rights. Given this, Sweden has to make sure that everyone within the state, including vulnerable EU-citizens without the European health care insurance card, have access to a health care and treatment that they can afford.

In 2013 Sweden adopted a law that give the right to so called "treatment that can not be deferred" for asylum seekers and paperless individuals, care that is heavily subsidised. This was a very good rights-based law!. According to the preliminaries of the law it could encompass EU-citizens in "individual cases." However, neither the government, National Board of Health and Welfare, or SKL (Swedish municipalities and counties) have articulated how to define these "individual cases." The direct consequence is that EU-citizens have less ability to access health care than paperless individuals and asylum seekers.

WHAT CHANGE DOES AMNESTY WANT?

That everyone in Sweden have access to healthcare and treatment - well in line with the International Convention of Human Rights that Sweden have agreed to follow. In practical terms, for vulnerable EU-citizens, this means:

1. The law must be defined so vulnerable EU-citizens that does not have the European health insurance card have access to subised care as paperless individuals do according to the law of 2013. Note: Amnesty does not mean that vulnerable EU-citizens should be categori-

sed as paperless, whether they have been in Sweden more or less than three months! We argue that they should have the same access to health care and treatment, i.e. treatment that can not be deferred, but not that they should be included in the same category

2. In the wait for a clarification of the law we want every counties to define that within their region vulnerable EU-citizens have access to the same subsidised care as paperless individuals do, according to the law from 2013.

3. That increased education and informations investments are made to ensure that the change in the law are known for all personnel within the health-care system; so they can focus on curing at treating and not have to worry

WHAT CAN ACTIVISTS DO?

There are many ways you can take a stand for EU-citizens right to health care. Here are some suggestions for activities you and your group can plan and execute. More information and instructions can be found on aktivistportalen (aktivism.amnesty.se/eumedborgare). You may also contact our policy-department or your regional campaign managers for support.

1. Make a local mapping of relevant actors and contact them

Make a local mapping of relevant actors that engage with this question on a daily basis. By doing this you will know how you/your group can target your activities and engage for vulnerable EU-citizens in your specific municipality/region (while grounding your work with knowledge of the local conditions). See if there are any organisations or actors that you can cooperate with or share information.

2. Contact hospitals and healthcare facilities

As part of the local mapping we encourage you to visit (or write) to hospitals and healthcare facilities to ask how they deal with situation when EU-citizens approach them for care. Instructions can be found on aktivistportalen.se

3. Write letters to the local newspaper(s)

To write letters for the editor of newspapers are a good method to lift questions within Amnesty. The method are especially relevant in this campaign, since the topic clearly has a focus on local questions concerning the municipality or county. Local politicians have a clear and concrete responsibility for these question, and when

they read published letters in the newspapers they are forced to respond. Instructions can be found on aktivistportalen.se

4. Contact decision makers in your municipality/county and demand the right to healthcare for EU-citizens

Our demand is simple - everyone should have access to healthcare and treatment. It is a human right. The laws and guidelines we have today are unclear, however, there are nothing in them that prevents vulnerable EU-citizens from accessing subsidized healthcare. It is therefore a decision that needs to be taken, and can be taken today, in each municipality/county.

5. Cooperate with actors within the healthcare

Boost your local activities and contact local actors within the healthcare, e.g. approach medical education programmes at your local university to gather support and people who can join your activities.

TIMELINE FOR THE CAMPAIGN?

Currently there is no end-date for the campaign. I.e. you can plan your activities knowing that the instructions will also be relevant during next year.

NEW MATERIAL

We will make a new edition of prints based on previously printed material, and you will be able to order it through aktivistportalen.se The material consists of:

- Facts and instruction material
- A poster exhibition (five posters, A3)
- Campaign folder (A5)
- Report "Sweden: A Cold Welcome (english, 64 pages)
- A report summary (8 pages)
- Writing on the ban of begging (8 ages)
- Flyer about discrimination in the healthcare system (A5)

REGISTER FOR THE CAMPAIGN

The best way to receive updated information is to register for the campaign. You will then receive information about current activities and action on a regular basis. You register at aktivistportalen.se

