

## Welcome!

For those of you who are first timers, welcome, you're going to love it, and for those of you who have attended before, welcome back! This is the Amnesty Student Action Network's biggest event of the year and we hope you have a fantastic weekend. The conference is a great chance to meet fellow activists, share what you've been up to on campus, learn new skills and hear from inspirational speakers.

We have a lot of exciting things happening this weekend – workshops on our campaigns and on important skills for activism, a chance to network with students from across Europe, and an opportunity to start shaping our next National Youth Strategy. We'll also be hitting the streets of London doing what we do best – campaigning (make sure to wear warm clothes!) before coming back for some delicious food from around the world and some very special entertainment. The evening meal is supplied by the Welcome Kitchen, which was founded by a team of refugee women in 2016 who wanted to celebrate their cultures through food. Each dish is served on the night by the chef who cooked it!

Sunday will see the AGM and StAN committee elections. The StAN committee is a brilliant opportunity to shape the future of the student network, as well as being great fun. We encourage anyone who is interested to run, and there's lots of information on how at the conference. Head over to the StAN stall to find out more.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and leave feeling inspired and empowered. If you have any questions don't hesitate to speak to a StAN committee member or volunteer (we'll be wearing the pink lanyards). For those of you who haven't, remember to like our Facebook page *Amnesty International UK Students*, follow us on Twitter, Instagram (*amnestyukstudents*) and please share photos and comments with us over the weekend on the hashtag *#studentconf*.

Love,  
StAN Committee 2017/18



## Accommodation

This year we'll be using two hostels – Dictionary Hostel, which is just around the corner from the Human Rights Action Centre, and Wombats Hostel, which is just a short bus journey away. If you are staying in Dictionary on Friday night you're in the same rooms for Saturday.

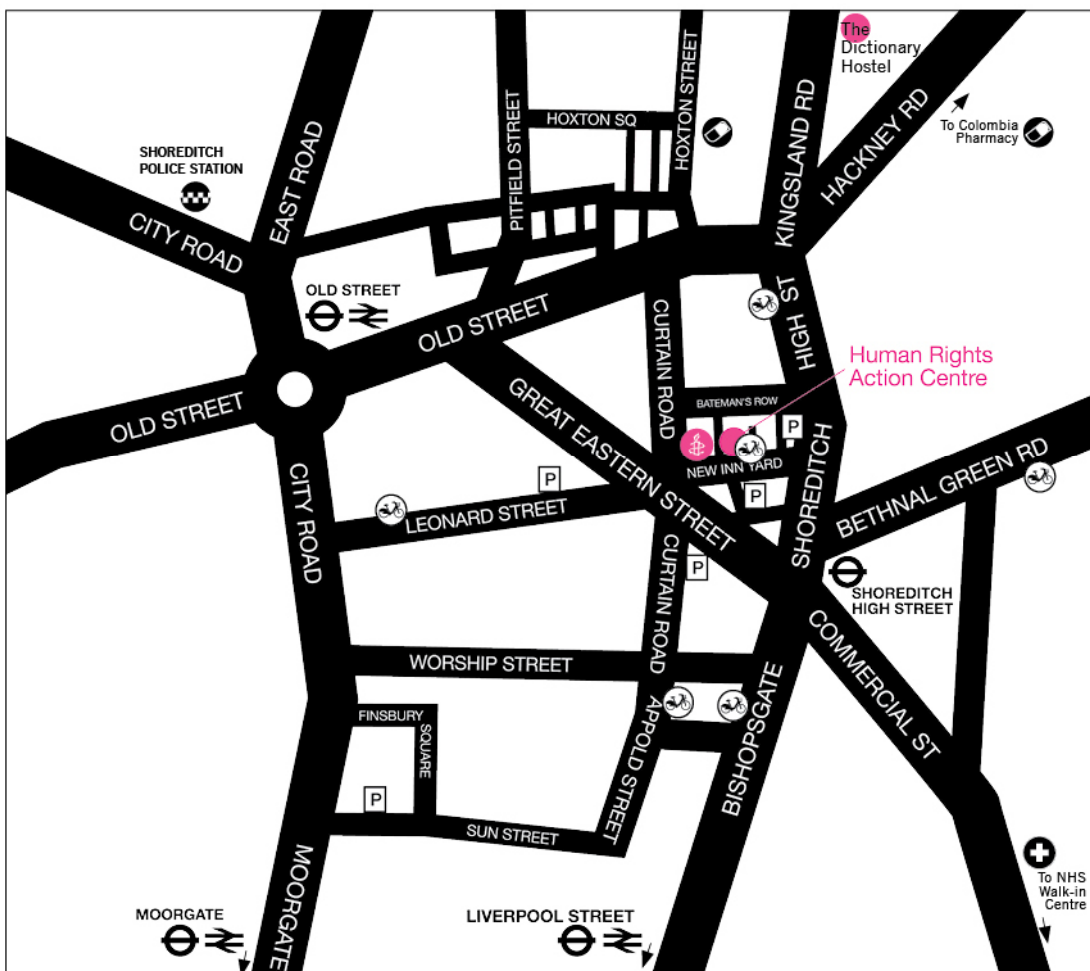
When checking in you will need to show Reception **your ID** (passport, EU identity card or UK driving license), and you will need to provide a **£5 cash** deposit per keycard. There is no curfew at either hostel, but please remember that Sunday is an early start with breakfast available from 9am back at the **Human Rights Action Centre**. You'll be able to store your bags at the HRAC throughout both days.

