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Welcome to your Winter 2019 Activism Guide!

This guide contains everything you need to take action with Amnesty International this fall. Please share this guide with your networks or encourage them to [subscribe >>](#)

We've made some changes, so be sure to check out all the sections to your new guide.

Activism Planner

NEW! A calendar to help you map out the season

Take Action

Key campaign activities for the fall

Activist Opportunities

Upcoming opportunities to deepen your engagement

Activism Resources

New resources and tools to support your activism

Activist Reflections

Updates from Amnesty International activists about events and actions in their communities.

Meet the Team

We've restructured! Meet our new team and learn about our roles

ACTIVISM PLANNER

NEW! We've launched an **Activism Planner** to help you plan your activities for the season, featuring key dates along with resources and upcoming training opportunities.

[>>> Check out the Activism Planner](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

In **January**, take part in the Women's March.

In **February**, participate in Have a Heart Day.

In **March**, celebrate International Women's Day and World Water Day.

In **April**, mark Earth Day by taking action for environment defenders.

TAKE ACTION



Join Women's Marches on January 19th

Be part of a global movement expressing outrage at ongoing gender-based rights violations and demonstrate solidarity with women human rights defenders by taking part in a Women's March in your community.

[>>> Learn More](#)



Participate in Have a Heart Day 2019

Have a Heart Day is an annual appeal for all First Nations kids to have the opportunity to have a healthy and safe childhood.

Participate this February 14th by organizing an event in your community or by sending Valentine`s cards to elected officials.

[>>> Learn more](#)



Take Action on International Women's Day

On March 8th, mark International Women's Day by celebrating women human rights defenders and taking action to end gender-based discrimination and violence.

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World Water Day: Support Water Defenders in Canada

Water defenders living in the shadow of the Mount Polley mine say their fight to protect waters in and around Quesnel Lake is not over.

Learn how you can take action for water defenders in the lead up to World Water Day on March 22nd.

[>>> Learn More](#)



Earth Day: Environment Defenders Under Attack

Earth Day is April 22nd and the week around it is a time for community celebrations focused on pressing environmental issues facing our world.

Join Amnesty in taking action for the growing number of environmental human rights defenders under attack for defending the rights of their communities to a healthy environment.

[>>> Learn More](#)



One Year, Still No Ombudsperson

January 17th marks the one year anniversary of the Canadian government's announcement to create an independent Ombudsperson to enable people harmed by Canadian companies overseas to have access to justice in Canada.

One year on, the Ombudsperson is still not in place. Join Amnesty and partners in calling on the government to take action.

[>>> Take Action](#)



Nevsun Before the Supreme Court

On January 23rd, the Supreme Court will decide whether to allow a ground-breaking lawsuit to go forward against a Canadian mining company for the use of slavery.

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Action Still Needed on Site C

The United Nations' top anti-racism body has called on the federal and provincial governments to immediately suspend construction of the Site C dam in British Columbia.

We need your support to reinvigorate our appeal to the BC government to respect Indigenous rights.

[>>> Take Action](#)



Keep Hope Alive in Honduras

January marks one year since Edwin Espinal and Raul Alvarez were arrested and sent to a military-run prison without trial, denied the change to defend themselves against accusations they say are false.

Help us keep hope alive for Edwin, Raul, and their families by taking action and sending solidarity this January and February.

[>>> Learn More](#)



Chinese surveillance



Do the right thing Sundar Pichai

#DropDragonfly



Tell Google: Don't Be Evil

Google is preparing to re-enter the Chinese search engine market by developing a new app codenamed 'Dragonfly' that would facilitate China's online censorship and surveillance.

Join Amnesty in telling Google to respect human rights.

[>>> Learn more](#)



Justice for Berta

March 2nd marks the 3rd anniversary of the assassination of beloved Indigenous rights defender, Berta Cáceres.

Join Amnesty for a Global Day of Action to express our solidarity and call for justice.

[>>> Learn more](#)



Grassy Narrows: Justice Long Overdue

For more than five decades, the people of Grassy Narrows First Nation have been forced to live with the devastating consequences of a government policy that allowed massive amounts of mercury to be dumped into their rivers system.

Join Amnesty in urging the federal government to provide immediate and effective measures to address the harm.

[>>> Learn more](#)



Call on Canada to End the Safe Third Country Agreement

The Canada-US Safe Third Country Agreement encourages refugee claimants to cross the border unsafely and irregularly, putting lives at risk. With the arrival of winter, it's important to take action now.

Amnesty and partners are challenging the agreement in Federal Court. We need your help to call on Canada to end the STCA in the lead-up to the hearing this May.