PSST. THE RIGHT TO HOUSING AND BAN OF BEGGING

It is totally ok for you to continue with your work regarding the right to housing and the ban of begging. You will find more information and tips for activities on aktivistportalen.se

If you have any **questions**, please reach out to marianne.gyllenpistol@amnesty.se or johanna.westenson@amnesty.se

BHOPAL - 35 YEARS OF STRUGGLE AND DISASTER

In 1984, a factory in Bhopal, Central India, caused a toxic gas outlet. The factory manufactured toxic pesticides and the poisonous gas resulted in 7000-10 000 of instant casualties. However, thousands of people have suffered life threatening wounds and diseases by just residing in the area. Many of those are now deceased. Still, pollutions of chemicals that have been left on the abandoned factory area cause serious health risks for people.

Many of the survivors have been affected by serious and difficult health issues, such as respiratory difficulties, internal damages, cancer and reduced immune system. Women have particularly been affected by gynecological diseases and testimonies recall that many children that are born in the area have different diseases or physical disabilities. Health issues have also been worsened by the fact that the fresh water in the area have been poisoned.

After 35 years of struggle, the people of Bhopal still fights for justice and redemption. The company, who have changed owners through the years, have refused to appear in court despite continued summons from Indian courts. The ground that has been poisoned have never been sanitized, and the compensations that have been paid to the local population only amounts for a tea bag a day.



Why not just give up?

It is easy to think that there is nothing to be done after 35 years of a totally absent decisiveness from the company responsible. It simply appears that DowDuPont do not hear the arguments and pleas from actors within the civil society. However, it has shown that several banks in Sweden invests money in the corporation. Amnesty has in its two latest Fair Finance Guide-reports targeted the banks with heavy critique. Nevertheless, the banks have not altered their position nor ended their investments in DowDuPont. They have neither demanded that DowDuPont shall appear in court.



Activists in Gothenburg act for the victims of the Bhopal Disaster at the 25-year anniversary in 2009

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Put pressure and demands on your bank and make others do the same. We will establish a petition where you can write to any bank and encourage them to ask questions to DowDuPont and ask the company to appear in court.

Conversations with representatives from banks

Our expert on corporate responsibility, Ulrika Sandberg, will – together with several of our partners in Fair Finance Guide – invite representatives from the banks to meet a delegation from Bhopal. Simultaneously we will encourage all of you to make contact with your local bank.

Manifestations outside DowDuPoint's office

The company have three offices in Sweden – in Landskrona, Malmö and Norrköping. We want that all activities in the area mobilize and demand retribution outside the offices. The delegation from Bhopal may appear at some of the manifestations.

Write letters to newspapers

A great way to increase awareness of disaster among the public is to write letters to the editor of local newspapers. This may increase the readers will to act and join the struggle!

Raise attention through actions!

All creative and public actions to encourage bank customers to notice the problem and take actions are welcome! Amnesty have been working with the topic for many years – in school corridors students have been met by “corpses” and information handouts; meanwhile silent manifestations by activists in gas-masques, dry-ice, and

muddy water glasses with the text “B’eau Pal” have raised awareness at local squares. Many times local media have provided extensive coverage of the actions.

Arrange movie screenings

Another way to raise awareness about the topic (and create a nice entry for discussion) is to show the movie “Bhopal – A prayer for rain.” Amnesty have the rights to show the movie in information purpose and only for free (i.e. your group can not take an entrance-fee at the screenings).

WHEN?

The campaign peak is between the 1-20th of November. The visit from the Bhopal delegation is between 14-18th of November (this is also the time for the sit downs with representatives from the banks as well as the manifestations outside the offices of DowDuPoint).

TRAINING SESSION

All activists are offered a web-lecture on Tuesday the 15th of October, at 18:00. We are also planning to set up planning meetings at our local offices. In other words: participate from home or come by our offices at Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö.

REGISTRATION

Do you want to take part in the campaign? Register and find more instructions and material on [aktivistportalen](http://aktivistportalen.se) at aktivism.amnesty.se/bhopal

Do you have any **questions?** Please reach out to karolina.ponten@amnesty.se

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL STUDENT GATHERING 2019

The national student gathering takes place in Stockholm during the 8-10th of November. The deadline for registration is the 16th of October.

