

# THE AMNESTY AALBORG ACTIVIST Sep. 15th, 2011

*Activities and opportunities in Amnesty International in Aalborg*

## Events Calendar 2011

From Sep. th..	Exhibition about romanis	The Main Library
07. Sep. 8-11 pm.	Amnesty Concert	Skråen at Nordkraft
07. Sep. 9 pm.-2.30 am.	Democracy Day	Danmarksgade 7, Aalborg
21. Sep. 4-6 pm.	Amnesty lecture	KUL at Nordkraft
28. Sep. 7-10 pm.	Amnesty workshops	KUL at Nordkraft
05. Oct. 7-9.30 pm.	Theater/lecture war in Afghanistan	KUL/Det Hemmelige Teater
Oct.	Theater/lecture about romanis	KUL/Det Hemmelige Teater
Oct.	Lecture "Blod in the mobile"	KUL at Nordkraft
26. Oct. 7.30 pm.	Amnesty meeting	Danmarksgade 7, Aalborg
1.-10. Dec.	Write for Life marathon (letterwriting)	Various locations
10. Dec.	Torch Procession	Aalborg
Dec.	Christmas party	Danmarksgade 7, Aalborg

*Find more details about the specific activities further down in this newsletter - or contact us for more info*

### About Amnesty International

It all began in May 1961, when the British lawyer Peter Benenson sat in London's subway and read a newspaper. Here was an article about two Portuguese students who had been jailed for sitting in a café and toasting to liberty. In response, he wrote the article "The forgotten prisoners" which was published in the British newspaper The Observer on 28th of May 1961. The campaign were to have lasted a year, but the interest was huge, and the task too big to be solved in such a short time. That is the story about how Amnesty International began.

### Who do we help?

In Amnesty International we consider all humans equal and respect the individual's cultural background and religious basis and assumes that all people have equal rights. We work against human rights violations on almost all continents, and struggle for example against capital punishment and torture.

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# Amnesty International

## seeking English speaking activists



Would you like to make a difference for yours, mine and everyone's human rights? Then join Amnesty in Aalborg, Denmark and in the rest of the world!

*Anyone can join! More than 15.000 people in Denmark are already participating actively in Amnesty International's work for human rights!*

**We are very active** in Amnesty in Aalborg! We arrange torch processions, concerts, exhibitions, lectures, movie nights, theater and much more! And we give you the opportunity to work with your ideas, interests and abilities!

You can follow our activities at [www.amnesty-aalborg.dk](http://www.amnesty-aalborg.dk) or the facebook-group "Amnesty International i Aalborg" on Facebook. Here you can also find our online newsletter about upcoming and ongoing events.

### **You can be active in two ways:**

- 1) Coordinator** of a selected project, an activity of a group etc.
- 2) Participant** in an activity as part of a group or alone

You can choose to coordinate or participate in **event-based activities** as an Amnesty concert, theater etc.

Or **function-based activities** where you have a specific function like lecturer, part of a local group, Youth or English-speaking group.

### **How much time should I use?**

We have an Amnesty meeting approx. every other month, but you decide how much time you spend as a volunteer. Some use a few minutes per month through Amnesty Lifeline (sms), while others work several hours every week.

Become active through hard work, fun, distribution of info  
online, by mobile, in Aalborg / Denmark / the World,  
with the pen, brain, heart, and more

### **What do I get out of it?**

- Knowledge of human rights and communication
- Voluntary environment in the world's largest human rights organization
- New skills and training in shaping ideas and realizing them
- Opportunity to participate in exciting activities, lectures and courses

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*Amnesty International works to ensure that the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights is respected everywhere in the world. It is Amnesty International's mission to prevent and put an end to all violations of human rights.*

# ACTIVITY CALENDAR 2011

*If you want to join upcoming Amnesty Aalborg activities then call or text us at 30 20 30 01, mail [frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk](mailto:frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk) or visit us at Danmarksgade 7, Aalborg*



## **From 5th of September there is an Amnesty exhibition at the Main Library in Aalborg about discrimination**

The exhibition is both printed and digital, so keep your eye on the TV screens when you are at the Main Library ☺ For instance you can see some pictures from Amnesty's earlier photo competition on discrimination. The pictures here are positive and beautiful images that show some of man's best sides.