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Companies, Human Rights, and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Since 1967 when it captured the occupied Palestinian territories (OPT), it has been Israeli government policy to promote the creation and expansion of Israeli settlements in the OPT. Meanwhile, companies from all over the world are conducting business activities in settlements.

Check back soon for a new Amnesty report.

[>>> Bookmark this](#)

ACTIVIST OPPORTUNITIES



NEW! Skills Trainings

Skills Trainings are monthly webinars to for activists to boost their knowledge and tools for engaging in activism. Join us!

January 30th: Skills Training - Lobbying and Advocacy. [Register now >>>](#)

February 26th: Skills Training - Event Planning. [Register now >>>](#)

March 14th: Skills Training - Creative Actions. [Register now >>>](#)

April 17th: Skills Training - Messaging and Social Media. [Register now >>>](#)



Campaign Briefings

Campaign Briefings are monthly webinars for activists to learn more about a key campaign and share their ideas for actions. Join an upcoming webinar!

January 29th: Campaign Briefing - Nevsun Before the Supreme Court. [Register now >>>](#)

February 27th: Campaign Briefing - Get Ready for International Women's Day. [Register now >>>](#)

March (Date TBC): Campaign Briefing - Policing and Protest in Tyendinaga.

April 16th: Campaign Briefing - End the Safe Third Country Agreement. [Register now >>>](#)



Amnesty 101 Online Orientations

Are you new to Amnesty International, or just need to update your knowledge of our priority campaigns and actions? Then register now for one of our free Amnesty Activism 101 webinars. You'll learn about the beginnings of Amnesty International, hear what we've been working on, and discover what's coming up. We have two upcoming orientations and more to come, so be sure to check the [Activism Planner](#) for updates.

February 6th [Register now >>>](#)

March 6th [Register now >>>](#)

Join the Fieldworker Program!

The Amnesty Fieldworker Program is recruiting new volunteer leaders! Fieldworkers are trained Amnesty leaders who work across Canada to promote human rights activism at the grassroots level.

Whether you need a Fieldworker to help your group, need a guest speaker for your community event, or want to join the program, Fieldworkers are here to help.

[**Learn more>>>**](#)

2019 Annual General Meeting

Save the date! Amnesty's Annual General Meeting will be held in Toronto from May 31st - June 2nd.

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for Amnesty members and activists to come together and inspire one another, to learn about each other's efforts and campaigns, to share stories and experiences, and to listen and participate in sessions and panels.

[**Save the date and learn more>>>**](#)

ACTIVISM RESOURCES

Funding for Your Activism

From organizing a Regional Meeting to tabling at your local community fair, Amnesty International can help you with expenses related to your activism work.

There are three sources of funding available to support your activism projects: the Tabling and Small Events Fund, the Regional Meeting Fund, and the Activism Fund.

[**>>> Learn More**](#)

Activism Website

The Amnesty International website has an updated Activism section to better serve the needs of all our activists and volunteers.

Visit our website at www.amnesty.ca/activism and be sure to check out our features:

[Events Calendar](#)

View all our upcoming events and submit your own!

[Volunteer Form](#)

Know someone new to Amnesty? Encourage them to fill out our new volunteer form.

[Map](#)

Find a group near you using our new map.

ACTIVIST REFLECTIONS

Amnesty York Writes for Rights!

In December, the Amnesty International group at York University joined hundreds of other groups across Canada to host a Write for Rights event.

Cassandra DeFreitas from Amnesty York tells us about the experience.

[>>> Read now](#)

We want to hear from you! Let us know about your experiences with activism at Amnesty by reaching out to amorgan-welden@amnesty.ca.

MEET THE TEAM

The Activism Team is going through an exciting restructuring process to better reflect our changing roles and support activists across the country.



Don Wright is the **Outreach and Training Coordinator**, responsible for new activists, training needs, and outreach to new audiences.



Daniella Barreto is the **Digital Activism Coordinator**, responsible for online activists, digital tools, and the Amnesty SOS app.



Ailish Morgan-Welden is the **Action Coordinator**, responsible for coordinating how activists take action, including Write for Rights.



Marilyn McKim is the **Urgent Action Network Coordinator**, responsible for urgent actions and lifesavers.



Elena Dumitru is the **Leadership Development Coordinator**, responsible for organizers and other activist leaders, as well film screenings and speaking tours.



Shauna MacLean is the **Activism Network Coordinator**, responsible for community groups, youth and student groups, and for supporting Fieldworkers.

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We are transitioning to an online guide. Contact amorgan-welden@amnesty.ca to order a printed copy or to send feedback and suggestions.

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

If you have questions, comments, or would like more information on any aspect of Amnesty's work, we'd love to hear from you. Please call us at 1-800-AMNESTY (1-800-266-3789) or email members@amnesty.ca.

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