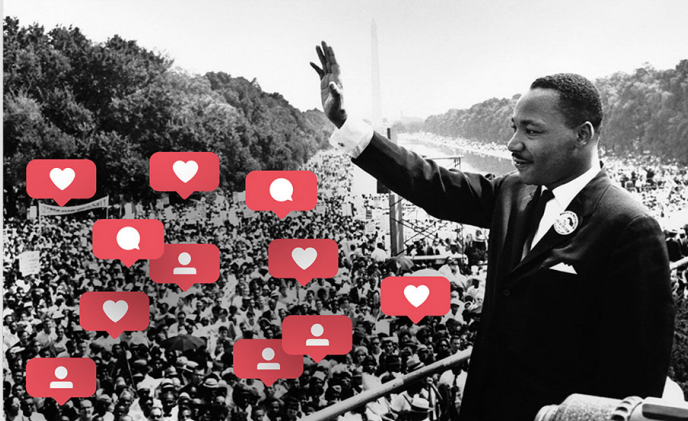
For more information and registration, see Aktivistportalen.se -> Utbildningar och möten -> Nationella studentträffen

QUESTIONS? Please reach out to jeahna.al.moushahidi@amnesty.org or the student council.



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DIGITAL DISRUPTORS

CONDUCT YOUR OWN CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - APPLY NOW!

What is needed to change for the better in your society? Do you want to work against injustice and make a real change through your smartphone?

By applying for Digital Disruptors you can receive support to develop, construct and manage your own campaign to create the societal change you want to see. You can engage in questions that are important for you, or solely something that you have had enough off. You will receive training and education in digital campaigning, to create societal change and to mobilise others. Ultimately, this boils down to seven months of support and advice from Amnesty staff, all to ensure that your campaign are as awesome as possible. You can receive up to 25 000 sek to develop, spread and build your campaign. Deadline for application is the 3rd of November. For more information and application, please see www.amnesty.se/digitaldisruptors

WHO CAN APPLY?

Digital Disruptors are for people in the ages of 16-24. One group will be selected for this year's program. It will be a large but fun and educative project! We recommend that you apply as a group of about four people (although more can join in your local campaigns).

If you are interested to apply and want to know more about the project – or if you want advice and support – let us know! We are happy to hear your ideas before and after you have applied. Just send an email to beatrice.schonning@amnesty.se

PSST. Check in **La Clara** - Last year's participants in Digital Disruptors. La Clara is from Puerto Rico and they operate a campaign that aims to stop laws that impede on people's right to activism and arrangement of peaceful demonstrations. See their work here: <https://www.instagram.com/somoslaclara/>

TIME FOR FREEDOM

TO WRITE AND RESTITUTION

This years Write for Rights will commence on the 29th of November (the International Women Human Rights Defenders Day) and it will continue until the 17th of December. The focus of the campaign is young people who have in some form had their human rights violated, and it will touch upon topic such as women's rights, the death penalty, forced disappearances, and human rights defenders.

CAMPAIGN PEAKS

Plan your activity(-ies) in relation to campaign peaks - i.e. a day that is particularly significant for the campaigns message. During this years Write for Rights there are two main campaign peaks that we would like to direct focus on, that is the 29th of November and the 10th of December (the International Human Rights Day). We believe the message is extra powerful when we have activities on the same day across the country. We look forward to see "luciatåg," participation on Christmas fairs, lectures, etc. The material consist of a poster exhibition and postcard-folder. You can order the material at www.aktivism.amnesty.se/sff Don't forget to place your order before the 10th of November!

INDIVIDUAL CASES

YASAMAN ARYANI

24-year old Yasaman Aryani is a women's rights activist from Iran. She got arrested on the 10th of April 2019 after posting a video during the international women's day (8/3) that showed women without veil and advocated for women's right to choose. In the video Yasman, Monireh and Mojgan are seen sharing out flowers to female passengers on a train. None of the three are carries veil. "The day will come when women are not forced to fight," says Monireh Arabshahi in the video. Yasaman Aryani hands over a flower to a woman in hijab and says that she hopes that they would be able to walk hand in hand on the street someday, "me without hijab, you with hijab."

