

## Write a Letter, Change a Life: Local group takes action with Amnesty International Write for Rights campaign

### When: Date & Time

### Where: Location and Address

In [your town], [your title / name of group] is standing up for human rights and inviting the community to join in by participating in Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights campaign. It is a global letter-writing campaign in which people around the world call on world leaders to respect and uphold human rights. . This year, the campaign includes an urgent call to release the Chair of Amnesty International in Turkey, Taner Kiliç who was arrested in June 2017 and continues to be held on baseless charges in an apparent attempt to undermine the work of human rights defenders.

[Personal quote: why have you decided to participate in Write for Rights? What makes you passionate about human rights advocacy? What makes your event different, special or unique?]

Last year, more than 4.6 million messages were sent from supporters in 200 countries around the world during the Write for Rights campaign, sending a resounding global message against injustice and helping to change the lives of human rights defenders persecuted for their work. In addition to the case of Taner Kiliç in Turkey, this year's Write for Rights campaign includes cases in Bangladesh, Chad, China, Egypt, Norway, Honduras, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Jamaica, Madagascar and Canada. Last year, Amnesty members around the world wrote letters in support of Indigenous peoples in the Peace River region of B.C. whose lands and cultures have been under threat by the construction of the Site C dam. This year we are calling on the federal government to ensure that human rights are never again pushed aside in decisions about resource development projects like Site C.

"On December 10, International Human Rights day, we will be joining thousands of activists in countries around the world to send millions of messages demanding justice for human rights defenders and others whose rights are being violated," says xxxx. "The principle of this campaign is simple. By making your voice heard, you really can change lives and make a difference in the fight against injustice."

For more information about the Write for Rights event in [your town] please contact {Name of your spokesperson \ Contact information – email and phone number} or visit [www.writeathon.ca](http://www.writeathon.ca).