

Write for rights

We will write for Yasaman Aryanis, Ibrahim Ezz El-Dins, Magai Matiop Ngongs, and Yiliyasijiang Rehemans.

It is only a few weeks left until the campaign Write for Rights starts and during the campaign period, Amnesty will be present on streets and squares, christmas markets, libraries, schools and universities!

In Malmö, Gothenburg, and Stockholm there will be local campaign trainings with the possibility to attend through link if you cannot attend physically. More information about these campaign trainings is available at aktivism.amnesty.se/sff.

Competition - honor is the prize!

During the campaign this year, there will also be a competition! The aim is to gather as many signatures as possible for the four individual cases, whoever gathers the most signatures wins! The rules are simple and corporation will be a great advantage- you can participate as a district, joint groups, or as a group of activists!

After each activity you report back to the secretariat and you can thereafter see results on the activist portal where results will be updated regularly. You can improve your result until the 17th of december, when the campaign ends.

More information on the activist portal and participations is voluntary.

Documentation and material

We would be grateful for pictures of your activities during the Write for Rights campaign! We would like to update our social media to initiate more activism and engage more people, so send you pictures latest by 10th of december (contact details below).

This year, the material will consist of posters for each case, facts sheet, and postcards. There are also tattoos to order, and petition lists and smaller posters to print through the activist portal.

If you have not registered yet or ordered material, you can do it at aktivism.amnesty.se/sff. To receive the ordered material before the 10th of december, order latest by 19th of november.

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Time for Change - review how your local newspaper reports on rape!

The campaign Time for change is based on the nordic report with the same name. The report provides three recommendations on how to improve the work against rape in Sweden; the need to change attitudes, that the investigations made by the police improves, and 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 we have encouraged the police to prioritize sexual crimes and rape as well as improve the quality of police investigations. Our work has proven successful and the national police management notified that a special investment shall commence which includes 350 newly hired investigators and these are distributed nationally. Additionally, 350 million SEK are invested. YAY! We will monitor this to see what the results will be.

Next step

The next step will be to observe stereotypes and attitudes on rape. Media is an important actor in this, media can fortify and reproduce harmful, stereotypical notions of rape. But, in the long term they can also change the same attitudes through responsible reporting about rape. This is the reason for why we are going to initiate a dialog with local media on how reporting on rape could be improved.

To initiate a dialog with media we need to examine how the current situation is. This is where you come in to monitor your local newspapers! The first step is to investigate how the newspaper reports on rape, there is a cheat sheet to assist you in this and a question form to use.

The next step is to contact the newspaper to discuss your results.

How to register

Information and a register form are available on aktivism.amnesty.se/timeforchange

What else to do? Discuss the issue locally!

In addition to monitoring media, you can bring attention to the report Time for Change and the issue of rape in Sweden in general. For example, you can do this on the 25th of november when the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. You can organize a panel discussion, a quiz night, or something else! Contact me for more ideas and information!

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The world's deadliest toxic gas outlet turns 35 and your bank is investing in the company responsible for this

During november you can act for the Bhopal disaster. More information is on the activist portal, and also in the previous number of Insats, but in short you can act in the following ways:

- Conversations with representatives from banks. There is a petition on [www.sign.by/kontakta -banken](http://www.sign.by/kontakta-banken) which you should refer to.
- 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.
- Manifestations outside DowDuPoint's offices in Landskrona and Malmö. Contact me if you want to join (contact details below).
- Raise attention through actions! All creative and public actions to encourage bank customers to notice the problem and take actions are welcome!.
- 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."

You can register for this on the activist portal and more information is provided in the cheat sheet that will be sent out ot registered groups. The campaign period is between 1-20th of november.

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Work with individual cases!

When working with individual cases you normally focus on one or multiple cases during a longer period of time. However, you can also work with individual cases with the network Amnesty Alert, through web-actions, or other actions that require a fast coordination of activism.

The work with individual cases is very important and the work Amnesty does often have an impact on the people we are working for. However, it can be difficult to keep engaged around a case that might not see any progress since a big portion of the people we are working for recieve long prison sentences.

During the fall, multiple cases have been closed due to release from prison, for example; Liu Ping, Dong Guangping, Su Changlan from china, Mahmoud "Shawkan" Abou Zeid from Egypt and Oleg Sentsov from Russia.

Current cases to work with

If you are interested in working with individual cases you can visit aktivism.amnesty.se/aktionsfall, you can also contact me for the full list on current cases (contact details below). Some of the current cases are; Leila De Lima (Philippines), Nonhle Mbuthuma (South Africa), Sirikan "June" Charoensiri (Thailand).

If you have any questions, contact:

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"As I see it"

In Sweden, the Roma and other vulnerable EU-citizens live in an acute rights situation where, according to the report "Sweden: A Cold Welcome", it is presented that these persons lack the right to basic needs such as housing, water, and sanitary rights including health care. Additionally, a recurring issue in Stockholm is harassment from the police.

This situation is unacceptable where the demands from Amnesty is that the Swedish state and responsible authorities take their responsibilities for vulnerable EU-citizens in Sweden. I am a part of group 172 in Stockholm, and we work with the campaign for vulnerable EU-citizens through various methods and actions.

Our group has the ambition to act in various ways but we do not have the manpower to do everything we have ambition of doing. Therefore, we want to invite more amazing activists that would like to join our group! Saturday the 16th of november we are arranging an information meeting for activists that are interested in joining our group where we will inform and discuss how we will continue working with the issue. Anyone is welcome to join, despite of previous knowledge and experiences!

Contact me if you have any questions and if you are interested in our group!