Yasaman was sentenced to 16 years in prison on the grounds of "instigation and association to corruption and prostitution" - only as a result of her belief in women's right to choose. Yasaman's mother, Monireh Arabshahi, are also sentenced to 16 years of prison, and Mojgan Keshavar, who also appeared in the video, have been sentenced to 23 years in prison.

Amnesty demands:

- Free Yasaman Aryani och and her mother Monireh Arabshahi from jail;
- Unconditionally free all women rights defenders that have peacefully demonstrated against laws that force women to wear a veil
- Ensure that women rights defenders can conduct their human rights activities, even by opposing laws that force women to wear a veil.



Yasaman Aryani was arrested on the 10th of April 2019. She is sentenced to 16 years of prison. Amnesty demand that Yasaman, along with other women human rights defenders, are set free.

YILIYASIJIANG REHEMAN

24-year old Yiliyasijiang Reheman and his wife Mairinisha Abuduaini are Uighurs from the independent Chinese region Xinjiang. They lived in Egypt to study when Yiliyasijiang disappeared; at a time when they were expecting their second child. Chinese authorities had in July 2017 ordered the Egyptian government to imprison 200 Uighurs that were resident in Egypt. Yiliyasijiang was one of the arrested.

Mairinisha does not know what have happened to her husband, but she has recently found out - through her friends in Xinjiang - that Yiliyasijiang has been brought there. She believes that he is other imprisoned or placed in custody in one of China's secret re-education camps. The ethnic groups of Uighurs are forced and exposed to Chinese propaganda in these camps. Chinese authorities officially states that the camps are about "teaching individuals about laws and rules." However, captivated Uighurs that have escaped the camps recalls of threats, torture, and political brainwashing.

Amnesty demands:

- Free Yiliyasijiang;
- Until he is free, state the exact local of Yiliyasijiang Reheman;
- Allow Mairinisha Abuduaini to communicate with him;
- Ensure that Yiliyasijiang Reheman have access to a layer of his choosing;
- That an UN led international independent investigation is provided with unlimited access to Xinjiang, and that they re-education camps are abolished.



MAGAI MATIOP NGONG

15-year old Magai Matiop Ngong and his cousin got into a scuffle with a neighbour. The situation escalated and ended abruptly when Magai's cousin was shot by Magai and instantly died. Magai was taken in custody and have now been sentenced to death by hanging. Magai has consistently argued that the death of his cousin was the result of an accident and not deliberate murder. Magai has not received any judicial counseling, neither at his arrest nor trial. Instead he was encouraged to appeal his case.

Magai has now been on the death row for two years, and during that time his appeal has not been handled. In 2018, five people were hanged in South Sudan. One of them was, just as Magai, a child.

The death penalty is not a punishment, it is a crime that violated the most fundamental human rights - the right to a life. That is Amnesty's position, and it constitutes the basis of our work against the death penalty. States should never execute their citizens, and the death penalty does not belong in a modern and civilized judicial system, according to Amnesty.

Amnesty demand:

- Revoke Magai's death sentence;
- Agree a political decision that the death penalty can not be used against persons that at the time of the crime were younger than 18, - a decision in line with South Sudanese law and international human rights principles.
- Execute a formell moratorium for executions in South Sudan



IBRAHIM EZZ EL-DIN

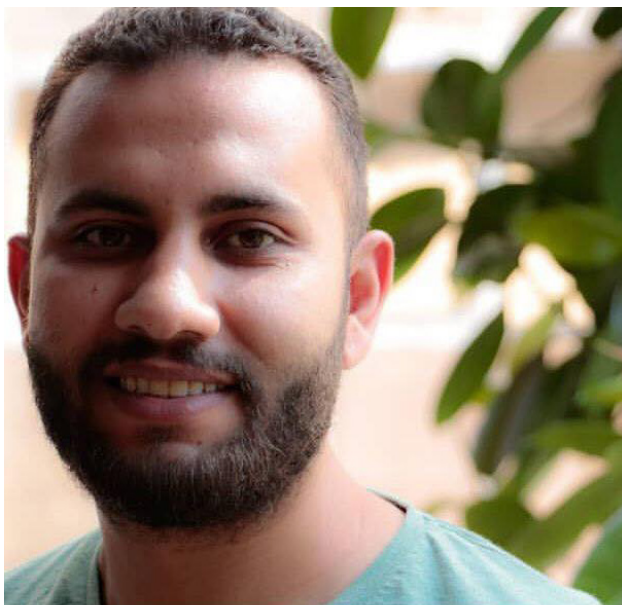
Ibrahim Ezz El-Din is a 26-year old human rights defender who has worked with questions related to the right to housing, especially individuals access to safe and reasonable housing in Egypt. He has documented forced displacement and the housing politics in cities throughout Egypt.

