

Minutes for Activist Meeting at 7 p.m. 16. August 2016

1. Choosing the Secretary and Moderator

Secretary: Peter

Moderator: Peter

2. Approval of the agenda

Approved

3. Present

Trine, Edgar, Mirela, Peter, Samira, Andreas, Farah, Laura, Daniel.

Recent activities:

4. 9. July: Aalborg Pride

We participated in the parade ([see our video here](#)) and with a stall in Karolinelund afterwards. Here we collected [photo signatures for the transgender campaign](#).

However, a couple of the participants at the meeting were also present at Karolinelund at 9. July, but didn't find our stall. So for next Aalborg Pride 2017 we should focus on being more visible.

5. 14. July: Movie "Pride" at Nordkraft

Samira, Andreas and Edgar have seen the movie and recommend it for use for an Amnesty event.

6. 16. July: Board games evening at Dice 'n Drinks

Edgar organized this cozy social event. 1-2 newcomers came, so this may be a good way to attract potential new activists. This is an easy to organize event that we should definitely do again and possibly on a regular basis.

7. 30. July: Diversity Day at Karolinelund

- Vijay organized our participation in this event. We were well-prepared with lots of activities/games for children as well as materials for their parents. However, there were not so many people near the area with the stalls. So for Diversity Day 2017 we should consider somehow being more mobile in Karolinelund instead of having a stall at a specific place.

- To involve both the present children and parents in our activity for next year we could focus on informing parents about being open-minded towards children being different individuals (e.g. in regards to gender identity, disability etc.) e.g. by focusing on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

8. 7. August: Potluck Picnic at Egholm

The event was moved to 28. August. We will meet at Amnesty in Danmarksgade 7 at 11. a.m. [Read more about the event here.](#)

Laura has been at Egholm before and recommends participants taking measures against horse bot flies (hestebremser).

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

The activity has been moved to next Monday 22. August at 2 p.m. at Huset in Hasserisgade. Bring your own T-shirt (100% cotton) or buy one at Huset for 40 DKK. The print costs 20 DKK.

10. Other recent activities?

- At 11. August Samira and Peter were present at "Fix the World Theme: Yemen" organized by Aid Evaluator at Platform 4. In the near future Aid Evaluator will organize more activities with information that could be relevant to Amnesty's refugee campaign.

- At 12. August Samira participated in Ragnhild Hauge's "Venlig på tværs sommerfest" - a social event especially for refugees.

Upcoming events:

11. 20. August, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Volunteer Fair at Gl. Torv

- A lot of volunteers have signed up for [the Volunteer Fair at Facebook here](#). Furthermore Emma, Mirela, Edgar and Samira have signed up via Peter, so we have plenty of people for the event.

- The materials are packed: we have materials about the Amnesty group about Children, roma people, Lifeline, positive news, Youth, Stop Torture/Write for Rights, refugees, transgender etc. We only need Samira to add a flyer about her Café Human Rights and the AIAUU-group to add a flyer/poster about their group.

- Also we still need someone to bake a cake. If you are up for it, send an email to Peter at frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk.

12. Unknown date: Organize a public potluck dinner at Kildeparken

- Since a potluck dinner/garden party have been arranged at 3. September for refugees and others, we should postpone our own public potluck dinner. Instead we encourage Amnesty activists to participate in this potluck dinner called [Meet the World](#). Hopefully we can use

this to create a network that helps us in creating a public potluck dinner – maybe in December instead of our usual internal Christmas potluck dinner.

- Furthermore we will try to find interested and relevant collaborators at the Integration Council (Samira), ElskAalborg (Peter) and the refugee network at De Frivilliges Hus (Samira and Peter).

13. Sep.-Dec.: Refugee campaign

- The main theme for us in the rest of 2016 will be refugees. However, we are still waiting for more information about this campaign from the Secretariat. Also Samira will have a Skype meeting with Simone Hald, the Refugee Campaign Coordinator in Denmark, to acquire more information.

- In spite of the lack of information at the meeting we discussed how we should work with the refugee campaign. There was disagreement about whether we should focus on “integrationsydelsen” as a subject. In the end it was decided that we have a brainstorm and decide on what activities to do, when we get more information about the campaign.

It should be noted though that we have been contacted by a representative for a large group of refugees here in Aalborg having problems with “integrationsydelsen”.

- Also we should work closely together with other relevant organizations for the campaign, e.g. Asylforum Aalborg.

14. 5. November: Campaignseminar in Odense

The campaignseminar is a great place for all activists to meet activists from all over Denmark and learn more about Amnesty. The main focus on the seminar will be the refugee campaign and how to develop our activism. Write the day in your calendar - and [read Hans' blog about his experiences at the campaignseminar in 2015 here.](#)

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

In order to gather a lot of public attention to the Write for Rights cases this year we decided to start the planning process now by putting an activist group in charge of this. Edgar is the main coordinator of this activists group. He creates a mailinglist for people who want to join this activists group.

16. Other upcoming events / ideas?

- At 29. August at 5 - 8 p.m. you can join a hearing entitled “hvordan får flygtninge og indvandrere sundhedsfaglig rådgivning?”. [Read more and sign up here.](#)

- At 7. September at 7 - 10 p.m. Samira has organized a Café Human Rights at the Amnesty office in Danmarksgade 7. The café will offer various things such as lectures, debates, movies, "hygge" and so much more both for the actives as well the curious ones.

- At 12. October the New to North Denmark Fair - a fair for newcomers to North Denmark - takes place at Nordkraft. We should participate, maybe with a stall.

Other activities:

17. Face2Face present in Aalborg and at the office in Danmarksgade - status and ideas

- Trine, who has worked as a facer in Aalborg, was here today as an activist. She could tell that there is probably 2 facers in Aalborg right now. So at this point it is not a big group of people.

- Trine have experience with contacting people about selling Amnesty memberships, while Laura has experience with contacting people as a volunteer in Headspace and others have this experience within Amnesty or other organizations. So we should use these resources to have a meeting/workshop/lecture on about how we contact people on behalf of Amnesty. We will talk about this at the next activist meeting.

18. Any other business?

Edgar suggested that feedback from previous events should be documented regularly. It was agreed that Edgar would create an online document so multiple people write these evaluations.

19. Date and time of next meeting?

13. September at 7 p.m. at the Amnesty Aalborg office in Danmarksgade 7.