

ACTIVISM GUIDE

Fall 2017



Welcome to your Fall 2017 Activism Guide!

We've made some changes, so be sure to check out all the sections to your new guide: Highlights, Take Action, Activism Skills, Important Dates and Opportunities, and Connect with Us.

Visit www.amnesty.ca/activismguide at any time for the latest updates.

Please share this guide with your networks and with any potential Amnesty activists!

HIGHLIGHTS

In [September](#), focus on taking action for refugees with the *I Welcome* campaign.

In [October](#), turn your attention to human rights defenders in Turkey with a Global Day of Action on October 14th.

In [November](#), get ready to Write for Rights on December 10th!

TAKE ACTION

I Welcome Refugees: Take Action



As we enter the second year of the “I Welcome” campaign for refugees, there is much to be done. There are over 22 million refugees worldwide, of which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has identified 1.2 million who are urgently in need of resettlement. We need you to take action for refugees now!

South Sudanese Refugees in Uganda

The fastest growing refugee population in 2017 has been spurred by the crisis in South Sudan. As a result, in August, Uganda passed a milestone. The UNHCR announced that the number of South Sudanese refugees in Uganda has now reached 1 million. Amnesty International continues to call on rich countries to step up and increase support for refugees in Uganda. This support can come by way of increased aid to Uganda and by way of robust refugee resettlement programs which bring the most vulnerable to safety in other countries.

1. GATHER SIGNATURES ON OUR PETITION

Gather signatures in your community for our petition urging Canada to keep its promise to refugees in Uganda.
>>> Download the petition at <https://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/petition-library>

2. TAKE ACTION ON TWITTER

Send tweets to Marie-Claude Bibeau, Canada’s Minister of International Development, and Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, urging them to take action.



3. COMING SOON!

An online action and solidarity post cards will be available in mid-September.

Safe Third Country Agreement

In July and August refugees continued to irregularly cross the border from the United States into Canada. Many of these asylum seekers are Haitians who believe their permission to remain in the United States will expire in the near future. Others are coming from a number of refugee producing countries including Somalia, Sudan, Eritrea, Honduras and El Salvador. These asylum seekers have chosen to cross irregularly as a result of the Canada-US Safe Third Country Agreement. They do not trust the US authorities will respect their rights. Amnesty International is calling on Canada to rescind the Safe Third Country Agreement as we are concerned that US laws, policies and procedures do not respect the Refugee Convention.

1. TAKE ACTION NOW

Sign and share our online action calling on Canada to rescind the Agreement.

>>> Sign the action at <http://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/online-actions>

2. GATHER PETITION SIGNATURES

Gather signatures in your community for our petition calling on Canada to rescind the Agreement.

>>> Download the petition at <https://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/petition-library>

3. LEARN MORE

Learn about our legal challenge of the Safe Third Country Agreement and find other resources for more information.

>>> Learn more at <http://www.amnesty.ca/news/legal-challenge-safe-third-country-agreement-launched>

Syrian Refugees

The crisis and armed conflict in Syria continues to be marked by war crimes, crimes against humanity and widespread gross human rights abuses by all sides.

1. ORGANIZE A FILM SCREENING

Organize a screening of *Not Who We Are*, a documentary chronicling the stories of five refugee women from Syria who have sought refuge in Lebanon.

>>> Request the film and discussion guide by emailing edumitru@amnesty.ca

2. LEARN MORE

Visit our website on the Syrian refugee crisis to learn more and access resources.

>>> Learn more by visiting <https://www.amnesty.ca/our-work/issues/refugees-and-migrants/the-syrian-refugee-crisis>

Refugee Champions

Canada is home to millions of Refugee Champions. Refugee Champions include refugees who have made a new home in Canada as well as all those who welcome refugees to Canada. Help us expand the message of 'I Welcome' by acknowledging Champions who uphold and respect refugee rights. Do you know a refugee Champion? You can add your profile, or that of a friend, to our Refugee Champions site by telling us who you are and why you or your friend(s) are refugee champions!

>>> Tell us about a Refugee Champion at <http://aito.ca/iwelcome/>

Take Action for Human Rights Defenders in Turkey



In the midst of an escalating human rights crisis in Turkey, something unprecedented happened: police detained two leaders of Amnesty International within the space of a month.

