

Agenda at the AGM in Gothenburg, Sweden, 6-8 May 2011

Venue: Handelshögskolan, Vasagatan 1. Approx. 15 minutes walk from Hotel Poseidon where the guests will be staying. Follow the Amnesty signs on the way! Map from Google maps: <http://bit.ly/fg8aOB>

FRIDAY 6 MAY

13.00 - 15.00 Registration

14.00 - 14.45 Beginners meeting

New delegates are introduced to the meeting formalities and the working process of the AGM.

15.00 - 15.30 Introduction

Chair Anna Nilsdotter welcomes everybody to Gothenburg, we proceed with some formal issues such as election of volunteers for the meeting (chair, secretary etc.) and the rules of procedure for the meeting.

15.30 - 17.15 The Amnesty Year 2010

The Swedish section's annual report, the Swedish Amnesty Fund's annual report, the Youth Council's report, the Internal Revision Committee's report etc.

17.15 - 17.30 Preparations

We decide upon the working committees and whether to accept late resolutions.

17.45 - 18.45 Demonstration

We walk together to a nearby square to celebrate A150 and listen to the speech "A Toast to Freedom".

18.45 - 19.45 DINNER

19.45 – 20.45 Presentation of the nominees

This time, the Amnesty elections are at focus. The candidates to the Swedish board, the Amnesty Fund, and the Internal Revision Committee are presented and the members get a chance to meet them and ask them questions. This is also an opportunity for the international guests to introduce themselves to the AGM.

20.45 – 00.00 PUB

SATURDAY 7 MAY

8.30 - 9.00 Registration

9.00 - 9.15 Practical information

9.15 - 10.45 Seminars (Three different seminars run parallel)

Film: "Killing the Chickens to Scare the Monkeys" followed by a panel debate about the death penalty
We show famous Swedish photographer and film maker Jens Assur's new film about the death penalty in China. Lars-Åke Augustsson, author who has written a lot about the death penalty and Anthony Graves, former death row prisoner from Texas, will thereafter discuss the death penalty.

**In English*

The situation for pregnant women in Sierra Leone today

What has happened in SL since the new law about free health care for pregnant women was passed? Maternal mortality has been one of the main points around which the Swedish activities on the Demand Dignity campaign has been centred. Tawanda Hondora, Deputy Director from the Africa Programme at IS, will tell us about how the work will continue on from now.

**In English*

How will 90.000 members be able to exert influence within Amnesty? - About challenges in the democratic system

With so many members as the Swedish section has today, it's interesting to see if and how we can adjust, change and better the democratic system within the organisation. In this workshop we will discuss the democracy within the Swedish section of Amnesty.

**In Swedish*

10.45 - 12.00 Working committees

The AGM divides into three working committees arranged under the headlines, Policy & Human Rights, Campaigns & Methods and; Economy & Organisation. The resolutions from the members and the board are discussed.

12.00 - 13.00 LUNCH

13.00 - 15.00 Working committees continue

15.00 - 15.30 Speech

The chair of AI Sierra Leone, Patrick Massaquoi, speaks about challenges and possibilities for Amnesty in Sierra Leone.

**In English*

15.30 – 15.45 Break

15.45 - 17.00 Elections

The AGM elects the new members to the Section Board, the Board of the Amnesty Fund, the Internal Revision Committee and the Nominations Committee.

17.00 - 18.15 Seminars (Three different seminars run parallel)

To represent local groups and districts on the web

The new website for Swedish Amnesty will be launched the week after the AGM but a sneak preview will be offered exclusively for the participants of the AGM. Groups as well as districts will be able to create their own websites attached to the main one and the tools for publishing will be introduced. Members will also be able to give feedback on the template that's been developed for the websites of groups and districts.

**In Swedish*

Forum theatre as a campaigning method

Forum theatre is used in many parts of the world as a tool to communicate and influence, in Sierra Leone this is a method that simplifies the campaign work. Patrick Massaquoi, chair of Amnesty Sierra Leone, is active in their theatre group and will be telling us more about how forum theatre can be successfully used.

**In English*

The ICM 2011 and the Swedish section's work on abortion

Which are the big questions that we have in front of us internationally? At the ICM 2011 decisions will be made that affect the entire organisation. We will present the most important issues, discuss them together

and give an opportunity for members to ask questions.

Thereafter the Swedish section's work in order to secure the right to legal, safe and accesible abortions for all women, will be presented. The seminar will be led by Anton Lidström, member of the board, and Karin Tomczak from AIK, Amnesty's International Committee (a committee tied to the Swedish board).

**In Swedish*

18.30 Transportation to the dinner and party

19.00 - 21.00 DINNER

In celebration of Amnesty's birthday we eat a festive dinner at the famous venue of Röda Sten in Gothenburg, accompanied by some music by locals.

21.00-03.00 BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR AMNESTY 50 YEARS OLD

The doors open to a birthday party for members of the AGM as well as for the public. From 21.30 famous bands from the west coast will entertain us and the party will keep going 'til three in the morning for those who wish to dance the night away. (This party is arranged by local activists and is an opportunity for all members of the AGM to celebrate their own fantastic work. The official event to celebrate Amnesty's 50th birthday for the Swedish section will take place in Stockholm on 28th May.)

SUNDAY 8 MAY

9.00 - 12.00 Decisions

The AGM gathers and the working committees present a summary of their discussions and their proposed decisions. The AGM votes on each resolution.

12.00 - 13.00 LUNCH

13.00 -14.30 Seminars (Three different seminars run parallel)

Campaign work within AI50

Amnesty International will be 50 years on 28th May. The entire movement will intensify the work within 5 specific areas: the death penalty, sexual and reproductive health rights in Nicaragua, corporate accountability in the Niger delta, freedom of speech and; international justice and impunity in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The seminar is led by Kathleen McCaughey, project coordinator.

**In Swedish*

Roma in Sweden and Europe

Is begging a crime? Does Roma get a safe asylum process in Sweden? We present the result of a study just completed, as a result of a decision at the AGM 2009, to answer some of these questions.

The seminar will also treat the freedom of movement within the European Union, how Sweden and the Swedish police force has interpreted it, and how it should be interpreted. The seminar is led by Madelaine Seidlitz, legal advicer, refugees, migrants and international law at AI Sweden.

**In Swedish*

Deepening in the projects of the Swedish Amnesty Fund

The Swedish Amnesty Fund does more relief work than any other Amnesty section. They work with relief to protect the human rights of individuals all over the world, trough support directly to individuals and to organisations that work with human rights. The Fund will talk about some of their different projects in different parts of the world. Emil Johansson, member of the Fund's board, will be leading this seminar.

**In Swedish*

14.30 - 15.00 Speech

Free after 18 years on Death Row: Meet Anthony Graves.

**In English*

15.00 - 15.30 Closing

The time and date for next year's AGM is announced, the outgoing board members are thanked for their services and the chair of the Board closes the meeting.

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