

# Minutes for Activist Meeting at 7 p.m. 12. May 2016

## 1. Choosing the Secretary and Moderator

Secretary: Peter

Moderator: Edgar

## 2. Approval of the agenda

Approved.

## 3. Present

Mirela, Edgar, Emma, Peter, Vijay, Christian, Szilard, Samira, Andreas

### Recent activities:

## 4. 30. April – 1. May: The National Meeting

The National Meeting in Nyborg had a lot of interesting talks, seminars, workshops and the congress (voting, decisions and the like). The participants from Aalborg recommends people to attend the National Meeting next year (most likely 29.-30. April 2017).

## 5. 5. May: Good Clean Fun, for everyone

We did a good job, but the fridge could still use some cleaning. Edgar will take a crack at it and Emma will take a look at it after July if something still needs to be done.

## 6. Other recent activities?

- The Transgender campaign is producing results. The Health Minister has promised that if the World Health Organization (WHO) doesn't remove transgender people from the disease list of mental illnesses before autumn, Denmark will do it nationally.

We still need to work with the campaign though to ensure that this promise will be kept as well as to ensure transgender people will receive better treatment in the health system.

- 2. May, Being Transgender: The Amnesty International AAU group (AIAAU) completed their first big transgender event at Aalborg University with 20 students present. They could hear Mia talk about being transgender in a historical point of view, while Mark provided insight in being transgender from his personal experience.

## Upcoming events:

### **7. Currently: Collecting signatures at The Body Shop**

Currently we are collecting signatures for the Transgender campaign at The Body Shop in Gravensgade. Check out the Doodle at <http://doodle.com/poll/vrs66esfapfmranm> to sign up for this activity.

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

The theme for this Human Rights Café will be LGBTI-rights.

Samira has got the rights to show a documentary created by prominent LGBTI activist. Furthermore she hopes to get someone from the local LGBTI community to drop by and tell more about their experiences.

Samira writes a little event text and sends it to Peter, who will add it to the Facebook event.

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

We got the opportunity to be active for Amnesty International at the annual Folkemøde at Bornholm from 16-19. June. If you are interested in more info about this (practical information and what is expected of you) contact Peter ([frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk](mailto:frivillig@amnesty-aalborg.dk)).

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

The planning of Folkevandringen is moving steadily forward. Take a look at the minutes from the last planning meeting at <http://www.amnesty-aalborg.dk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Folkevandringen-10.5.2016.pdf> and see, if you can make a contribution (find donations, market the event, make food for the events etc.).

### **11. 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 and may receive help from Emma, Edgar and Andreas.

- If we are many activists from Amnesty, we should 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 maraton), workshop for refugees about their rights, flash mob to draw attention to the stall.

Andreas will take a look at obtaining materials about the rights of children and refugees.

### **12. 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. Emma, Samira and Mirela expressed interests in participating.

Also we should consider our cake to be gluten free, vegan and/or sugar free.

Peter coordinates the event and creates a Facebook event for it at a later time.

### **13. Around 28. May: Amnesty 55 year birthday Lifeline activity – brainstorm for ideas**

- Samira tries to recruit Søren Bregendahl and Lighthouse X for an Amnesty Lifeline concert in Aalborg. This could combine well with our SMS-network Lifeline activity, since Lighthouse X are currently engaged in a campaign called "Tal ordentligt" with the phone company "Call me".

Samira will call Søren after the Eurovision Song Contest to hear if and when they can (we hope they an some time around 28. May). Samira will then forward the info to Emma, so she can start writing on a press release.

- 27. May, midday-6 p.m.: We distribute Lifeline materials at Jomfru Ane Park at the harbour. Peter asks the municipality for permission to have a stall (a table) where we can have some materials, cake etc.

Peter will also write to the Secretariat about what materials we can expect to get for this Lifeline campaign.

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

- 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/>

- Samira suggested we have a Human Rights Café for the people living at Park with their rights in Denmark as the theme. We will most likely create such a café in the autumn.

- Mirela suggested we hand out pamphlets, collect signatures and the like at 1. September, when the new students gather at Gl. Torv. Either there, at their end destination (Europahallen?) or along the route. The Amnesty International AAU group (AIAAU) will have a workshop about this 31. May, since the target group is best suited for them.
- Emma will ask the makers of the wooden sign holder, whether we use it or if they simply forgot it at our premises.
- Edgar will create a workshop in August about how we can create a volunteer brochure about the opportunities in Amnesty Aalborg and what we have to offer.
- 4. June, Aarhus Pride: We have been invited by the Amnesty Aarhus Universitet group to participate in the Aarhus Pride. If anyone is interested contact Edgar for more info.
- 9. July, Aalborg Pride: We will participate in Aalborg Pride like last year. We should have a banner and take part in the march.

### **Other activities:**

#### **15. 26. May, 5 p.m.: "En dejlig aften i zoo" for everyone in the municipality (invited by the Integration Council)**

Invite family and friends for a free evening at Aalborg Zoo.

It is not necessary to sign up, just show up.

There is a little welcome speech from 5 p.m. just inside the entrance.

From 5.15 – 8.30 p.m. you are free to enjoy the zoo and/or grill food you brought.

#### **16. Any other business?**

- In August-September Amnesty Denmark will probably relaunch Face2Face in Aalborg on a more permanent basis. We hope that we can have some kind of cooperation with them.
- As a refugee ambassador for the Integration Council Samira will give a couple of talks about her experiences as a refugee on 17. May in Nørresundby and 24. May in Silkeborg.
- The Amnesty Aarhus Universitet group would like to borrow our LGBTI-exhibition for the Aarhus Pride 4. June. They will to Aalborg and pick it up, so we just need to make arrangements for the office to be open at the agreed time. Edgar will coordinate this.

#### **17. Date and time of next meeting?**

24, June at 7 p.m. at the Amnesty Aalborg office in Danmarksgade 7.