

Insats, English Summary, #4 April 2021

Calendar

- April 14: Deadline to register for the National Youth Meeting
- April 15: Movie screening and panel discussion about The Dissident
- April 18: Activist Award nomination deadline
- April 21: Release of the Death Penalty Report
- April 22: Amnesty A in English
- April 24-25: The National Youth Meeting
- April 26: Deadline to register for the Annual General Meeting
- April 27: Meeting to brainstorm: The right to adequate housing
- April 29: Education: Everything you need to know before the Annual General Meeting
- May 3-9: The Annual General Meeting
- May 17: Amnesty B and C
- May 28: Amnesty turns 60 years!

The FIFA World Cup in Qatar - a party for EVERYONE?

In relation to the start of the European qualification matches on March 22, Amnesty has launched an international campaign about the World Cup in Qatar 2022. The campaign highlights the migrant workers situation in Qatar and it will run from March 2021 to the summer of 2023!

The situation in Qatar: 95% of Qatar's workforce are migrant workers. They are building the arenas, roads and subways, will work in the transport, hotel and restaurant industry and with security on site. Everyone who travels to Qatar during the World Cup will be taken care of by migrant workers during their stay. Despite the fact that Qatar has implemented several reforms to improve the situation, thousands of migrant workers are still being subjected to harassment and are still being exploited by their employers.

FIFA: During the first part of the campaign we will focus on FIFA. FIFA has a responsibility to take action when people who work in different World Cup-projects are being exposed to work-related violations. Therefore, FIFA has to use its influence to call for Qatar to protect all migrant workers!

Amnesty demands that FIFA:

- Makes sure that human rights are being respected in both the organization and the execution of the World Cup.
- Together with Qatar, ensures that all workers who have been injured in a World Cup-related project are compensated correctly.
- Uses its influence to demand that Qatar implements its reforms before the start of the World Cup, and that the implementation applies to all workers who are linked to the tournament.
- Publicly commits to include human rights criterias and a due diligence-process when selecting future host countries for the FIFA World Cup.

Take action!

Many ideas on how to take action were presented during the planning meeting with our activists. These are ways you can take action right now:

- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper. You can find more information on [aktivism.amnesty.se/vm](https://www.amnesty.se/aktivism)
- Share the campaign on your social media platforms, give FIFA a red card and tag FIFA World Cup.
- Start making plans on how you can take action during the qualification matches this autumn.
- Participate in upcoming planning meetings. You can find more information on [aktivism.amnesty.se/vm](https://www.amnesty.se/aktivism)

If you have any questions, please contact Karin Ledin da Rosa / karin.darosa@amnesty.se or Ellinor Hagman / ellinor.hagman@amnesty.se

We need more people who visit the Swedish Migration Agency's detention centre!

The visits to the Swedish Migration Agency's detention centre is a very important part of Amnesty's work for the rights of refugees and migrants. Our visitors meet people who have been deprived of their liberty in anticipation of their deportation from Sweden. The visitors contribute with a compassionate support and make sure that the detainee's fundamental human rights are being respected. As a detention visitor, you are a part of a group who, in addition to carrying out the visits together, is in regular contact with the refugee and migration team at the secretariat. The groups and the team at the secretariat also meet a few times a year to learn from and share knowledge with each other.

We are now looking for more people who want to be a part of a group in Gothenburg, Gävle, Märsta and Åstorp. We would also like to start new groups in Flen and Ljungbyhed.

To become a detention visitor, you need to participate in a basic education on Amnesty's work on refugees and migrants. Thereafter, you apply for the role of a visitor and join a group.

