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WELCOME TO AMNESTY

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people who take injustice personally. We are campaigning for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all. We were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for our campaign to stop torture around the world.

We are funded by members and people like you. We are independent of any political ideology, economic interest or religion. No government is beyond scrutiny. No situation is beyond hope.

OUR STORY – DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR OVER 50 YEARS

Amnesty International was founded in 1961. Ever since then, we have been campaigning for justice wherever it has been denied. We protect people, defending their right to freedom, truth and dignity. We take action to prevent illegal evictions, torture and executions. We fight for the rights of migrants and refugees, stand up against racism and discrimination, and demand accountability for human rights violations. We are also demanding action from governments in the fight against climate change, which is a human rights issue.

We do all this by investigating and exposing human rights abuses, galvanising our global movement and educating future generations, so that one day the dream of human rights for all becomes a reality.



The Berlin English-speaking Amnesty group in action for the „Stop Torture“ campaign 2014



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Yulia Tsvetkova from Pskov in Russia was released from house arrest on 16 March 2020. Her public campaigning for LGBTI and women's rights has made her the target of a homophobic campaign by the authorities, including harassment and unfounded prosecution, since March 2019. Amnesty will keep on campaigning for her until the imposed travel restrictions are lifted and all proceedings are ended.

WHAT ARE HUMAN RIGHTS?

Human rights are the fundamental rights and freedoms that belong to every single one of us. The 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights form the foundation of what we do and drive all of our work.

HOW CHANGE HAPPENS



RESEARCH: Human rights change starts with the facts. Our experts do accurate, crosschecked research into human rights violations by governments and others worldwide.



ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING: We use our analysis to influence and press governments, companies and decision-makers to do the right thing.



CAMPAIGNS AND ACTION: Through petitions, letters and protests, campaigners worldwide demand action from the people and institutions who can make change happen.



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Human rights defender **Joaquín Elo Ayeto** was released from prison on 14 February 2020, after Amnesty had alerted diplomatic representatives in Equatorial Guinea to his imprisonment. During his year in detention, he was tortured and denied access to medical treatment, his lawyer and his family. He was seemingly targeted because of his human rights work.

“Now that I am free I'm going to carry on doing the human rights work that I used to do. I want to thank Amnesty International for the titanic effort that has resulted in my release.”

AMNESTY IN GERMANY

We are Amnesty Germany. We are one of over 50 national Amnesty sections based in countries around the world. More than 150.000 Amnesty members all over Germany support our fight for human rights. There are more than 600 groups in all different parts of the country.

Their volunteer members organise events, actions and petitions, and they play a crucial role in informing the work of Amnesty Germany's Secretariat in Berlin.

Our strategic direction and campaign focus are discussed and decided at our annual general meeting, where every member holds an equal vote. This and other meetings are held in a different location every year and are an opportunity for members to bring their ideas, meet other members and participate in the organisation's decision-making.