

## **Insats, English Summary, #10 December 2021**

### **Calendar**

9 DECEMBER - Amnesty B & C  
10 NOVEMBER - 13 DECEMBER: Campaign period for Write for Rights  
10 DECEMBER - International Human Rights Day  
Campaign peak Write for Rights  
11 JANUARY - Planning meeting International Women's Day  
16 & 18 JANUARY - Workshop on writing motions with the Drafting Committee  
26 JANUARY - Workshop on the section's future local organisation  
29 JANUARY- Nomination peak for assignments of trust  
11 FEBRUARY - Motion peak Annual General Meeting  
14 FEBRUARY - Last day to report 2021 Activity  
8 MARCH - International Women's Day

### **Time to report 2021**

2021 is almost over and it is time to both sum up the past year and report on the activities that have been carried out. Each year, every group and district within Amnesty reports on its activity and finances. 2021 has been another special year, owing to both covid-related challenges and changes in restrictions that have made in-person activities possible again. We know that groups and districts have handled the situation differently, but it is nevertheless important that all groups and districts, regardless of activity level, report according to instructions, so that we can form an accurate and complete picture.

All groups should report on activism, work with individual cases and finances. If you are an accounting group, you need to send in your financial report - other groups report this internally. Reporting also gives you a good overview of the fantastic work you have done and the opportunity for new thinking and changes in advance of the coming year. Yearly reporting gives us at the secretariat important insight into your activism - and we are extremely grateful that you take the time to report!

In December, your Activist Coordinator will email instructions that pertain to your group. The final date for reporting is 14 February. Get in touch with your Activist Coordinator if you have any thoughts or questions.

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## **Write for Rights, stand up for freedom of speech and the right to protest!**

10 December, International Human Rights Day, is right around the corner! You surely haven't missed the opportunity to sign up for this year's Write for Rights?

Write for Rights is Amnesty's yearly global campaign during which the whole movement focuses on mobilising as many people as possible. This year, we are focusing on the right to peacefully protest by drawing attention to individuals whose rights have been violated in connection with protests.

You can find the form and all the information at: [aktivism.amnesty.se/delta-i-en-aktion/sff/](https://aktivism.amnesty.se/delta-i-en-aktion/sff/).

You can also find material connected to individual cases, as well as images from social media, video clips, reports, news articles, documentaries, example letters, etc., which you can use in your campaigning or simply for your own interest. All this material is available here: [aktivism.amnesty.se/delta-i-en-aktion/materialbank/](https://aktivism.amnesty.se/delta-i-en-aktion/materialbank/).

### **Gift Cards as part of the Write for Rights campaign**

During December, we usually sell Gift Cards in order to raise funds for our work and this year you have the opportunity to take part in this fundraiser!

Read more about Gift Cards [here](#).

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## **The world's biggest human rights campaign turns 20!**

Write for Rights began 20 years ago in Warsaw, Poland, when a group of friends decided to celebrate International Human Rights Day on 10 December, 2001 with a 24-hour letter-writing campaign. Growing from 2,326 letters in 2001 to 4.5 million letters, tweets and signatures in 2020, Write for Rights has become the world's biggest human rights campaign.

Read more [here](#).

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## **World Cup in Qatar: here's where we are now**

In 2021, we began in earnest our campaigning against Qatar and FIFA in advance of the coming World Cup in 2022. At the time of writing, there is exactly a year before the referee blows the whistle in the opening match, and with much work left to do, it is also important to reflect over what we've accomplished so far.

Since the campaign began, we've received over 22, 000 signatures, which shows the importance (and power) of reaching out through various channels, both in local squares and

streets as well as through social media. The signature collecting will conclude soon and be presented to FIFA's chair in mid-December. The issue of migrant workers' rights has been discussed in all the major newspapers and programs in Sweden. In addition, we have had continuous contact with the Swedish Football Association and carried out training for players on the Swedish national team. We are thrilled to announce that this fall, the Swedish Football Association, together with its sister organisations in Scandinavia, sent an open letter to FIFA entirely in line with and referring to the demands stipulated in our reports.

Although the Swedish team did not qualify directly for the World Cup, it will participate in the playoffs (24-25 March, 2022), which creates another opportunity to get the word out about migrant workers' rights. Feel free to get in touch with ideas for how to make our campaign as visible as possible during this time!

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## **Time for Change: What we've accomplished and where we're heading**

During the spring of 2019, Amnesty started work against sexual violence in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland. In our report we identified various barriers to rape-survivors' receiving justice and support. In Sweden, we first focused on deficiencies in police work, and this fall we have focused on survivors' right to support and care. This September, organisers together with activists around the country were assigned different regions and during the autumn they have lobbied for the inclusion of care for survivors of rape in regional party programs next year. Later this spring, when the party's candidate lists are complete, we can focus on candidates in regional elections.