If you want to know more about the visits, please contact Ellinor Hagman and Madelaine Seidlitz at flykting@amnesty.se

Human rights are my pride

Regarding the rights of LGBTQI people, Pride is the highlight of the year. It is now time to start making the plans for this year's campaign! This year, World Pride will be celebrated in Copenhagen and Malmö City, although it is uncertain what the celebrations will look like due to the current pandemic. However, this does not prevent us from paying attention to the ways the rights of LGBTQI people around the world are being violated. Are you and your group interested in participating in the planning of this year's Pride campaign? Or are you interested in participating in the campaign? Please contact Makda Tesfamichael / makda.tesfamichael@amnesty.se

This year we will sell Pride-bracelets and are in need of your help with sending the bracelets. It is a simple and fun activity for you who want to contribute to the work with fundraising. If you want to help, and live in Stockholm, please contact Kim Gynnerstedt / kim.gynnerstedt@amnesty.se.

Take action during the release of our annual death penalty report!

On April 21, Amnesty International's annual death penalty report will be released. The report describes how the death penalty has been used over the world this past year. In relation to this release, we will also publish a kit created for groups who want to take action. In the kit, you will find important information about the death penalty and different types of materials needed to be able to action!

Here are a few tips on activities that you can be inspired by:

Events - arrange a digital movie night, a digital panel discussion or have an exhibition at your local museum or library where you show pictures of executed people's last meals. Mölndal City Museum will, in collaboration with Amnesty, set up the exhibition "The Last Meal" on April 13, 2021.

Social media - share information or encourage people to take action.

Write submissions, debate articles and letters.

You can find more tips on how you can take action on Aktivistportalen:

<https://aktivism.amnesty.se/delta-i-en-aktion/dodsstraff/>. If you want to brainstorm ideas or have any questions, please contact Johanna Åkeby / johanna.akeby@amnesty.se

Invitation to a movie screening and panel discussion - a new documentary about Jamal Khashoggi

In October 2018, the Saudi Arabian journalist and government critic Jamal Khashoggi was assassinated at the Saudi Arabian consulate in Istanbul. The documentary "The Dissident", which follows the Khashoggi case, has now had its release. Do not miss the opportunity to watch the film and listen to the panel discussions with experts from Amnesty!

On April 15 at 6-7 PM, Amnesty Norway will arrange a digital panel discussion on how Saudi Arabia operates abroad and how they persecute and monitor human rights defenders, even outside of the country's borders. The conversation will be broadcast live on Facebook. You can find more information and the link you need for renting the documentary in the [Facebook-event](#). The cost for streaming the documentary is 60 SEK and you can watch it 24 hours before and 24 hours after the panel discussion. All proceeds will go to Amnesty Norway. The panel discussion will be held in English.

You can find more information on the film "The Dissident" here:

<https://thedissident.com/?fbclid=IwAR1-wnAk6AYXUuI70DG6oThgoaB9wknb6LL8mJ4cZ7OCII9YaZ14BM3hbSk>

If you have any questions, please contact Elin Prestgaard / elin.prestgaard@amnesty.se

The right to adequate housing: how do we continue our work?

Amnesty has worked with the right to adequate housing in Sweden for a couple of years now. The work has especially been in relation to vulnerable EU citizens and the situation of homeless people during the pandemic. We are currently writing a response to the report "A Common Concern" by the Swedish Commission on Equality. In our response, we have

chosen to focus on the proposals that deal with combating inequality in the housing market in Sweden. The response will be sent on April 12.

How will we continue our work after this and how can we include activism? On April 27 at 6.00-7.30 PM, you can join a meeting to brainstorm new ideas! If you want to participate in the meeting, please register on Aktivistportalen: <https://aktivism.amnesty.se/ratt-till-bostad/> / Marianne Gyllenpistol

Are you interested in corporate accountability, climate change and human rights?

Look this way!

We are in the startup process of the work for an equal climate change which is also sustainable from a human rights perspective. The work will cover companies, human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples. If you want to know more, please contact Marianne Gyllenpistol / marianne.gyllenpistol@amnesty.se

Are you familiar with the strategy for equality?

Equality is a prioritised area of work in our organisation. For this reason, in March 2021, Amnesty Sweden started a Council for Equality, which will help broaden the work on equality so that it reaches more parts of the organisation. The council consists of activists and aims to be a link between our members and various bodies of the organisation. The council's long-term goal is to contribute to the activist's work on equality.

