



INSATS JUNE 2022 (NR.5) ENGLISH SUMMARY

CALENDAR:

4 MAY- 9 SEPTEMBER – Election Campaign
MAY- SEPTEMBER- Local Pride Festivals
27 JUNE- 1 JULY - Nordic Youth Conference
17 AUGUST – Election Campaign Meeting
17 SEPTEMBER - Amnesty A English

UPDATE: AHMADREZA DJALALI

Those of us who follows what happens to death sentenced Ahmadreza Djalali in Iran, noted with joy that May 21 passed without Iran carrying out the threat of execution. Ahead of that Saturday, Iranian state television had once again shown a clipped version of the propaganda film containing Djalali's forced "confession". This was very worrying as Iran often does so in the face of the execution of a person. Fortunately, this did not happen that weekend, but the danger of him being executed is still very great. In recent weeks, Amnesty has published several statements and documents addressing Ahmadreza's situation, and the cynicism of Iran's use of hostages. See example below:

<https://www.amnesty.se/press-och-media/>

We continue our work to stop the execution and release him. It is important to pay attention to Ahmadreza's situation in the coming weeks, share Amnesty's statements on social media, write submissions and encourage people to sign Amnesty's name collection. Feel free to act on the flash action below, and address it to the Iranian Embassy, either by email or regular letter:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/>

Email Address:

iranemb.sto@mfa.gov.ir

Postal address:

Embassy of Iran
P.O. Box 6031
181 06 Lidingö



ELECTION CAMPAIGN-FOCUS ON POLITICIANS

The election is rapidly approaching and drawing attention to human-rights issues is ever more important. Now, as we are getting charged for the final campaigning, we are turning our attention toward politicians.

CAMPAIGN MEETING AUGUST 17TH

How do you effectively question candidates? What are the important dates to keep in mind? What ideas do we have before the final push? We will also discuss the coming collection of signatures. Come join in the brainstorming and pep!

What: Digital campaign meeting

When: 17 August 18.00 - 19.30

How: Sign up here: aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/anmalan-till-kampanjtraff-for-valplattformen/

ORDER MATERIALS!

It's time to order campaign materials! These materials contain information about the campaign and the four focus areas. The following materials are available:

*Question form: A form prepared with questions for politicians in campaign booths.

*Campaign poster: Our "Inget Val" ("No Choice") poster that can be set up in schools and on poster pillars, for example.

*Petition list: In August, we are organizing a petition directed at the incoming government, reminding them to hold their promise to respect human rights.

Order materials here: aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/valplattformen-materialbestalling/

Not signed up for the campaign yet? Do so here: aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/-till-valplattformen-2022/



ELECTION CAMPAIGNING AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Are you a youth activist group? Prior to the election, most high schools organize school elections. Take the opportunity to act with the election campaign! For example, if your school is visited by party representatives, question them with the help of our question form. This is also a great opportunity to collect signatures, deck the halls with the "Inget Val" poster, and recruit new members.

PRIDE 2022 - MARCH FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

The right to live according to one's sexual orientation and gender identity is a fundamental human right, but all around the world LGBTQ+ people face harassment, persecution, discrimination and violence because of who they are and whom they love.

TAKE ACTION DURING PRIDE!

It's summer and that means Pride festivals are getting underway around the country and the world! It is an important time for us to draw attention to the human-rights violations LGBTQ+ people endure every day, so make sure that your group takes part in shining Amnesty's light during your local Pride festival! Set up a tent, don your vests, let folks know about Amnesty's work and mobilize people for our LGBTQ+ network. Take part in the Pride parades and march for those who can't!

MATERIALS

On our activist portal (aktivism.amnesty.se/hbtqi/) you can find a wide variety of materials linked to LGBTQ+ rights. You can find, for example, demonstration posters, regular posters and information sheets that can be printed out and taken to your local festivals.

SIGN UP!

Will your group take part in Pride this summer? Make sure to sign up for the campaign! Signing up makes it easier for us to send you materials, updates and other important information about Pride and LGBTQ+ rights. If you've already planned out what you'll do, please let us know using this form: aktivism.amnesty.se/forms/vi-kommer-agera-under-pride-2022/

Together, we're standing up for LGBTQ+ rights!



YEARLY REPORT ON THE DEATH PENALTY

Amnesty's yearly report on the death penalty is now published. During 2021, Amnesty reported 579 executions in 18 countries. This is a 20% increase from the previous year, but it is also the second lowest number of executions Amnesty has reported since 2010. Read the entire report for 2021 [here!](#)

You can find information about our report on the death penalty here:

aktivism.amnesty.se

QUESTIONS AND IDEAS?