On Saturday morning breakfast will be available at Dictionary Hostel and the Human Rights Action Centre. On Sunday morning breakfast will be served at the Human Rights Action Centre.

If you have any issues, you can speak to a member of StAN (07384 25910), James (07384 461584) or Jeni (07766731726).

Amnesty UK has a zero-tolerance policy on vandalism, drugs, excessive alcohol consumption and physical and sexual assault. Anyone found in breach of these rules will face exclusion from the event and will not be permitted re-entry.

## SHOREDITCH AREA GUIDE



Saturday 3 November 2018			
8.30	<b>Registration</b> Breakfast, teas and coffees available from 9am.		Foyer
10.00	<b>Welcome</b> Kate Allen (Director Amnesty UK) and the StAN committee will welcome attendees to the conference and run through the weekend.		Auditorium
11.00	<b>Plenary: 20 Years of the Human Rights Act</b> The Human Rights Act has been law for two decades, but it has been 800 years in the making. In anticipation of the 20th birthday of the act, Felix Jakens, Amnesty UK head of Campaigns, will trace the story of Human Rights in the UK, and show nothing can be taken for granted.		Auditorium
12.00	<b>Lunch</b>		Atrium
13.00	<b>I Welcome (Auditorium)</b> From leading the Families Together coalition, to getting 60 football clubs to join our Football Welcomes initiative, Amnesty's I Welcome campaign is having a huge impact. We can all play a role in creating more welcoming communities for people fleeing conflict and persecution. Learn about the I Welcome campaign, share your experiences and find out how you can get more involved.	<b>Israel/Palestine: Ban Israeli Settlement Goods (Conference Room)</b> For over 50 years Israel has illegally occupied Palestinian Territories. In this workshop we will talk about how the trade of goods and services produced in illegal Israeli settlements impacts on Palestinian lives. We will explore how student activists can take part in Amnesty's campaign for a ban on Israeli settlement goods.	<b>Youth Power Action (Action rooms)</b> In 2019 Amnesty International UK will be creating a new National Youth Strategy. Join us for an interactive session on what this new strategy could look like, and what it would mean for your groups. This is your chance start shaping the future of Amnesty International!
	<b>Toxic Twitter (Breakout Space)</b> The #Toxic Twitter campaign talks to an issue that affects women across the UK and globally. The effects of violence and abuse online is felt by women from all walks of life, including at universities. At this workshop you'll get a deeper understanding of our research on this issue and the real-world impact online abuse has.	<b>With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility (Seminar Room)</b> We – Amnesty – believe that we are powerful. Our work with and for people facing human rights violations can have a real impact. We must ensure that this impact is positive not negative. This workshop is an introduction to the ethical responsibilities we all have in our work, and to how we can best fulfil these responsibilities.	<b>Funding Change: how to organise events that enable human rights work (Annex)</b> This workshop will help take you through some examples of successful fundraising events and give you the skills you need to organise events of your own. Attendees will come away from the workshop with event plans that they can take back to their groups and make happen.
14.00	<b>Action Briefing</b> A chance to get ready for the afternoons action on the streets of London...		Auditorium