The council is still looking for more members and everyone is welcome to apply, although it is preferable if you have knowledge on equality issues. If you are interested in joining the council, please contact Christoffer Wisberg / christoffer.wisberg@amnesty.se

Best regards, Marcus Karlén, Annika Andersson, Helen Hassan and Sofia Hallqvist / Jamlikhetsradet@amnesty.se

Do not miss this spring's National Youth Meeting!

The digital National Youth Meeting will be held between April 24-25 and is meant for those of you who are part of a youth group. No prior knowledge is necessary and it does not matter how long you have been a part of Amnesty. The theme of this year's youth meeting is facial recognition technology and the upcoming campaign "Ban the Scan". The last day to register is April 14. You register on aktivism.amnesty.se/ungdomstraff

If you have any questions, please contact Christoffer Wisberg / christoffer.wisberg@amnesty.se / 070-987 04 63

The Annual General Meeting of 2021

The exciting Annual General Meeting is quickly getting closer, we are hoping that you want to participate! The meeting will be divided into several evenings. The Annual General Meeting opens on Monday, May 3, and ends on Sunday, May 9 (there will be no meetings on Friday and Saturday).

There will be three workshops and two guest speakers: Mohamedou Ould Salahi from Mauritania, who was imprisoned in Guantánamo for 14 years without a trial, will talk about Guantánamo and the fight to close Guantánamo, and Derrick 'Dwreck' Ingram from the

United States who will talk about Black Lives Matter, his activism and the connection to the Ban the Scan campaign.

Participating in the Annual General Meeting is free for all members. You can find the invitation and registration on the following website: amnesty.se/årsmöte.

The program for Amnesty Sweden's digital Annual General Meeting of 2021

Thursday, April 29, 6-7.30 PM - Education: Everything you need to know before the Annual General Meeting

Monday, May 3, 5.00-8.00 PM - Day 1 of the Annual General Meeting

4.00 PM	The login for the meeting opens
5.00-5.45 PM	The Annual General Meeting opens
5.45-6.00 PM	Break
6.00-7-15 PM	The Amnesty-year of 2020
7.15-7.25 PM	Break
7.25-8.00 PM	Presentation of the ones nominated for Leadership Positions
8.15-9.00 PM	International guest: Mohamedou Ould Salahi

Tuesday, May 4, 6.00-7.30 PM - Workshop on how more members can work on urgent actions.

Wednesday, May 5, 6.00-8.00 PM - The Preparatory Committee

Thursday, May 6, 6.00-7.30 PM - Questioning of the candidates for the Leadership Positions

Sunday, May 9, 1.00-7.00 PM - Day 2 of the Annual General Meeting

12.00 AM	The login for the meeting opens
1.00-2.00 PM	Workshop on the next strategic period
2.00-2.15 PM	Break
2.15-3.15 PM	Workshop on member democracy
3.15-3.30 PM	Break
3.30-3.40 PM	Introduction
3.40-4.45 PM	The decisions of the Annual General Meeting
5.00-5.30 PM	Election
5.30-6.00 PM	Break
6.00-6.40 PM	International Guest: Derrick 'Dwreck' Ingram
6.40-7.00 PM	End

/ Karin Ledin da Rosa

Do not forget to nominate to the activist awards before the Annual General Meeting!

Make sure to nominate the person or group that you think deserves some more attention during the award ceremony at the Annual General Meeting of 2021. You will find more information about each award category and what you need to include in your nomination, in the March issue of *Insats*.