Contact our program coordinator: Fartun Andersson Ramnemo, fartun.andersson-ramnemo@amnesty.se

NOTES ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

The year's biggest forum for members' influence is concluded. Amnesty's members have decided on 11 motions and proposals and have, among other things, charged the board with clarifications and changes in policy documents as well as the now-ratified activity strategy for 2022-2030.

THE ANNUAL MEETING'S NEW FORMAT

This year, we've tried out some new methods, including broadcasting the opening day from a studio and using digital tools to facilitate decision-making and preparation. We'll use what we've learned, as well as participants' thoughts and opinions, to make next year's meeting even better!

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN NUMBERS

- 160 members eligible to vote registered
- 100 of whom participated in the meeting
- 27 people elected to positions of trust
- 19 of whom were voted in for the first time!

Members sent in no fewer than eight motions and the board left six proposals, which amounts to 14 motions (ten of which were dealt with during the meeting; four of which were rescinded).



DECISIONS

The yearly meeting's decisions will be available in their entirety when the protocol is uploaded and sent out. Here's a selection of what was decided upon:

- Updated principles for compensation for positions of trust according to Skatteverket's guidelines
- Changes in regulations pertaining to personal representation on the steering board: two representatives rather than one with a stand-in.
- Membership fees remain 240SEK for full paying members (160 for partially paying members and free for members under 18)
- The yearly meeting's protocol will be available 30 days after the meeting, instead of 10 weeks (as previously)
- The steering committee was tasked with reviewing guidelines for consumption of alcohol given that Amnesty Sweden does not pay for alcohol.

OUR NEW ACTIVITY STRATEGY

"Making Noise, Defending Lives" - The Annual Meeting in May decided to accept the proposal for the Swedish activity strategy for 2022-2030 that the section leadership put forth, with a few changes. The focus is now on accomplishing what we've agreed on.

THREE IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE ACTIVITY STRATEGY:

- Working to become an anti-racist organization is going to demand patience, long-sightedness and attention to our own actions. Amnesty's international secretariat has produced an anti-racist framework that will soon be implemented globally. The anti-racist framework stands on three pillars: symbolic changes ("what we see"), attitudinal changes ("what we believe") and structural changes ("what we do") and pertains to us as an organization, those with whom we work and our outreach work (culture-community-campaigns).
- Becoming an unstoppable movement with "people power". Our new activity strategy clearly shows that we want to remain being a grassroots democratic movement based on participation. The concept "people power" does not only mean that we are many who work together. It also means that those of us with power and influence share that power and make space for others; that we all take responsibility for the organization and its development; and that we become a movement for human rights that is driven by the many, not the few.



- Amnesty International has its origins in acting on behalf of citizens' and political rights. Thus it was founded in 1961. However, for many years, we have been advocating that human rights are seen as indivisible and interdependent and that they are therefore universal. Our new activity strategy gives us several important tasks. First, that we hold fast to the principle that human rights are indivisible and interdependent. Second, that we strive to highlight that the work we do for human rights on local, national and global levels is closely linked.

P.S. Have a great summer! Do you have any thoughts, questions, or feedback? Get in touch with: anna.johansson@amnesty.se.

THE WINNERS OF THE ACTIVISTPRIZES 2021

ACTIVITY AWARD 2021

Winner: Student group in Uppsala & Stockholm district, for their work in supporting migrant workers' rights in Qatar, in advance of the World Cup in Qatar.

CREATIVITY AWARD 2021

Winner: Kollektiv Sorg, for creating space for sharing of experience and collecting healing for those affected by street violence

ENGAGEMENT PRIZE 2021

Winner: Ulla Lind, for her tireless work as district representative in Kalmar-Kronoberg

ACTIVIST MATERIALS DURING THE SUMMER

Do you need materials during the summer? Distribution will be closed between 17 June and 25 July, so make sure to send in our orders for the summer before then!

Campaign-related materials will still be sent out.

QUESTIONS DURING THE SUMMER

If you have questions about contributions, activities or otherwise during the summer, feel free to get in touch with:

engagemang@amnesty.se



DIGITAL INTRODUCTORY TRAINING AMNESTY A ENGLISH

There is still a chance to sign up for the autumn's first educational opportunity! Sign up and don't forget to let other members, friends and acquaintances know about it too!

Amnesty A is an introduction to Amnesty International and its Swedish chapter. We'll go through how the organization is structured, which questions we deal with and what you can do as an activist with us. The training is suitable for those who have just joined the organization (in a group or network, for example) and those who simply want to know about Amnesty and how they can get engaged.

Scheduled: 7 September 18-20 Language: English

More information and the sign-up form are available via the activist portal

(aktivism.amnesty.se/ab)