Ibrahim was arrested on the 11th of June by police disguised as civilians. The police, however, denies that Ibrahim is arrested and placed in custody. His family have still received no answers in regards to Ibrahim's disappearance.

Ibrahim is the victim of forced disappearance. It is not a one-time event, but instead it is part of a extensive campaign against the Egyptian civil society. Hundreds of people have been taken away against their will, accused of crimes, and imprisoned without having a fair trial. Several of these individuals have been accused of terror-related crimes. Ibrahim is the first person with connection to the organisation Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms that have been arrested during the last three years.

Amnesty demand:

- The Egyptian government must state Ibrahim Ezz El-Din's location.
- Ensure that Ibrahim Ezz El-Din has access to an attorney of his choosing.
- Free Ibrahim Ezz El-Din, unless he is charged of an internationally recognized crime
- Seize the forced disappearances, torture and other unhuman, humiliating treatment.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITE FOR RIGHTS?**

If you have any questions about the individual cases or the campaign Write for Rights, please reach out to karin.darosa@amnesty.se

10 OCTOBER

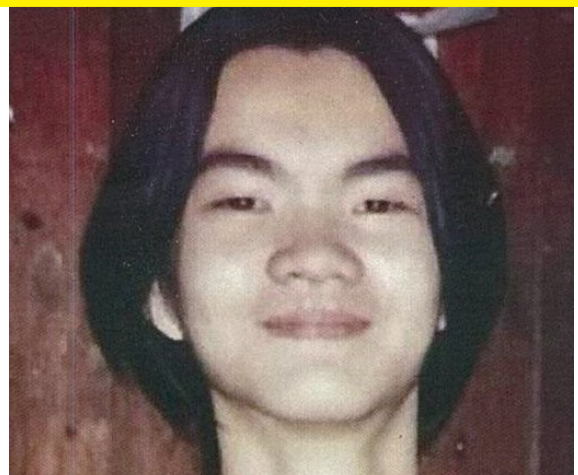
INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

The preparations before the international Day against the death penalty is moving forward - both Iran and Malaysia will be put under pressure. It will be possible to send solidarity messages to Ahmedreza Djalali and Hoo Yew Wah until the last of October, and you can send letters to Malaysian decisionmakers until the mid of November.

Instructions and more information is available at www.aktivism.amnesty.se/dodsstraffet



Ahmadreza Djalali (top) and Hoo Yew Wah (below), are both sentenced to death.



"AS I SEE IT"

Diana Bendig-Stenberg, chairperson in Amnesty Sweden's Group against the Death Penalty (AMD), reflects on the work against the death penalty and gives her perspective of the 10th of October - the International Day against the Death Penalty

Do you think that the death penalty will be abolished in all countries? "My answer is yes! We now see a trend of death penalties being abolished," says Diana.

The Global work against the death penalty is one of Amnesty's mandates since 1977. In the Swedish section, the work has been led by the AMD since 1973. Today AMD cooperates with the section's healthcare group (HSV) - a group with "excellent competency and knowledge", Diana notes.

AMD's work consists of actions through social media, educations in schools about Amnesty's work and the death penalty, as well as being experts on the topic.

AMD organizes, together with HSV, an annual event each year. This event takes place on the International Day against the Death Penalty (10th of October).

Diana is active through AMD in the international cooperation between death-penalty-coordinators in other Amnesty sections. She says, "Our common goals is that Amnesty annually continues to work against the death penalty with full force."

The work against the death penalty is a vital part of Diana's activism. Born and raised in DDR, she lived a comfortable life as middle-class in East Berlin. She studied computer science and enjoyed it, however, she was nevertheless resident in a dictatorship which she despised. Then, after the fall of the Berlin wall Diana experienced the year of 1989 with an overwhelming joy.