The deadline for submitting nominations is April 18. Send your nominations to Julia Karlsson / julia.karlsson@amnesty.se

The board informs

- At an international level, we are currently designing the organization's global work strategy, which will direct all of our work. The suggested areas of focus for the upcoming years are freedom of expression, freedom of association, equality and discrimination. The strategy proposes that 80 percent of our work should focus on these areas. The strategy will apply from 2022-2030 and will be decided this summer.
- The Swedish section has performed relatively well in 2020, despite the covid-19 restrictions. The board can state that the pandemic has affected us - the work has become a little less extensive and it has been difficult to recruit members through face2face. Although, the board has a good plan for how to increase our income for the future.
- Amnesty has been mentioned a lot in the media lately and it has unfortunately not always been positive. We, together with the secretariat, are doing our best to continue the work of making Amnesty an inclusive workplace and organization. Fortunately, the media have also paid attention to our regular work, like that with the situations in Belarus and Myanmar.
- The Annual General Meeting:
 - The meeting will be held online this year.
 - We have only received two motions from groups and members this year. Since both motions raise important issues, we hope that the motions will start interesting discussions. To encourage this, the participants of the Annual General Meeting will be able to participate in a workshop where they can discuss the motion on how we can get better at working with urgent actions.
 - The board also has its own proposals. Among other things, we propose that the members who are employed by the secretariat should not have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting, as this may give rise to conflict of interest situations and employees have the opportunity to influence the organization in other ways.
 - The board will also arrange a workshop on how we can strengthen the democracy in the organization. During the Annual General Meeting of 2020, only 100 people participated. As this raises the question of whether these participants are representing the organization in a good way and what we can do to increase the influence of activists and members.

/ Michael Falk, member of the board

About not being interviewed, or denied an interview in Amnesty Press

Dear members,

This concerns the latest issue of Amnesty Press and the part called “The Crisis on Amnesty part 2”, in which it is claimed that I did not come forward in an interview. I have had an email conversation with Amnesty Press, where I explained that I believe that I have been interviewed and have not denied participating in an interview. I did send my answers to the interview questions regarding the General Secretary's departure. Therefore, I do not agree that I did not come forward in an interview.

The answers I had sent were exactly the same as the answers I had given to other parts of the media, and at times I did also answer these questions through emails and sometimes even through text messages. I have nothing more to add about the previous General Secretary's departure. Moreover, after my email conversation with Amnesty Press, I now understand that they did not consider the way I answered the questions as an interview. I also understand their perspective that it is not journalism when someone sends their answers as I did. Although, my point is that even if we had spoken over the phone, my answers would still have been exactly the same. In my world, I was answering interview questions and was therefore interviewed.

Best regards,
Parul Sharma
Chairman of Amnesty Sweden

It is time to nominate candidates for the international leadership positions

The International Nominations Committee is currently looking for candidates for the following leadership positions in Amnesty International:

- International Board (4 posts)
- Chair of the Global Assembly and Preparatory Committee (1 post)
- Global Assembly Preparatory Committee (3 posts)
- International Nominations Committee (3 posts)

You can read more about each leadership position on medlem.amnesty.se/internationellt.

The board will decide on any of the nominations on their board meeting on April 29.

If you are interested in candidating, please contact Lina Jakobsson /

lina.jakobsson@amnesty.se. **The deadline is April 18.**

Sign up for our digital introductory training!

Amnesty A is an introductory training for our new activists in Amnesty and for those who are new within the organization. The education includes information about Amnesty's vision, what issues we work with and the methods we use in our work. Please, tell every new member of your group about the education, or participate yourself and refresh your own knowledge! The education will be online on April 22 between 6-8 PM. It will be held in English.

Sign up at aktivism.amnesty.se/abc. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Karlsson / 070-914 46 81 / julia.karlsson@amnesty.se

MR-dagarna April 19-21 - Amnesty will be there!

The Human Rights Days, taking place April 19-21 in Uppsala, will be held online this year and contains over 100 events. This year's theme discusses the current question "Human Rights - a question of where you live?" Amnesty will of course be on site and are going to host two panel discussions and one mini-seminar.

Please do not forget to visit us in our digital booth. In the digital booth you have the opportunity to chat with us, watch short films, take quizzes and take action. Just like it usually is. When you book a ticket through us, you get up to 10% discount! Click on the [link](#) for more info.

We are looking forward to these interesting and instructive days together!