## **7th of September, Amnesty "Unity in Diversity" concert at 8.00 pm. at Skråen in Nordkraft**

The concert focuses on discrimination, with emphasis on discrimination against Roma people. The 4 bands STEBYE, Xylop, Soren Raashou quartet and Broadcast will each play about 30-40 minutes and during the breaks between bands, Amnesty informs about discrimination. There will be attempted to create live feeds of representatives from Romani CRISS in Romania as well as the Amnesty Group Masvingo in Zimbabwe. Entrance fee is DKK 40.

Doors open at 7 pm., the concert starts at. 20 pm.

## **7th of September there is Democracy Day in Danmarksgade 7 fra om 9 am. To 2.30 pm.**

Come by and play the "Democracy Game"!



## **21st of September at 4 - 6 pm. in KUL at Nordkraft there is "Human Rights for 50 years"**

Two law students and a representative of Amnesty International will talk about human rights, and the Amnesty organization and its various campaigns.



**28th of september at 7-10 pm. in KUL at Nordkraft you can participate in 4 different workshops** - These workshops are inspired by Amnesty Internationals "Security with Human Rights" campaign against Torture. People can participate in all workshops. The workshops will in different ways give the people an opportunity for a personal experience and learn about various human rights violations and the solutions to these.

There will be volunteers from Amnesty Aalborg at every workshop.



## **5th of October at 7 – 9.30 pm. Det Hemmelige Teater does a play at KUL about the war in Afghanistan - There will also be a relevant lecture after the play**

The play "A Day in Helmand" is a monologue about the war in Afghanistan. A dramatic and thought-provoking journey into the war's harsh reality. Carsten Jensen has written the screenplay inspired by his travels in Afghanistan.

Director: Jens Svane Boutrup. Choreographer: Kasper Ravnhøj. Starring: Enesto Piga Carbone.

Amnesty Aalborg will then supplement with a lecture addressing the organization's new campaign on torture. Stinne Bech, who is International Coordinator for Amnesty International, will talk about the organization's actions against torture and draw parallels to the play and Afghanistan.



**In October Det hemmelige Teater and KUL does a play about discrimination of Roma people in Europe**

The play is written by the Amnesty Masvingo group in Zimbabwe. The play is about discrimination against Roma people in Europe. After the play there will be a lecture by Tendai Tagarira, a writer originally from Zimbabwe. Today he lives in Denmark because of his criticism of the Mugabe regime.

The date has not been finalized.



**In October KUL a lecture by the man behind "Blood in the mobile" is planned**

In October we hope to present the award-winning director Frank Poulsen, who with his film investigates the shadow side of our consumer society and provides a number of questions: How far does responsibility extend? Does the mobile phone companies feel responsible? Do we as consumers? And what can be done?

Arranged by KUL, in cooperation with Amnesty.

The date has not been finalized.



**26th of October at 7.30 pm. there is a meeting in Amnesty Aalborg in Danmarksgade 7, Aalborg**

The meeting is open to all interested people, just show up! We evaluate on mostly of our activities held in September and October and plan future activities in November and December.



**1-10. of December you can participate in Amnesty's Write For Life Marathon (letter writing)**

**Again** we write letters in the first 10 days of December and ends with lighting torches across the country, also in Aalborg.



**10th of December you can participate in Amnesty's annual torchlight procession**

Every year on December 10th at the UN Human Rights Day Amnesty in Aalborg have a torchlight parade to raise awareness of human rights. Come and join us!



**In December there is a Christmas party – with a toast to liberty!**