As the election year is fast approaching, we see International Women's Day (8 March) as a golden opportunity to highlight the question of care and support for survivors of sexual violence. A planning meeting will take place on 11 January at 6PM, during which time we decide on a framework for activities in advance of 8 March. Are you interested in women's rights? How about taking part in the planning for one of our major campaigns? Sign up here:

[aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/planering-8-mars/](https://aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/planering-8-mars/)

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## **Annual General Meeting 2022**

In advance of the Annual General Meeting, you can nominate candidates for positions of trust in the board of Amnesty International Sweden. You can also write motions to influence which questions will be discussed at the meeting.

### **Do you want to be involved in leading Amnesty into the future?**

As an elected representative for Amnesty Sweden, you are entrusted by members with leading and developing the world's largest human rights organisation.

We work for equality and antiracism and to be the change we want to see in society. To achieve this, we need to broaden our collective experience and knowledge. In advance of 2022, we are seeking those with knowledge of the grounds for discrimination. We are looking for people with various backgrounds and, therefore, previous experience as an elected representative is not required.

The Election Committee is seeking candidates for the Section Board, the Board of the Fund, the Review Committee and the Drafting Committee. Read more at [amnesty.se/kandidat](https://www.amnesty.se/kandidat) or contact [valberedningen@amnesty.se](mailto:valberedningen@amnesty.se).

You can also nominate candidates to be part of The Election Committee. Send your nominations to [vv@amnest.se](mailto:vv@amnest.se).

## Information from the Board

### Equality determines who we are

Amnesty's work is built on the conviction that everyone has an innate ability to influence their situation. Everyone is entitled to the same rights, opportunities and obligations in all areas of life - even within Amnesty itself.

In 2019, Amnesty adopted a strategy by which the board chose to take social background into account, in addition to the traditional definition of equality, both because it is defined as an important factor pertaining to discrimination in international contexts, but also because we think it is an important starting point in Sweden as well. Based on the motto "Amnesty will be the change we want to see in the world!", the work has mainly been built on ensuring equality within our own organisation. Amnesty Sweden has hitherto been a relatively homogenous organisation, so we are now actively working to review everything from our broad mobilisation to our hiring process, as well as to identify and counter the existing pitfalls in recruiting processes.

We will be a better and more trustworthy human rights organisation if we comprise people with different abilities and experiences. Together we will be the change we want to see in society!

/The Section Board

## Invitation to a workshop on the sections' future organisation on the local level

We who work with activism and questions of engagement at the secretariat would like to invite the districts and other interested organised activists to a workshop on local organisation. This workshop is a part of our preparatory work for Amnesty's Global Strategic Framework 2022-2030. During the workshop, we will present a proposal for a future local organisation as a part of the section's organisational structure.

During the fall, a consultation process has been carried out, focusing on the prioritising of human rights in the strategy; now it is time to have a dialogue on the aspects that pertain to us

as an organisation, with focus on leadership and a future local organisation. During the workshop we will also present how other frameworks (such as the activism strategy and equality strategy) can influence and provide grounds for future organisation in the section.

The workshop will take place on 26 January. Would you like to take part? Sign up here: [aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/inbjudan-till-en-workshop-om-sektionens-framtida-l/](https://aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/inbjudan-till-en-workshop-om-sektionens-framtida-l/)

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## **Get involved in planning election platforms for the election year 2022!**

The election in the fall of 2022 will likely define a new political playing field in Sweden's parliament. Depending on which parties hold power, questions of human rights will be challenged one way or another. Many are worried about our future and we want to give people an outlet to express what they believe. Our work shall be something from which the general public and politicians alike can derive energy and knowledge of political issues that ensure human rights. We will make it clear that human rights are not optional.

### **Are you interested?**

From May to September 2022, we will devote ourselves to the election platform and even now, you have the opportunity to get involved and help plan the development of campaign activities. We will send an invitation to a planning meeting in February and you can already sign up here: [aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/planeringsmote-valplattform/](https://aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/planeringsmote-valplattform/)

More information to come!

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## **Amnesty Film- For those interested in film and human rights**

**Would you like to combine your interest in human rights with film and stimulating conversation? This fall, we have launched a film club in cooperation with Draken Film.**

The year's five selected films deal with protests and freedom of speech. The films have been carefully selected in cooperation with Draken Film and you can see them with your activist group or other group of friends free of charge until 31 March, 2022.

The five films are *And Tomorrow the Entire World*, *Clash*, *Leviathan*, *Red Rose*, and *Risk*. For each film, there is discussion material including texts, discussion questions and a link to Draken Film.

Read more and sign up here: [amnesty.se/agerahub/amnestys-filmklubb/](https://amnesty.se/agerahub/amnestys-filmklubb/)

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