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*There are meetings in Gothenburg and Malmö as well. Contact your local campaign leader for more information.

Hong Kong

We have documented grave human rights violations during the peaceful protests in Hong Kong for the last few months which, by China, has been justified through a question of “National security and sovereignty”.

We demand that Hong Kong immediately and independently initiate investigations into the violence towards protestors. What you can do:

- Do petitions to collect signatures, lists available on aktivism.amnesty.se/hongkong.
- Participate in a global photo action- take pictures with umbrellas, mouth covers, swim goggles or whatever you like and share it on social media with the hashtag #staystronghongkong #amnestysverige @carrielam.hksar. Carrie Lam is the highest political leader in Hong Kong.

On aktivism.amnesty.se/hongkong you can also find posters that say “Stay strong Hong Kong” that you can take the picture with.

South Korea

The report “Serving in Silence” that Amnesty released in July shows discrimination of homosexual men in the south korean army. Sexual acts between in the military can result in a two years prison sentence and in 2017, more than 20 men in the military were sentenced for suspicion of homosexual sex.

We demand that the defense minister initiate a change of the law in that affects homosexual men in the military and that the parliament adopts anti-discrimination laws that forbid discrimination on various grounds, including sexuality and gender identity. What you can do:

- Do petitions to collect signatures for the law to be abolished. The petitions-lists, and a poster , are available for printing on aktivism.amnesty.se/hbtqi. The signatures will be handed over to relevant authorities by Amnesty in South Korea.

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Amnesty is looking for trustees- locally and nationally!

Who are representing the 'confidence body' of Amnesty?

The national election committee produces a report which includes the skills and experiences that are sought after for the section board, fund board, review committee, and the advisory committee. The report is based on opinions of the current trustees but also from groups, districts, and the secretariat. To create a greater participation we want you, as a member, to participate in a survey for the possibility to affect the report of the election committee.

The survey can be answered until the 18th of november and will be attached in the email together with Insats.

If you have questions, contact valberedningen@amnesty.se

/Election

Develop you activism locally

If you are a star at, or simply enjoy, recruiting new activists and form new groups, organize and plan campaign activities, or support and develop existing groups, then you should consider running for candidate in a district board!

During the annual meeting that will start taking place after the new year commences, new board members will be elected and many districts are looking for new people that want to take on the role of organising and developing the organisational work of Amnesty.

If you are interested, the next step is to contact your local election board. Contact me and I will redirect you.

If you have a friend or you know someone that would fit the position you can nominate the person! They will not be elected without accepting the nomination first, you will just help the election board to get in contact with engaged people in our big organisation!

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The board informs

During the meetings this fall we have discussed and decided on two important strategies, that the annual meeting in 2020 will be held in Stockholm, and adopted budgetary frames for 2020.

The equality strategy

The strategy is based on the long term direction, that was decided on the annual meeting of 2016, where all the work of Amnesty should have an atmosphere of inclusion and accessibility. According to the equality strategy, all of the work towards greater equality should be characterized by responsibility, courage, and dedication. The goal is to increase knowledge and change behaviours. This work has been initiated on the secretariat, but has also been discussed on the mega weekend and will be emphasized during the next annual meeting and on other member-meetings as well for the greatest effect and spread.

Activism strategy

This strategy is about activism and how to organise to create opinion about the questions that Amnesty works with, and achieve change. In the long term direction, it is stated that activism should be based on trust, participation, and joint responsibility. Our aim should be to develop and obtain better relations between members, develop the local organisation, greater impact from our members and develop engagement in our areas of expertise.

The equality strategy and the activism strategy will be developed and thereafter made available for all members.

Budget 2020

During the fall, another central question has been the operational priorities of the secretariat and the budgetary frames for 2020. The board experiences a need in continuing the work with development projects that will result in larger participation in the work of Amnesty and increase the effect of our lobbying work. During 2020, it is expected that the ongoing donations, recruitment of new members/donors and other funding will generate 140 million SEK to the organisation, where 38 million SEK will be donated to the international section. The final decision regarding the budget will be made at the board meeting in december.

Strategic goals

Next summer it is time for the international section to make decisions about new strategic goals for Amnesty International. Prior to this, it is now discussed how the global changes happening currently will affect the direction of which questions Amnesty will prioritize. When the agreement on areas of prioritization has been made, the Swedish section will decide which type of work we will pursue in order to achieve the joint goals. For the Swedish section to be able to adapt our prioritising towards the goals of the international organisation, but also have the time for proper consultation with the members of the section, our new strategic period will commence in 2022.

Annual meeting

The board has evaluated the annual meeting of 2019 and the investments made during the last two years, for example on how to combine the annual meeting with campaign trainings and a HR-seminar but also that the section has funded all costs for trips, accommodation, and food. For the annual meeting in 2020 the board has decided to focus more on management questions, for example elections for the 'confidence body' of the organisations, and evaluation of the past year.

Participation on the annual meeting will be subsidized by the section, but the members will pay for some of the costs. The annual meeting will be held in Stockholm on the 9-10th of May in 2020.

/The board

Order Amnesty Press number 4

Now you can order Amnesty Press directly from our print shop! Number 4/2020 will otherwise arrive on the 20th of December. If you order earlier you can distribute it on your activities this winter, and number 1/2020 will arrive in the beginning of March.

I need your extra order of AP latest by Thursday the 5th of December at 12:00. Put "AP-extra tidningar" in the subject line of the email, and it is free for our Amnesty groups. Write your email and your phone number in the email as well since the arrival of order will be sent as a package to collect.

The sender will be V-tab which is the print shop.

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