

Minutes for Activist Meeting at 7 p.m. 13. September 2016

1. Choosing the Secretary and Moderator

Secretary: Peter

Moderator: Edgar

2. Approval of the agenda

Approved.

3. Present

Edgar, Emma, Michelle, Laura, Liza, Malene, Lars, Peter, Samira, Mirela, Tiffany, Farah.

Recent activities:

4. 15. August: AIAAU group making Amnesty prints on T-shirts at Huset in Hasserisgade

- The group printed T-shirts, but have some print leftovers for others to use – all you need is a white cotton T-shirt.

- The group is planning to repeat this activity.

5. 20. August: Volunteer Fair at Gammel Torv

- It was positive that we had brought a quiz about human rights, since it allowed people to do something active and become involved - instead of only receiving materials and information from us. In general we ought to have activities that makes interaction with people easier, like quizzes and games. Furthermore we can have small prizes (e.g. merchandise like Amnesty pins).

6. 28. August: Potluck Picnic at Egholm

- This was meant as a social outing to Egholm, but because of the weather the event was changed into a potluck movie Sunday.

- To make it easier for people to participate in the next social event - by not having to bring food - we will meet at Café 1000Fryd on a Tuesday to enjoy their vegan menu. Peter will create a Doodle-poll with dates to choose from.

7. 3. Sep.: Meet the World at Karolinelund

- Lars, Samira and Peter were there, but not as representatives for Amnesty. However, the event had a multicultural theme and was visited by a lot of people, so we should try to participate next year.

8. 7. Sep.: Human Rights Café at Amnesty about refugees

- Because of IT-problems the planned programme for the evening wasn't executed. Instead the participants talked about the refugee campaign.

9. Other recent activities?

- Samira presented the important points from an Integration Council meeting in Kolding with public figures such as the Aalborg Mayor and the Integration Minister.

Upcoming events / ideas:

10. Sep.-Dec.: The Refugee campaign

For now we only have information about Amnesty's "Week of Action" activity:

On 19 September there will be a summit at the United Nations. The purpose of the meeting is to reach an agreement on how the current emergency with 21 million refugees should be handled - and how to allocate responsibility. Therefore Amnesty has launched a campaign for the rights of refugees right up to the summit with a "Week of Action" from 12.-18.

September. Within this period activists can use chalk and stickers to promote the "#I Welcome" campaign logo and hashtag.

- Peter will post all the background information for the campaign in the Facebook group.
- Laura, Liza and Lars will coordinate a mini-action Wednesday 14. Sep. after 2.30 p.m.
- Edgar will coordinate a mini-action Saturday 17. Sep. at about 5 p.m.
- Suggested places for mini-actions: Nordkraft, Park at Kennedys Plads, AAU
- Upload your photos to social media and to Peter at frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk
- Emma and maybe Mirela will work on a press release after the Week of Action
- Hans have asked Amnesty Denmark about planned activities regarding "integration benefits" within the refugee campaign.

11. 28. Sep.: Network meeting about refugees at De Frivilliges Hus

- Samira and Peter will participate and establish contacts regarding our refugee campaign and our "Walk for Friendliness" on 10. December.

12. 29. Sep., 7 p.m.: Human Rights Café at Amnesty

- Samira will decide whether this Human Rights Café should be about refugees or about Amnesty's policy to protect the human rights of sex workers. Samira will contact the KO-group about this. Afterwards Peter will create a public Facebook event for the café.

13. 30. Sep., 3 p.m.: Frivillig Fredag from Torvet in Nørresundby

- All activists are encouraged to participate in this celebration of voluntariness. We should use this to promote the Amnesty name with Amnesty T-shirts, badges, banners etc.

Peter will create this as a public event on Facebook.

14. 12. Oct. the New to North Denmark Fair at Nordkraft

- Samira has information about the fair and whether we can have a stall there. Peter will ask Samira, if she can coordinate this event.

15. 5. Nov. Campaignseminar in Odense

- The campaignseminar in Odense is free and open to everyone who wants to do human rights activism. There will be two main themes this year: The refugee campaign and activism. Furthermore an interpretation opportunity will be available.
- Peter will find out, whether non-members of Amnesty will be reimbursed for transport.
- Peter will create this as an event on Facebook with all info needed about signing up etc.

16. 15. Nov.-Dec.: Write for Rights marathon

- The planning group will have their first meeting on Friday 16. Sep. at 3.30 p.m. at the office in Danmarksgade 7.
- If you are interested in joining the planning group, mail Edgar at beactive@amnesty-aalborg.dk
- The planning group are thinking about combining the Write for Rights marathon with the "Walk for Friendliness" on 10. Dec. Lars suggested that we make the "Walk for Friendliness" more international (songs in English, "Walk for Friendliness" instead of "Folkevandringen" etc.) which will also go well with the international Write for Rights campaign.
- Mirela and Emma will work on how to use online interaction games as a tool for this campaign.

17. 15. Nov.-Dec.: Organize a public potluck dinner

- We will probably combine this with our traditional Christmas potluck dinner

18. Other upcoming events / ideas?

- Malene has created an Instagram profile for the AIAAU group. The group plans to use Instagram to create and publicize their upcoming interviews with refugees.
- When we have the resources/activists for it in the Amnesty Aalborg group we should also be active on Instagram and maybe Twitter.
- On 6. October the AIAAU group will have a social gathering to grab the attention of international students and students in general. E.g. by having quizzes and other interactive activities. This could take place at Studenterhuset or Dice 'n' Drinks. The group can get Amnesty materials from the office.
- Edgar will share a link with role play games for human rights. This should provide us with a new resource of activities that we can integrate into our events.
- Lars told about a series of upcoming events about specific countries with Morocco being the next one. These events seem to include food, music and refugees telling their stories. Lars would like to bring some of our materials there and will talk with Emma about this.

Other activities:

19. Face2Face present in Aalborg and at the office in Danmarksgade – status and ideas

- We would like to organize a meeting/workshop/lecture about how to contact people on behalf of Amnesty. However we will await further discussion about this until Trine is present.

- Peter will talk with the Face2Face coordinator about the house rules, with focus being on cleaning and saving electricity.

20. Any other business?

- Peter told about the Amnesty group about Children. The group is in need of Appeal Writers to write template letters for the cases - send a mail to frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk for more info about becoming an Appeal Writer. The cases can be found at <https://www.amnesty.org/en/internal-search/?documentType=Urgent+Action>

21. Date and time of next meeting?

Wednesday 19. October at 7 p.m.

22. Mini Action: After the meeting we kick-started our participation in the upcoming refugee campaign “#I Welcome” by spreading the campaign logo (through stickers and chalk) around Aalborg and taking photos of it.