"Amnesty was banned in all countries part of the Eastern Block. Through Western news and meetings with Amnesty-members, I knew some about the organisation. Even my favorite musicians were engaged for Amnesty. My interest for Amnesty was extensive," Diana recalls.



"Amnesty in der DDR" was founded in the beginning of 1990. Diana participated in the start of the association, quickly became a local board member, and later elected into the national Amnesty board of Germany. Through Amnesty, Diana has been active in Berlin and London, a city she lived in during a few years. Then, when she moved to Sweden she became active in different groups in Stockholm.

"Amnesty INTERNATIONAL – with capital letters – describe my conviction," says Diana. For her, Amnesty is a global organisation where generations of human rights defenders around the world work for a common goal and mandate since 1961. She continues, "Through Amnesty we have built a famous and respected brand. My key-words to describe Amnesty is humanism, integrity, quality, solidarity, and altruism. Ultimately, a quote by Peter Benenson (founder of Amnesty) summarizes Amnesty's goals:

"Only when the last prisoner of conscience has been freed, when the last torture chamber has been closed, when the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a reality for the world's people, will our work be done."

LIGHT

The joy of all encounters and friendship with other activists and human rights defenders I have had the honor to meet during my time in Amnesty.

BARBWIRE

The sadness of all the humans we have to light candles for.

REGISTER FOR THIS AUTUMN'S GROUP SECRETARY TRAINING

As a group secretary (GS) in an Amnesty group, it is good to meet others in the same position. It is also good to have the right tools and knowledge. The idea of the training session is to provide the participants with a solid introduction into the role as group secretaries, as well as provide insight into what the assignment means for Amnesty.

AUTUMN GS-TRAINING

Are you a new group secretary or have you been it for a while but feel that you need to fresh up your knowledge about your assignment? Then this session is all for you!

This autumn's session is for all ages! It will include tips and tricks on how you and your group can conduct sustainable and inclusive activism in Amnesty. Additionally, we will also cover the campaign Write for Rights.

When? The weekend of 16-17th of November, starting Saturday at 12:00, ending at Sunday 15:00.

Where? Gothenburg!

Deadline for registration is the 21st of October. You find the registration at aktivistportalen.se

QUESTIONS?

Do you have any questions? Please reach out to: sara.bessa@amnesty.se or emma.ley@amnesty.se

TIME FOR CHANGE WORK CONTINUES LOCALLY

It is now six months since Amnesty released its report on rape in the Nordic countries. The section that is about Sweden focuses primarily on three different areas: 1) the need to change attitudes, 2) that the investigations made by the police improves, and 3) that all who are exposed to rape shall receive the support and care that they need, regardless of whom they are and live.

During the spring and summer months we have courted the minister of internal affairs and the national police chief Anders Thornberg. In meetings and events, through petitions and campaigns, we have encouraged the national police chief to prioritize sexual crimes and rape as well as improve the quality of police investigations - all investments into improving the chance that more rape-cases are solved and justice is brought to parties involved. In June the national police management notified that a special investment shall commence which includes that 350 investigators are hired and distributed nationally. These investigators shall be at place and ready to operate in the beginning of next year.

Amnesty believes that this is a positive turn which we have all right to monitor closely. The plan is that we begin to investigate what these investments have led to during the autumn of 2020.

During the time, we shift our focus and instead will try to get to the destructive myths and stereotypes in the community that often surrounds cases of rape. We are not lonely in this: several organisations already work with information and norm and attitude changes, primarily among youths in school.

Amnesty will therefore not duplicate this work but instead make the most out of our strengths: local activism and impact and investigation work. Starting this autumn, we will work toward a limited and specific target group that have the possibility to influence others.

If you are interested to participate in this work, please join the Activism-seminar. It is a perfect opportunity to learn more about the topic and campaign. It is also a good place to get the tools needed for impact driven work on a local level.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please reach out to sanna.blomgren@amnesty.se or katarina.berghed@amnesty.se

SCHEDULE FOR THE MEGA WEEKEND 2019

19-20TH OF OCTOBER IN STOCKHOLM!