Taner Kiliç, the Chair of Amnesty Turkey, was taken into police custody on June 6 along with 22 other lawyers and charged under anti-terrorism laws. Idil Eser, Amnesty Turkey's Director, was arrested on July 5 along with two trainers and seven other human rights defenders while attending a workshop in Istanbul. They are under suspicion of "committing a crime in the name of a terrorist organization without being a member". The accusations against Taner, Idil, and the others are ridiculous and baseless. The Turkish authorities must immediately and unconditionally release all of the detainees.

Thousands, including political activists, lawyers, journalists and others critical of government policy in Turkey are facing criminal prosecutions on trumped up terrorism charges.

Human right defenders in Turkey need your support and solidarity. We're gearing up for a Global Day of Action on October 14 to mark Idil's birthday. Everyone is invited! Watch online for how to get involved as an individual or with others in your school and community.

1. TAKE ACTION NOW

Sign and share our action demanding the release of Idil Eser, Taner Kiliç, and all other detainees.

>>> Sign the action at <http://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/online-actions>

2. GATHER SIGNATURES ON OUR PETITION

Participating in a community event or festival in your community this summer? Gathering with your friends and family? Collect signatures on our petition calling for the release of all the detainees.

>>> Download the petition at <https://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/petition-library>

3. TWEET YOUR SUPPORT

Active on Twitter? Join Amnesty in calling for Turkey to #FreeRightsDefenders

4. PARTICIPATE IN OUR PHOTO ACTION

Show your solidarity with human rights defenders in Turkey through our photo action.



- Make a sign with the message #FreeRightsDefenders or include your own solidarity message
- If you have an Amnesty International #WeDefend sign, use it in your photo
- Post your photo on social media using the hashtag #FreeRightsDefenders
- Tag Amnesty in your post ([@AmnestyNow](#) on Twitter, [@amnestycanada](#) on Instagram)
- If you don't use social media, email your photo to ontario@amnesty.ca

5. TAKE ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS EVERYWHERE

Human rights defenders are under attack around the world. Amnesty has launched a global campaign to defend the defenders.

Interested in learning more and getting involved with the campaign? [Visit www.amnesty.ca/wedefend](http://www.amnesty.ca/wedefend)

This Fall, Defend the Defenders

#WeDefend

Human rights are under threat. So are the people who defend human rights. Join Amnesty this fall to defend our friends, our colleagues, our fellow human rights defenders. They are being threatened, harassed, jailed, tortured, and killed.

They are Rafael, a lawyer threatened for defending land rights defenders in Guatemala. Narges, a women's rights activist jailed for peacefully advocating for equality. Bertha, a youth in Honduras attacked for peacefully advocating for Indigenous land rights. Elena, a journalist forced to flee for publishing a report about violence against gay men in Chechnya. And they are our own dear Amnesty colleagues and other activists in Turkey, jailed solely because of their peaceful activism in support of human rights.

Join us this fall as we demand justice and protection of the human rights of Elena, Bertha, Narges, Rafael, and our colleagues in Turkey.

1. TAKE ACTION ONLINE

Take action in support of courageous human rights defenders in Turkey, Guatemala, Honduras, Russia, and Iran.

>>> Sign the action at <http://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/online-actions>

2. JOIN OUR WEBINAR

On September 26th at 7:00 PM EST, join a webinar with Amnesty supporters across the country to learn more about the campaign and how you can be involved.

>>> Register at <https://www.amnesty.ca/events/we-defend-campaign-webinar-1>

3. PARTICIPATE IN OUR PHOTO ACTION



- [Download our sign](#) or make your own with the message "I am a Human Rights Defender"

- Post your photo on social media using the hashtag "We Defend" and include a message about why you defend human rights
- Tag Amnesty in your post (@AmnestyNow on Twitter, @amnestycanada on Instagram)
- If you don't use social media, email your photo to ontario@amnesty.ca and we will post it on your behalf

4. WATCH A FILM

Learn more about the threats to human rights defenders by watching the documentary film Daughter of the Lake at home on Netflix. A film discussion guide will be available in mid-September.

