

Insats, English Summary, #2 March 2022

Calendar

8 MARCH - International Women's Day
9 MARCH - Amnesty A (in Swedish)
17 MARCH - First seminar about our election topics
22 MARCH - Second seminar about our election topics
24 MARCH - Playoff-match World Cup
28 MARCH - Training session in media work
13 APRIL - Amnesty A (in Swedish)
18 APRIL - Last day to send in nominations for the activist awards
20 APRIL - Dialogue with the national board about proposition to new strategy
20 APRIL - Launch of our national election platform
9-15 MAY - Annual General Meeting
17 MAY - Amnesty A

Protect civilians in Ukraine

Amnesty International calls for unerring respect for international human rights and humanitarian law, following Russia's multi-pronged attack on Ukraine Thursday morning, on 24 February.

"Our worst fears have been realized. After weeks of escalation, a Russian invasion that is likely to lead to the most horrific consequences for human lives and human rights has begun," said Amnesty International's Secretary General Agnès Callamard.

Amnesty will be monitoring the situation closely to expose violations of international law by all parties. To stay updated, follow Amnesty on social media, read information at [amnesty.se](https://www.amnesty.se) and [amnesty.org](https://www.amnesty.org), as well as upcoming issues of Insats. For questions about Amnesty's policy and statements, contact Madelaine Seidlitz at madelaine.seidlitz@amnesty.se.

Stand up for the protection of civilians in Ukraine!

If you want to act, sign up through this form in order to receive information about upcoming campaign material: aktivism.amnesty.se/delta-i-en-aktion/ukraina/. Now there also is an email petition on our website: amnesty.se/agerahub/skydda-civila-i-ukraina/. Share it online, participate in manifestations in your town and spread awareness regarding the human rights situation. Contact your local activist coordinator for questions regarding activism.

Dialogue seminars about our election topics

The national election in Sweden will be held in September 2022 and we need to participate in order to make sure that human rights are part of the political discussion. Human rights are universal and non-negotiable!

Our election platform will focus on four urgent issues: *Justice and care for survivors of sexual assault, Sami rights and climate justice, social justice and social security & the right to housing*. We are now arranging two digital seminars where we will discuss and learn more about our issues along with experts and staff. The seminars will be held in Swedish.

Seminar 1

At the first seminar, we will be discussing *justice and care for survivors of sexual assault & Sami rights and climate justice* together with our advisors Johanna Westeson and Katarina Bergehed.

When? Thursday, 17/3. 18:00 - 20:00

What? Digital seminar

How? Register [HERE](#)

Seminar 2

At the second seminar, we will be discussing *social justice and social security & the right to housing* together with Nicolas Lunabba from the organization Hela Malmö, and Tove Samzelius, a professor at Malmö University.

When? Monday, 22/3. 18:30 - 20:30

What? Digital seminar

How? Register [HERE](#)

With the upcoming election campaign, there will also be a training session on how to work with media, both social media and traditional media. This session will be held 28 March at 18:00-19:30. Interested? Sign up here:

aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/intresseanmalan-medieutbildning/

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Campaign during the World Cup's playoff-matches!

Soon we have the chance to again bring attention to the violations of migrant workers' human rights in Qatar and the World Cup. On 24 March, the Swedish national team will play against Czech Republic, which is an opportunity for us to campaign!

We will spread information and form opinions regarding the situation in Qatar and the responsibility of FIFA, in order to improve migrant workers' human rights. In order to do this, we will direct us to the soccer interested public.

How can you highlight these human rights violations in your city? Order material and sign up to the campaign before 17 March here: aktivism.amnesty.se/qatar.

FIFA also has received a lot of attention since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. For those interested, there will be material available regarding the conflict to bring to the playoff.

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Sign up for the 8 March campaign!

Are you and your group campaigning for abortion rights in the USA this International Women's Day? Don't forget to sign up through the form here:

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

This way we know how many we are standing up for this important issue, and can reach each group with evaluation forms and updates. Material is still to be found and ordered through the activist portal: <https://aktivism.amnesty.se/kvinnorsrattigheter/>.

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Update on Write for Rights

During November and December 2021 many of us campaigned for the five individuals whose right to protest had been violated, through our yearly campaign Write for Rights. Through our website amnesty.se and all physical petitions, we all together gathered 66 963 signatures (18 153 more than last year)! In total, 53 groups and 40 schools were involved with the campaign. Once again we have shown the power in standing up towards human rights violations.

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The report release Israel's Apartheid against Palestinians: What happens now?