FRIDAY - 18TH OF OCTOBER

18:00-22:00

Youth meeting

18:00-22:00

Student Council meeting

SATURDAY - 19TH OF OCTOBER

09:50-11:00

Part A of Amnesty ABC (for you who are a new member or interested)

11:00-11:30

The grand opening of the Activism-seminar
- Secretary president Amanda Jackson + the Amnesty choir

11:30-12:10

Rape in a Nordic and European Context

12:20-13:00

Ulrika Rogland talks about the law of mutual consent

14:00-15:00

Lunch

14:00-15:00

Then and the future of Time for Change

15:00-15:30

Fika

15:30-16:50

Who decides where you live and how can we make an impact on that individual? A conversation about local lobbying

17:00-18:00

Arrange a large event - how? Activists share their experiences

18:00-

Dinner at the Amnesty secretariat

SUNDAY - 20TH OF OCTOBER

09:00-09:50

Inspirational session, activism: Linnea Claesson

10:00-11:00

Local media - how do we get them to share our message?

11:00-11:20

Fika

11:20-12:00

Three elective sessions: Letter writing, News coverage on rape in local media - attitudes and stereotypes, "We need to talk about rape," to arrange a panel discussion, talkshow or seminar

12:10-13:00

Inspirational speaker: Bianca Kronlöf

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Three elective sessions

15:30-16:00

End of the weekend, evaluation and communal action!

THE PREPARATION COMMITTEE IS UP AND RUNNING

In the beginning of September the Preparation Committee gathered to discuss what's next. Since the committee is relatively new, it is probably a good idea to introduce ourselves.

The preparation Committee (BK) consists of three ordinary members, one suppleant, and one representative from the national board. BK's standing function in Amnesty is to receive motions from members and pass them on to the right forums. Also, BK is responsible to follow up and check that the motions are received and answered. Additionally, BK is available as a support for the yearly national meeting by giving direct support to members in the drafting of motions.

BK also has as a mission to hand over suggestions to the board concerning agenda points for the national meeting. This work is based on the questions that members in the organisations have shown particular interest for - efforts that aim to highlight the fact that the national yearly meeting is about reflecting the interest of Amnesty's members.



Picture: Elin Ovesson, Åsa Jacobs, Louise Näfverstam, Sofia Hallqvist

BK will arrange a workshop about writing motions during the Mega Weekend on the 19-20th of October. You are all welcome to join and talk with us!

The representatives in BK are also open for any requests about participation on various meetings during the year. If this sounds interesting, please reach out to us at BK@amnesty.se

We look forward to meet you on the Mega Weekend!
/Preparation Committee (BK)

MEET AMNESTY'S ACTIVISTS - A MINISERIE ABOUT US

During the spring, activists around Sweden were followed by a film crew. In episode one and two we follow Kerstin and Mehjar, and three more mini-documentaries are on its way during the autumn, so keep your eye out on Amnesty's youtube channel.



The documentaries are great to use when you hold information meetings for people who are interested in joining Amnesty, or simply for you to share in your own social media channels in order to inspire others to become active and engaged for human rights.

You can find the documentaries here:
<https://youtube.com/user/AmnestySverige>

SAY HELLO TO OUR MEMBERS IN THE YOUTH COUNCIL, STUDENT COUNCIL, AND NEW STUDENT COORDINATORS!

The national Youth Council, Student Council, and new Student Coordinators gathered in Stockholm during the 7-8th of September. Together they planned for this autumn's human rights work!

The weekend was jammed with lectures, meetings, and workshops about a new campaign. But most of all, it was a weekend of energy and awesome ideas!

YOUTH COUNCIL



From lower left: Christina Tymchyshym, Ebba Backlund Hammar, Linda Risberg, Emmie Sjöström, Kajsa Centre, Amon Hossinian. From top left: Smilla van der Meijs, Alice Lindh, Ella Zackrisson, David Hjalmarsson-Båtman

STUDENT COUNCIL



From lower left: Sriharsha Bhat, Javiera Ortega Zepeda, Josephine, Caroline Andersson. From top left: Astrid Norreson, Hekla Bjarnadottir, Emma Åberg, Alonso Mochales Rodriguez, Linn Öfverström, Nathalie Larsson.

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