

# Minutes for Activist Meeting at 7 p.m. 24. June 2016

## 1. Choosing the Secretary and Moderator

Secretary: Peter

Moderator: Andreas

## 2. Approval of the agenda

Approved.

## 3. Present

Vijay, Daniel, Mirela, Edgar, Christian, Emilie, Samira, Andreas, Peter

### Recent activities:

## 4. The transgender campaign - status

The Parliament has voted for removing transgender people of the list of mental illnesses. We would like to think that this is partly because of our local efforts here in Aalborg collecting a total of 827 signatures. Now the campaign will shift its focus on having transgender people getting a quick and humane treatment at Sexologisk Klinik as well as alternative clinics to go to.

- **Peter** will post more info about the actions for this part of the campaign in the Facebook group.

## 5. 17. May: Human Rights Café (LGBTI) at Amnesty

This was our second Human Rights Café, which was a success with 10 people showing up (including the host Samira) watching a documentary according with the LGBTI-theme.

Read more at the blog at <http://www.amnesty-aalborg.dk/wp/?p=1849>

## 6. 27. May: Amnesty 55 year birthday Lifeline activity

From midday Giedre, Lars, Peter, Mirela and Andreas took turns in the local activism in Aalborg for Amnestys national Lifeline event.

The plan was to distribute Lifeline postcards at the harbour, preferably from a stall.

However, since there were virtually no people there, the activists moved to the area around Nytorv and distributed the postcards there. The postcards were gone quickly though, so there was also time to collect signatures for the transgender campaign.

At the meeting we discussed means to sign people up for the Lifeline network without having to use so many expensive postcards. We should be selective on how we do this, e.g. bring postcards for events, at stall and the like instead of handing them out randomly to busy passersby.

Alternatively we can get people to sign up for the Lifeline network immediately instead of giving them materials.

#### **7. 4. June: Aarhus Pride**

The march lasted for about an hour and had about 5.000 participants. Edgar participated and met the local Amnesty group there. They were not able to make use of the LGBTI exhibition "Love is a human right" (which they got from us) for this particular event.

There are many other prides in both Denmark and abroad, if people want to participate in these.

#### **8. 17. May, 7 p.m.: Human Rights Café (Roma people) at Amnesty**

This was supposed to be our third Human Rights Café. However it was postponed by Samira. The new date is still unsure, but it is expected to be at 7. September.

- When the date is finalized **Samira** writes an event text and sends it to **Peter**, who will create a public Facebook event for the café.

#### **9. 16.-19. June, Folkemøde with Amnesty Denmark at Bornholm**

There were none of our local activists with Amnesty Denmark at Bornholm. If you want a change to participate next year, then go take a look at what it is all about at

<https://amnesty.dk/nyhedsliste/2016/folkemoede2016>

#### **10. 20. June, Folkevandring in Aalborg**

In spite of the bad weather it was a successful event with about a hundred people participating in the walk fra Kennedys Plads, listening to speeches at the harbour and a lot of them listening to music and more speeches at Café Susan Himmelblå afterwards. We should praise ourselves for being flexible when the rain hit as well as getting a lot of media attention from the newspapers (<http://nordjyske.dk/nyheder/06820ee7-fe10-4272-8f63-3aaeea2f5cdd/43/1560>) and TV (<http://www.tv2nord.dk/nyheder/20-06-2016/1930/live-fra->

[aalborg-fra-folkevandring-flygtninges-rettigheder?autoplay=1](http://www.amnesty-aalborg.dk/wp/?p=1868)). Read more at the blog at <http://www.amnesty-aalborg.dk/wp/?p=1868>

However, for the next Folkevandringen in 2017 we need to reconsider, whether we will continue to ban banners from the march, since people bring them anyway or have messages on their clothes. We should also have a plan B ready for if it rains (like having an indoor place for music ready in advance). Furthermore we had a lot of undistributed posters. Finally we should also think about being more specific in our approach to refugees. E.g. focusing on specific subjects like family reunion, start help etc. – be more specific about what we think is wrong. But at the same time bring in positive examples about refugees who have done well.

- We need an evaluation meeting to discuss these things properly and to prepare for next year. **Edgar** will contact **Hans** about when it should be.

#### **11. Other recent activities?**

None.

#### **Upcoming events:**

#### **12. 9. July: Aalborg Pride**

We will participate with our transgender campaign. Maybe by taking photos of people with the transgender symbol drawn on their hands. We can also add the Lifeline campaign.

- **Andreas** creates a Facebook event about Amnesty activists going to the Pride.

- **Edgar** creates a Facebook event about an Amnesty Pride workshop at most likely 3. July. Here we will try to be creative, brainstorm for ideas, prepare signs, paint, think about whether we should have a cake, invite Amnesty Aarhus and Youth activists etc.