On 1 February, Amnesty International released the report *Israel's Apartheid against Palestinians: Cruel System of Domination and Crime against Humanity*. In connection with this, a digital campaign ran on amnesty.se which in a month resulted in almost 9,000 signatures.

Do you want to learn more about the human rights situation and the report? Take a digital course in English (90 min) to learn more about what apartheid means, how the oppression of Israel against Palestinians falls under apartheid and how we can act. The course is found here: academy.amnesty.org/learn/course/external/view/elearning/239/apartheid-course

You can also find more information at our website:
amnesty.se/aktuellt/israels-apartheid-mot-palestinier/

This year's Nordic Youth Conference will have the report as the main theme. Registration will be published on the [activist portal](#) later this spring.

You can also find updates on the situation and how you can act via Amnesty's social media and Insats.

Information from the Section Board

- In order to reach the global goals, taking responsibility for the climate crisis, see the number of democracies in the world grow and armed conflict decline, we have to:
 - Be an equal, anti-racist, safe and inclusive people power organisation.
 - Cooperate with other organizations and build alliances with others regarding our human rights issues.
 - Use our strategy for 2022-2030 which will help us prioritize.
 - Use our organization to make an impact on human rights in Sweden as well.
- During our 60 years, we have become one of the world's largest human rights organizations. We take a stand for anti-racism, build people power, help raise other people's voices and take on new human rights issues that the world of today faces. Together we have taken us through crises that have arisen, and we will come through the crises we face today.
- We are proud to be an organization in motion, with the same soul and heart that we had when we started in 1961 and all the development we have gone through since then.
- A world free from poverty and injustice is possible. We have the resources, the knowledge. To succeed we have to work together. Welcome to the future!

/The Section Board

Making Noise Defending Lives! Amnesty Sweden's strategy 2022-2030

It's time to make decisions about Amnesty Sweden's strategy 2022-2030, *Making Noise Defending Lives*. Before the Annual General Meeting you will receive an updated version of the first proposal for the strategy, both in English and in Swedish. The decision of the global strategy was made in September 2021. The Swedish process of developing a national strategy began in the spring of 2021. During this process we asked for input from partners and representatives of rights holders, organizations working in different rights areas and organizations with various forms of specialist competence within human rights. During autumn of 2021, consultation on human rights priorities were held on several occasions with members and organized activists. The proposal for the Swedish strategy that will be decided on at the Annual General Meeting is a result of many people's work! Here is a guide on how your group can read and use the strategy in preparation for the Annual General Meeting 2022.

The strategy consists of three main areas which are summarized below:

1. Act for human rights. This area contains the human rights areas that during the strategy's period are proposed to be: 1) Freedom of expression and the public room, 2) Women's rights, 3) Refugee and migrant rights, 4) The right to health and housing, and 5) Climate justice.

2. Create an unstoppable movement. This part is about us as an organization and our role in Sweden today. The focus is proposed to be: 1) Sharing our power and being an equal, anti-racist organization, 2) Leadership, 3) Local organization and 4) Strengthening the voices of others.

3. Inspire commitment and loyalty. This part is about fundraising.

This is a short summary. Feel free to read the whole strategy!

The strategy confirms the change we as an organization are already in and have been for a few years now. Amnesty still have the same soul and heart as when we started in 1961, but as an organization we have undergone major changes. Because we want to continue to be a progressive organization, challenge the outside world and contribute to real change in terms of human rights, we have had to develop and change.

In the strategy, we see some topics that are relatively new, but which we have been working on for a few years. They are mainly about climate justice and the technological development and challenges of human rights. For us as an organization, the strategy confirms new ways of working and methods such as that we work against violations of human rights in the world, including in Sweden. It confirms the change we have been working on to become an equal organization, but also highlights the importance of being a clear anti-racist organization.

Our history and where we stand today is important to have with us when we make decisions at the Annual General Meeting!

Prepare with the group!

The strategy will apply until 2030 and guide our work for many years. It is important that everyone reads, thinks and attends the Annual General Meeting.

Prepare yourself by:

1. Reading the strategy!
2. Reflecting together in the group. What is good? What is less good? What changes do you want to see?
3. Seeing the big features. At the Annual General Meeting, we want conversations about the main features of the strategy and not details. Do you see linguistic errors? Email them to gustaf.hedman@amnesty.se
4. Come to the information meeting and talk to the board and others about the proposed strategy (see invitation below)!