5. ORGANIZE A FILM SCREENING

Hold a public screening of Daughter of the Lake. Borrow a copy of the film from Amnesty and guide a Q&A session afterwards using our film discussion guide.

>>> Contact Amnesty at edumitru@amnesty.ca to order the film and accompanying guide.

6. TAKE PART IN COUNTRY-WIDE ACTIVISM ROUNDTABLES

Learn more about the We Defend campaign in support of the rights of human rights defenders, and share your creative activism ideas!

>>> Contact Amnesty at ontario@amnesty.ca for dates and locations.

7. BECOME A YOUTH CHAMPION

Join our We Defend youth champions team of volunteers to promote the campaign in your school or community, and help guide and shape the development of youth-focused resources and materials.

>>> Contact youth@amnesty.ca to apply.

8. WRITE FOR RIGHTS DEFENDERS

ALL the cases in Amnesty's annual letter writing marathon are human rights defenders! More information and resources will be available in October.

>>> Visit www.writeathon.ca to learn about Write for Rights.

9. LEARN MORE

Visit www.amnesty.ca/wedefend to learn more about why human rights defenders are at such risk and how you can take action.

Show solidarity with families of Stolen Sisters on October 4



Vigils are being held across Canada on October 4 to honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.

Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people experience far higher rates of violence than other women and girls in Canada. Despite the federal government's launch of the National Inquiry, government is not doing enough to end this human rights crisis.

Family members of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people, Indigenous women's organizations, and allies come together every year on October 4 at vigils in communities across Canada to honour the lives of our Stolen Sisters—missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people. Vigils are an important opportunity for allies to

show our support and solidarity with family members who are grieving the loss of a loved one while advocating for justice and an end to the violence.

On October 4 we need you to show solidarity with the loved ones of Stolen Sisters.

1. ATTEND OR ORGANIZE A VIGIL



The Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) posts a list of vigils being organized across Canada. Find out if a vigil is being organized in your community. Contact NWAC, your local band office, friendship centre, or Indigenous community or service organization to see if a local vigil is planned. If nothing is planned in your community, read NWAC’s vigil toolkit, organize a vigil with Indigenous partners, and register it with NWAC.

>>> Visit www.nwac.ca for more information.

2. SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY

Get involved with NWAC’s interactive social media project to honour families of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people.

>>> Visit http://www.nwac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/004NWAC-Heart-Activity_White_EN.jpg to print out hears, add your message, & post online using the #SISVigils hashtag.

3. TWEET YOUR SUPPORT

Active on Twitter? Join Amnesty in voicing support for the loved ones of Stolen Sisters



Our Support is Urgently Needed for Threatened Water Defenders in Central America

Take part in our solidarity action for water defenders under dangerous attack in Central America.



Indigenous leader Berta Cáceres won the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for her efforts to protect the rights of Indigenous river communities in Honduras threatened by a dam project. Last March, Berta was assassinated. Since then, other leaders of Berta's organization, COPINH, have been attacked and killed. They are not the only ones to pay with their blood for defending land and water in Honduras.



In Guatemala, Lolita Chávez led a community referendum on mining and dams in which residents overwhelmingly rejected those activities on Indigenous K'iche territory out of fear they would negatively impact access to clean water and other rights. Lolita continues to suffer harassment and death threats. Other defenders of Indigenous rights to land and water have been killed. Women defenders have been sexually assaulted.

1. SIGN OUR ACTIONS

Please add your name to the e-petitions for the protection of threatened water defenders in Honduras and Guatemala. Download print petitions for Honduras and Guatemala and gather signatures.

>>> Sign the actions at <http://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/online-actions>

>>> Download the petitions at <https://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/petition-library>

2. CREATIVE SOLIDARITY

- Cut long strips of blue cloth or blue paper with wavy edges to symbolize water
- Use the strips of cloth to create TWO separate eye-catching messages of support for water defenders in Guatemala and Honduras respectively. Be sure to mention Canada! Add your name to add weight.
- Send us your blue cloth messages. We will use them to show authorities that Canadians are concerned, and then deliver them to water defenders in Central America so they know they are not alone. Address: Amnesty International, 1992 Yonge St., 3rd Floor, Toronto ON M4S 1Z7, Attn: Water Defenders

3. TWEET YOUR SUPPORT

Take a photo of your blue cloth message with the hashtag #DefendersUnderAttack.