- **Peter** contacts Helle Jacobsen about getting the transgender campaign photos from the Amnesty National Meeting earlier in the year to use at Aalborg Pride on a banner.

#### **13. 30. July: Mangfoldighedsdag at Karolinelund**

Network Double Minorities (which Amnesty Aalborg is a part of) participates with a stall from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Peter will represent the network and Amnesty (with some of our materials) at this stall.

We, Amnesty Aalborg, will also participate with our own separate activity, which should be tailored to children and/or refugees, since they are the demographic for Mangfoldighedsdagen (Diversity Day). Suggestions for Amnesty activities: Drawings (that we can use later in the year for the Write for Rights marathon to send to prisoners of conscience) or Amnesty related games for older children (supplied by Andreas).

- **Vijay** have the final say on what we will do. **Daniel** will help out. **Peter** will sign Amnesty up as a participant and create a Facebook event to attract more activists to help out.

#### **14. 7. August: Potluck Picninc at Egholm**

- **Samira** contacts **Hans**, so he can create a Facebook event about it. When this is done **Peter** invites Amnesty Youth and **Andreas** invites the Facers.

#### **15. 20. August, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Volunteer Market at Gl. Torv**

We are signed up for the Volunteer Market, so note the date in you calendars, if you are interested in being part of the stall and maybe create some kind of activity or collect signatures.

- **Peter** creates a Facebook event inviting activists to participate.

- **Samira** expressed interest in baking a cake. We should consider our cake to be gluten free, vegan and/or sugar free.

#### **16. Social events**

- **Edgar** would like to organize board game nights for Amnesty activists as well as other people at a café.

#### **17. Workshop(s)**

- **Edgar** would like to organize workshops related to e.g. online actions. Since we have a lot of activities coming up, he will put this idea on hold for now though.

#### **18. Other upcoming events / ideas?**

- at **8 a.m. 1. July** Mikkel will take a train from Aalborg for a daytrip at the Frøslev Camp, where Amnesty has a little museum. During 2. World War the Frøslev Camp was used by Germany to house Danish prisoners. Read more at <http://amnesty.dk/aktivisme/amnesty-grupper/froeslevlejren> If you want to join the trip or want more info send a mail to [frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk](mailto:frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk).

- At **16 p.m. 15. August** the AIAAU group will go to Huset in Hasserisgade and make Amnesty prints on T-shirts. Bring a T-shirt of your own, if you would like an Amnesty print on one or more of your T-shirts. Ask people in the AIAAU group for more info on price etc.
- Many schools have morning gatherings. We ought to use these opportunities more to reach out to a lot of young people, when we have relevant campaigns/actions. We can contact the Youth Coordinator Pernille Bækkel Jensen about this, when it is relevant.
- We have a broken handcart at our premises. Let Peter know, if you have access to a car and can take come by and bring it to a recycling station for us.
- Samira suggested we have a Human Rights Café for the people living at Park with their rights in Denmark as the theme. We have also discussed this at an earlier meeting and will most likely create such a café in the autumn.

Park at J.F. Kennedys Plads has a lot of activities for the newcomers living there. If you want to do something for/with them go check the infoboard in the café there or join the Facebook group Frivillig på Park at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FrivilligePaaPark/>

- At a date in the summer - but after our Potluck Picnic at Egholm 7. August - we would like to organize a public potluck dinner in Kildeparken. We can invite people from Park for this. Since these people probably have a low budget, we should consider if Amnesty can contribute or whether we should fundraise outside Amnesty. **Samira, Emilie, Mirela and Edgar** will contemplate on this for now.

- **Edgar** will find info on the New to North Denmark Fair at Nordkraft.
- **Peter** will check Markedskalenderen.dk for potential markets that we could be part of.
- **Andreas** will find out whether Helsemessen at AKKC is a place for us to be at.

### Other activities:

#### **19. Face2Face is now present in Aalborg and at the office in Danmarksgade**

Many of the Facers have already joined our Facebook group for activists at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/amnestyaalborg/> and would like to be activists. They are also positive about teaching other Amnesty activists about how to approach people in the streets (e.g. to get a signature) in a workshop. And of course we would also like to invite them to a variety of activities, meetings and social events. This will be the best way to get to know each other and find out how to create a great symbiotic relationship.

**20. Any other business?**

Both Samira and Andreas have become Amnesty speakers. So they can go to schools, businesses etc. to talk about Amnesty or human rights subjects.

**21. Date and time of next meeting?**

Tuesday 16. August at 7 p.m. at the Amnesty Aalborg office in Danmarksgade 7.