Remember! Amnesty Sweden is part of the global Amnesty movement where each section has one vote in the highest decision-making body, the Global Assembly. Each section has to follow the democratically made decisions. The proposed strategy for Amnesty Sweden is based on the international strategy that the Global Assembly decided on during last autumn. The international strategy sets a clear framework for what is possible to change in the proposed strategy. Please read it here:

<https://aktivism.amnesty.se/policy-riktlinjer/verksamhetsstrategi-2022-2030/>

If you have questions about the Annual General Meeting you can email christoffer.wisberg@amnesty.se. If you have questions about the content or process of the strategy, please contact gustaf.hedman@amnesty.se. Do you have other questions about this process, email ida.wistbacka@amnesty.se.

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Information meeting about the strategy

Are you curious about Amnesty Sweden's upcoming strategic period? We are now inviting you to an information meeting about the proposal for the strategy for the period 2022-2030. On 20 April, you can meet Clara Gustafsson and Mehjar Azzouz from the board, as well as Anna Johansson, the secretary general of Amnesty Sweden. They will talk about the proposed strategy and offer an opportunity to talk about the content and prepare for decisions at the Annual General Meeting.

Register here:

<https://aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/anmalan-till-infomote-om-verksamhetsstrategin/>

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Annual General Meeting 2022

The Annual General Meeting 2022 is coming up! This year, the meeting's opening will be studio broadcasted, there will be an inspiring panel discussion, workshops, interesting motions and decision making regarding the strategy of 2022-2030.

The Annual General Meeting will open 9 May and closes 15 May, and will be held through Zoom. There is no fee to participate and all members are welcome to join! Sign up here: amnesty.se/arsmote.

This year's international guest is Chiara Liguori, expert within climate and human rights at Amnesty's international secretariat. The theme of Chiara's talk will be how we can contribute to a sustainable solution to climate change. Chiara will speak at the opening of the Annual General Meeting, as well as participate in the panel discussion.

Annual General Meeting 2022: Important dates

Here the important dates of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is summarized:

- Thursday 28 April and Tuesday 3 May, 18:00-19:00: Training session regarding the meeting platforms.
- Monday 9 May, 17:00-21:00: First day of AGM.

- The meeting opens, international guest, Amnesty's work 2021, panel discussion with guests, presentation and questions regarding the strategy 2022-2030.
- Tuesday 10 May, 18:00-19:30
 - Workshop with the review committee, presentation and questions to the candidates for positions of trust.
- Wednesday 11 May, 18:00-21:00
 - Preparation of motions
- Thursday 12 May, 18:00-21:00
 - Preparation of motions
- Sunday 15 May, 13:00-17:00: Second day of AGM.
 - Introduction, decision making, election to positions of trust, activist awards, AGM closes.

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Nominate last year's groups and activists!

The Great Creativity Award. This award is given to 2021's most creative activity in relation to the section's Days of Action. The award aims to take notice of creative ideas that are worth sharing. The Great Creativity Award of 2020 was handed out to Latinamerikagruppen who stood up for the right to abortion by arranging a full campaign week.

The Great Activity Award. This award is handed out to the organizers of 2021's best activity in relation to the section's Days of Action. A good activity focuses on influence, dissemination and commitment. The Great Activity Award of 2020 was handed out to Amnesty Sápmi for their successful work on highlighting Sápmi rights.

The Great Commitment Award. This award is handed out to an individual who has put their heart and soul into Amnesty. This award does not only include one's commitments during 2021 - it is rather a "lifetime award". The Great Commitment Award of 2020 was handed out to Peter Nässén for over 40 years of activism and hard work for human rights in China.

If you know any activist or activity which is worth taking notice of - please nominate them! Send your nomination to julia.karlsson@amnesty.se. The deadline is April 18 and your nomination needs to include: The name of the activist/group who you want to nominate, a description of the activity and/or an individual's commitments, and a short motivation on why you believe this activity/activist should receive the award.

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New introductory training sessions: Amnesty A and Amnesty B!

Our introductory training sessions (earlier known as Amnesty ABC) are now up and running in a new, updated version!

Amnesty A is a first introduction to Amnesty as an organization, and the Swedish section. We go through how the organization works, what human rights issues we work with and what activists can do.

Amnesty B looks more deep into our human rights issues that have been mentioned during Amnesty A. We look at the organization's commitment, independence, work methods, equality work, global and national strategy and it's meaning for activism in Sweden.

For all dates and where to sign up, visit aktivism.amnesty.se/ab/

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Back to the office!

Since the last updates from the Public Health Agency, we now can view the secretariats' offices as our common meeting space again! Feel free to have your group meetings there, or swing by for a coffee! We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

/Activist coordinators