4. ATTRACT ATTENTION

If you are doing this with others, think about how you can display all your blue water defenders messages in a public place to attract attention. Invite local media to cover your action. Take photos and share them with us.

I'm with Esther: One Woman vs. Shell



Nigeria's Esther Kiobel is taking on Shell, one of the world's biggest oil companies, in a final fight for justice over her husband's killing. She's pursued the company for 22 years, accusing Shell of colluding in her husband's 1995 execution. Esther is taking Shell to court in the Netherlands. Shell wants to belittle her claims and keep her complaints out of the public eye. But Esther won't let them. Neither should we.

1. TAKE ACTION NOW

Sign and share our online action telling Shell that you support Esther.

>>> Sign the action at <http://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/online-actions>

2. TAKE ACTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Send a message to @Shell on Twitter saying that you support Esther.



3. COMING SOON!

Visit our campaign page at <http://www.amnesty.ca/our-work/issues/business-and-human-rights/oil-in-the-niger-delta> to see future actions coming soon.

The Great Palm Oil Scandal Revealed



Popular companies such as Nestle, Colgate, and Kellogg's are selling food and cosmetics containing palm oil tainted by shocking human rights abuses. These companies reassure their consumers that their products use 'sustainable palm oil' - but Amnesty's research reveals that palm oil is anything but. There is nothing sustainable about palm oil that is produced using child labour and forced labour!

1. TAKE ACTION NOW

Sign and share our online action calling on big brands to take responsibility for human rights abuses in their supply chain. >>> Sign the action at <http://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/online-actions>

2. TAKE ACTION ON TWITTER

Tweet at the company's named in Amnesty's report using the hashtag #palmoil.



3. WRITE A LETTER

Use our template to send a letter to one of the company's named in Amnesty's report urging them to take action. >>> Write a letter now at <https://www.amnesty.ca/get-involved/take-action-now/palm-oil-take-action-stop-child-labour>

4. LEARN MORE

Visit our campaign website at www.amnesty.ca/palmoil to learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved.

NEW! Activism Skills

Land and Territory Acknowledgement

This is a guide on how to acknowledge Indigenous territories at public events and meetings. Acknowledging the land is the process of deliberately naming that this is Indigenous land and Indigenous people have rights to this land. It provides an opportunity for us to reflect on our relationship with the land and the continuous process of colonization that deeply impacts activist work. As Amnesty International calls upon the Canadian government to uphold its obligations under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we must recognize that those rights were stripped and denied using centuries of laws and policies based on legal doctrines such as "terra nullius", which declared this land empty despite the presence of Indigenous peoples. Acknowledging the land becomes a small act of resistance against this continued erasure of Indigenous people and their rights.

To keep with this being a thoughtful act we have decided to not include a "script" in this guide but instead a process of reflection

to support activists in writing their own contextual land acknowledgements.

Process for land acknowledgements

1. Name which Indigenous territories you are currently on.

For some of you this might be an easy step so we urge you to take some time and learn more. If you do not know whose territories you are organizing on, we have included some resources below that may be helpful, and we encourage further research.

>>> <https://native-land.ca>

2. Explain why you are acknowledging the land.

Take the time to reflect on why it is important for you or your group to acknowledge the land and what your relationship is with the territory you are on (are you Indigenous, are you settlers, have you come here as a refugee?). Explain why you find it important to acknowledge the land.

3. Address the relevance of Indigenous rights to the subject matter of your event or meeting or to your activist work in general.

Even if we are organizing on issues that are seemingly separate, the struggle for Indigenous rights is deeply connected to all human rights work. Take the time to reflect on these systemic connections. If you find it hard to capture the relationship between the issues you are working on in words, you can also speak to how you and your group will continue to support Indigenous rights in your ongoing activist work.

4. Put the answers for the above questions together as a statement.

It does not have to be in order if that helps the flow.

Example: "I would like to acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish First Nations on which we are learning, working and organizing today. I think it's important to acknowledge the land because growing up as an immigrant here, I never heard the traditional names of the territories. Indigenous people were talked about in the past tense and all the struggles they faced were in the past tense as well. It is easier to deny Indigenous people their rights if we historicize their struggles and simply pretend they don't exist. As an activist I would like to take this opportunity to commit myself to the struggle against the systems of oppression that have dispossessed Indigenous people of their lands and denied their rights to self-determination, work that is essential to human rights work across the world."

