



LESSON 7

TAKING ACTION

Amnesty International

HOW FAR DO YOU AGREE?

For each statement, choose a number from 1-10.

- I don't think my actions or opinions are really going to make a difference to the world.
- When I care about an issue I want to speak up or do something to make a change.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Strongly disagree		Disagree		Not sure		Agree		Strongly agree	

SAKINEH MOHAMMEDI ASHTIANI

- Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, a 43 year-old mother from Iran, was sentenced in 2006 to be stoned to death for ‘adultery while married’.
- In Iran, a woman executed in this way is first buried to the chest in the ground and stones are thrown at her head from close range until she dies. The stones must be large enough to cause damage but not large enough to kill outright. A man is killed similarly but is buried to the waist so that he has a greater chance of escape.
- Amnesty International maintains that stoning violates fundamental human rights, and campaigned to stop her execution by any means.



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I TALK OUT LOUD

- 1 What was the purpose of Eastlea's campaign?
- 2 Who did they target and why?
- 3 Where could their campaign have an impact?
- 4 What messages did they have to think about?
- 5 What difficulties did they face?
- 6 What part of the project stood out for you?
- 7 How could they have improved their campaign?
- 8 Why did the students join their school Amnesty group?
- 9 What do you think they gain from their experience as activists?

STOP STONING SAVE SAKINEH

Following an international campaign, Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani was released from prison in 2014 after nine years on death row.

