

Insats, English Summary, #1 February 2022

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29 JANUARY - Nomination peak for assignments of trust
6 FEBRUARY - Nomination peak for national Election Committee
7 FEBRUARY - Planning workshop Swedish election
9 FEBRUARY - Amnesty A (in Swedish)
11 FEBRUARY - Motion peak Annual General Meeting
14 FEBRUARY - Last day to report 2021 Activity
15 FEBRUARY - Campaign meeting World Cup in Qatar
17 FEBRUARY - Regional youth meetings
8 MARCH - International Women's Day
24 MARCH - Playoff-match World Cup
26-27 MARCH - National youth meeting
27 MARCH - Last day to sign up to the Annual General Meeting if you need an interpreter or other forms of assistance
2 MARCH - Last day to sign up to the Annual General Meeting
9-15 MAY - Annual General Meeting

Happy new activist year!

New year, new possibilities! We always have new challenges ahead of us, new laws to protest against, human rights violations to shed light upon, changes to achieve. And of course we will continue this year too!

Lately things have been different, to say the least, with a pandemic that has allowed us to adapt our activities and learn to work for human rights from a distance. Our movement has shown that this can be done, because human rights do not take a break. What 2022 will look like is impossible to say. But one thing is for sure - we are ready to fight for the equal value of all human beings, regardless of the circumstances!

So what do we have to work with in 2022? One of this year's major campaign peaks is approaching, as International Women's Day is close. This year, we are focusing on American politicians and the right to abortion. The Swedish men's national soccer team also continues to qualify for the World Cup, which means that we will continue to highlight violations of migrants' rights in Qatar and FIFA's responsibility.

We also have an upcoming election in Sweden. It is time to go to the polls again and influence Sweden's future for the next four years - and of course Amnesty will be a reminding voice that human rights are not eligible. Keep an eye out for ways to get involved in our upcoming campaign, and sign up for the workshop to be part of setting the framework!

For updates on the campaigns, go to the Activist Portal and read the coming issues of Insats.

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Amnesty follows the recommendations of the Public Health Agency

As the spread of covid-19 has increased, new recommendations from the Swedish Public Health Agency have been added on an ongoing basis. We follow these recommendations, which i.a. means that the secretariat is closed as most people work from home and all training and meetings we plan take place digitally. Since the situation can change quickly or recommendations are added or revised, it is important that you follow what applies to your activities right now. If you are unsure, contact your activist coordinator.

International Women's Day: The right to abortion in the USA!

This year, for International Women's Day, we will join Amnesty USA to defend the right to abortion in the United States, in a global action that is being carried out around the world within the Amnesty movement.

An extreme abortion ban was recently introduced in the state of Texas, USA. The law prohibits abortion after six weeks of pregnancy, before most people even know they are pregnant. Anyone who "helps or supports" someone to have an abortion after week six risks ending up in costly legal disputes - with private individuals. The ban means anyone can sue a person they suspect is helping a woman having an abortion, for a reward of \$ 10,000.

The Supreme Court's refusal to oppose this bill hinders the right of tens of thousands of people to abortion care in Texas, while paving the way for other states to enforce similar laws.

Read more about the abortion ban at Amnesty USA:s website:

www.amnestyusa.org/us-the-texas-abortion-ban/

www.amnestyusa.org/press-releases/us-backsliding-on-global-gains-in-abortion-rights/

Access to abortion is a human right. Abortion must be legal, safe and accessible to all.

In September, the Women's Health Protection Act, WHPA, was passed in the US Congress. The law would stop the abortion barriers that exist in many states today and prevent new restrictions in the future. This spring, the law will go to the Senate for a vote. Through a global action, we put pressure on American politicians to ensure the right to abortion!

You can find all material at the Activist Portal, aktivism.amnesty.se/kvinnorsrattigheter/.

If you and your group wants to join the campaign, make sure to sign up here:

aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/anmalan-till-8-mars-2022-abortratten-i-usa/

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Planning workshop for the upcoming Swedish election

We are currently building a platform for the election where the human rights issues we think should fill the political agenda are included. But the construction is not done without all of you who want to be involved and plan how we can carry out our important message.

A warm welcome to a digital workshop where we together lay out the plan for what groups, activists and members can work with this spring and summer to highlight human rights prior to the election!

When: Monday 7 February at 17.00-19.30

Register: aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/planeringsmote-valplattform/

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The year of the World Cup is here!