Note: You and your group may know an elder or Indigenous person from the territory that your event is taking place on who would be happy to be invited to your event to conduct a Territory Welcome. Unless it is explicitly said not to, it's important to pay folks for their time and work, and traditional protocol of that Nation might mean offering them a gift i.e. tobacco or sage.

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Moving beyond words: What is meaningful solidarity? (Part 1)



Photo: via www.jacobinmag.com - Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners (LGSM): an alliance of lesbian and gay men in London (1984/85) who came out in solidarity of the British miners (in Wales) who were on strike. They sought to come together in solidarity around collective experiences of police violence.

This is the first in a series of short articles which will explore some of the different ways we can build meaningful solidarity. I've attempted to piece together some of the key articles, opinions, videos and resources that have helped shape my understanding to share, but there is SO much writing and materials on solidarity out there - this will just barely scrape the surface.

Hopefully this is still a useful starting point for moving beyond words - towards practicing and building meaningful solidarity for you in your activism journey.

****Remember:** Important steps in doing solidarity work are: to inform yourself, to take time to reflect, and to be open to be challenged. Some of the material below may challenge your current thoughts or perceptions of solidarity or solidarity work, and I encourage you to seize these learning opportunities.

What is solidarity?

If you google solidarity you might see solidarity defined as: *"unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest; mutual support within a group."*

This is true, however, for solidarity work/ organizing to be meaningful and impactful, it should seek to go far beyond just mere support.

Feminist writer bell hooks tells us that:

"Solidarity is not the same as support. To experience solidarity, we must have a community of interests, shared beliefs and goals around which to unite, to build Sisterhood. Support can be occasional. It can be given and just as easily withdrawn. Solidarity requires sustained, ongoing commitment."

Solidarity work is work. It can be challenging and humbling. It centers on relationship building with affected or frontline groups connecting with people who are affected by the issue/ struggle. Discussions on what it means to *practice solidarity* are more frequently emerging - with a hope of exploring, reflecting and expanding on individual to collective understandings and experiences of solidarity.

In 2016, AWID (the Association of Women's Rights in Development) started a campaign exploring what solidarity means for young feminists across gender, racial, economic, social and ecological justice movements. Here's a beautiful short piece taken from a blog post entitled Solidarity: binding multiple cause, identities and struggles together that was written for the #PracticeSolidarity campaign:

"Solidarity means recognizing the efforts of fellow feminist friends and allies and publicly appreciating their work. It means being curious to learn more about the injustices that my fellow activists face. It means embracing someone's struggle, as an ally or supporter, even if you haven't experienced that particular form of oppression. It means stepping back and creating space for more marginalized voices to lead. It means learning to pause and reflect on all that we have accomplished together so far. And it also means taking care of ourselves and others so that we sustain ourselves to continue to show up for each other, until justice for all has been achieved." - Deepa Ranganathan, a young feminist in India and Frida | Feminist Fund's Communications Officer, shares her thoughts on #PracticeSolidarity.

To build meaningful solidarity we need to make sure to avoid replicating or reinforcing systems of power and oppression through the approaches that we take. This is why it is really important we inform ourselves about our own power and privilege, which will in turn enable us understand our blind spots and develop strategies for checking our privilege.

Issues and struggles related to power and oppression do not exist in a vacuum, they cannot be separated from the wider systems and contexts which fuel and support them. That's why when we talk about building meaningful solidarity we need to do more than just acknowledge an issue exists. We need to inform ourselves, reach out to affected communities, build relationships, listen, take action in solidarity with people and collectively tackle the root cause of the issues by challenging the systems of power that perpetuate these issues.

Harsha Walia is a South Asian activist and writer based in Vancouver. In her article 'Moving Beyond a Politics of Solidarity Towards a Practice of Decolonization' she outlines an example of what meaningful indigenous solidarity organizing looks like which was so eloquently put:

"One of the basic principles of Indigenous solidarity organizing is the notion of taking leadership. According to this principle, non-natives must be accountable and responsive to the experiences, voices, needs, and political perspectives of Indigenous people themselves. From an anti-oppression perspective, meaningful support for Indigenous struggles cannot be directed by non-natives. Taking leadership means being humble and honouring frontline voices of resistance, as well as offering tangible solidarity as needed and requested. Specifically, this translates to taking initiative for self-education about the specific histories of the lands we reside upon, organizing support with the clear guidance and consent of an Indigenous community or group, building long-term relationships of accountability, and never assuming or taking for granted the personal and political trust that non-natives may earn from Indigenous peoples overtime.

In offering support to a specific community in their struggle, non-natives should organize with a mandate from the community and an understanding of the parameters of the support that is being sought. Once these guidelines are established, non-natives should be pro-active in offering logistical, fundraising, and campaign support. Clear lines of

communication must be maintained and a commitment made for long-term support.

This means not just being present for blockades or in moments of crisis, but instead, activists should sustain a multiplicity of meaningful and diverse relationships on an ongoing basis."

This is the tip of the iceberg when it comes to answering what is meaningful solidarity? Although, already it's clear that this is about going beyond words, going beyond tokenism in our approach. It's hard work, something we need to get better at, and continue to inform ourselves and challenge one another about. I hope to dive deeper into some of the topics touched on here in follow up blogs - so watch this space!

Some questions to reflect on:

(by yourself , with a friend or with your group)

- What does solidarity mean or look like (to me/ us)?
- When have (I/ we) practiced meaningful solidarity?
- Can (I/ we) think of any examples of meaningful solidarity, what are they?

In following blogs I hope to explore: allyship, power and privilege, share some concrete examples of meaningful solidarity, as well as a host of further readings, tools and resources that relate to each of these areas towards building meaningful solidarity.

Please get in touch:

If you have ideas, opinions, resources you'd like to share or if you'd like to collaborate on writing following blogs on any of these topics with me!

Contact: Emma Jayne Geraghty - egeraghty[at]amnesty.ca

For more resources, visit <https://www.amnesty.ca/blog/moving-beyond-words-what-meaningful-solidarity-part-1>

Important Dates and Opportunities

Activism Roundtables - Coming to a Community Near You!

This fall, Amnesty International will host a series of Activism Roundtables in communities across the country.

From Victoria to Toronto to St. John's, Amnesty wants to connect with you. These roundtables will be an opportunity for Amnesty group members, activists, and supporters to gather and discuss upcoming campaigns and plans for engaging with human rights activism in your community. Roundtables are open to everyone, whether you are new to Amnesty or a lifelong supporter.

Activism Roundtables will be hosted in October. Specific dates and locations will be posted to the Events Calendar on our website at www.amnesty.ca/events.

Interested in hosting a Roundtable in your community?

>>> Get in touch at ontario@amnesty.ca.

Join our Digital Activism Roundtable!

Even if there is no Roundtable in your community, you can still engage with human rights activists from across the country by joining our Digital Activism Roundtable.

On Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 pm EST, Amnesty activists and supporters can join a webinar to learn about our upcoming campaigns and priorities and discuss ways to promote human rights activism in your community. The webinar is open to everyone, whether you're an experienced Amnesty activist or looking to get more involved.

>>> Register now at <https://www.amnesty.ca/events/digital-activism-roundtable-0>

Write for Rights 2017



Write for Rights is fast approaching!

On December 10, 2017 - International Human Rights Day - Amnesty International supporters in Canada and around the world will be taking part in Amnesty's annual Write for Rights write-a-thon, the world's largest letter-writing event, now in 80 countries. This year, we will aim to surpass the 4.6 million letters written and actions taken in 2016 - letters and actions to help save lives, stop torture, free prisoners of conscience, and send messages of hope to those who have been unjustly jailed. All of this year's cases will focus on human rights defenders in support of our *We Defend* campaign.

COMING SOON!

In early October, you will be able to register your Write for Rights event and find out more about how to get involved at www.writeathon.ca.

Save the Date!

September 26th: We Defend Campaign Webinar

October 4th: Stolen Sisters Vigils

October 14th: Global Day of Action for Turkey

October 24th: Digital Activism Roundtable

December 10th: International Human Rights Day

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