Now that we have entered 2022, it means that the year for when the World Cup in Qatar will start is also here. To begin with, we will focus on March!

The Swedish national team did not qualify directly for the world championships but will play the playoffs on 24 March, 2022. This will be an opportunity for us to influence the situation of migrant workers in Qatar. Continued focus during the spring will be to direct our work towards FIFA in order to achieve changes that make a difference on the ground in Qatar.

Campaign meeting

Due to this, a digital campaign meeting is arranged on how your group can participate in the campaign and carry out activities in connection with the match in March.

When: 15 February at 6:30 p.m.

You can find the registration form at aktivism.amnesty.se/delta-i-en-aktion/vm/

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The Secretary General's corner

- “[Making Noise. Defending Lives](#)” is the name of the proposal for a Swedish strategy for 2022-2030 that the section board will present to the annual meeting in May 2022. It is based on the global strategy, which the international movement decided on in September 2021 at the Global Assembly Meeting.
- The work of developing a Swedish strategy entered an intensive phase during the autumn through dialogue and consultation with members and activists. Among other things, we sent out a survey, conducted conversations on the digital platform Basecamp and conducted focus groups.
- Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey, both individual members / activists and groups. Thank you to everyone who got involved in the digital platform Basecamp - and who also reacted and acted for an inclusive and equal conversation climate. And a big thank you to all participants in the focus groups.
- In the upcoming months, we will present the proposal in more detail. The section board will arrange meetings to present and discuss the proposal and would also like to participate in the districts' annual meetings. Are you already planning a date for the district's annual meeting? Feel free to contact elisabeth.lundgren@amnesty.se.
- The final decision on the strategy will be made at the Annual General Meeting in May. We are thus putting an end to a process that began as early as January 2019.

We hope that this way of working will equip us to continue our joint work, internationally and at home. And to make decisions, in a good democratic spirit, that take into account the solid process that we have now carried out.

Happy new Human Rights Year!

/Anna Johansson

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is approaching! This year, we will together decide on Amnesty Sweden's direction in the coming years - therefore it is extra important to sign up and participate!

This year, the Annual General Meeting will take place digitally to ensure everyone's safety and accessibility. On 31 January, the notice goes out to all members and registration for the meeting 2022 opens! It will be held digitally on 9-15 May and, among other things, we will decide on the strategy of Amnesty Sweden 2022-2030. You can read more about the process behind the development of the strategy and why it is especially important to attend the annual meeting this year in the Secretary General's corner in this issue.

Important dates

- 29 January: Nomination peak for assignments of trust (valberedningen@amnesty.se)
- 31 January: The notice is sent out and one can register for the Annual General Meeting
- 4 February: Deadline for submitting motions to the Preparatory Committee (bk@amnesty.se)
- 13 February: Peak of sending in motions
- 27 March: Last day to sign up to the Annual General Meeting if you need an interpreter or other forms of assistance
- 2 May: Last day to sign up to the Annual General Meeting
- 28 April and 3 May: Training opportunities regarding meeting and decision making tools
- 9 May: The Annual General Meeting opens at 17.00
- 15 May: The Annual General Meeting ends at 17.00

Do you have questions about the Annual General Meeting? Feel free to contact me!

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Join the Election Committee

Are you interested in being part of the Election Committee for Amnesty International Sweden? Or do you know someone who would be perfect for the task? Send an email to vv@amnesty.se with your application or suggestion! Last day to send it in is 6 February.

/The Election Committee of the Election Committee: Catharina Holmgren, Isabella Sahlbom and Maria Lindgren.

New guidelines for group funding

During autumn 2021, we began a larger overview of the fundings that Amnesty groups can apply for to finance their activities. To begin with, we have evaluated the group funding of 2 000 SEK/year, among other things, through a survey for groups that have been granted funding in recent years. Based on this evaluation, we have developed new guidelines that apply from 1 January 2022.

The basis for the funding is still the same: the group funding is an annual funding that aims to finance groups' ongoing activities, while the activity funding will go to external actions in our prioritized areas. While the activity funding can be applied for by all groups, only section groups can apply for a group funding, as section groups do not have the opportunity to conduct fundraising for their own activities.

In practice, this is not about any major changes. Above all, we have clarified, and made some additions, in the guidelines for applying for and reporting the group funding.

Read more at aktivism.amnesty.se/verksamhetsbidrag/

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