15.00	<b>Break</b>	Atrium
15.30	<b>Campaign Action</b> We'll be hitting the streets to let the people of London know about the 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Human Rights Act and asking them to sign some very special birthday cards.	Out and about
17.30	<b>Group catch up</b> An opportunity for attendees to meet up and debrief in their university committee groups. A good opportunity to start brainstorming about events for your university this year! If you're not here with a group, come and find out how to start one on your campus!	Auditorium and Atrium
18.00	<b>Free time</b> A chance to go back and check in at the hostel.	
19.00	<b>Dinner</b> Delicious recipes cooked from around the world by the <i>Welcome Kitchen</i> .	Atrium
20.00	<b>Entertainment</b> We'll be joined by some very special guests...	Auditorium
<b>Sunday 4 November 2018</b>		
9.00	<b>Breakfast</b> Pastries, bagels and fruit all served at the HRAC.	Foyer
10.00	<b>Student Network AGM</b> The Student Network Annual General Meeting is your opportunity to vote on motions that shape the student network.	Auditorium
11.00	<b>Plenary: Abortion rights in Northern Ireland #ItsTime</b> Northern Ireland is now the only place in the UK and Ireland where abortion remains illegal in almost every circumstance. The law governing abortion access dates back to 1861, predating the lightbulb. The UK Supreme Court described the law as being in need of 'radical reconsideration'. A majority of the NI and UK public believe the law needs to be changed, so why hasn't it? This session will discuss the current law, it's impact on women and medical professionals and the campaign for law reform.	Auditorium
12.00	<b>Break</b>	Atrium
12.20	<b>StAN Committee Elections</b> Your chance to vote for the candidates you'd like to see as your StAN Committee 2018-19.	Auditorium
13.15	<b>Lunch</b>	Atrium



14.15	<b>Check Your Privilege, Use Your Power (Auditorium)</b> This workshop directly takes on themes like Privilege, Race, Intersectionality, Misogyny and Sexual Violence in an honest, open, "positively challenging" and unconventional way, using poetry, storytelling and lived experience to bring issues to life. Be prepared to be challenged, uncomfortable, heartened and inspired to take action.	<b>Amnesty Students Europe (Conference Rooms)</b> Joined by students from Amnesty Ireland, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and Poland, this is your chance to learn about how Amnesty students' campaign in continental Europe and share ideas and knowledge, forging links for the future.	<b>An introduction to Human Rights in Post-Revolutionary Egypt (Action rooms)</b> The violation of people's rights in Egypt has for several years been at a crisis point, the military government has a policy of all-out repression of anyone who expresses an independent view. Egypt was described by The Economist as "an open air prison". This presentation will address why this has happened, who is involved and what we - as Human Rights activists - can do about it.	
	<b>Children's Rights At Risk (Breakout Space)</b> We're living in a hostile environment. Children with the right to British Citizenship face extortionate fees at the hands of Home Office profiteering. With the 30th anniversary year of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child nearing, it is more important than ever to ensure that all children know and claim their rights. Join us to learn more about these issues, and how you can campaign on campus to make rights real for all children.	<b>Abortion Rights in Northern Ireland (Seminar Room)</b> In Northern Ireland, abortion is illegal in almost all circumstances. Women are criminalised for accessing a service freely available on the NHS for every other woman in the UK. The UK Government has responsibility for human rights in Northern Ireland, yet is remaining silent on the issue. Join this workshop for ideas about what students can do to help put crucial pressure on the UK Government to reform the abortion law.	<b>Get involved with Abolishing the Death Penalty (Annex)</b> Thousands of people were executed in 2017 but 106 countries have completely abolished the Death Penalty. The Death Penalty around the world is changing - be part of that change by working with the Anti-Death Penalty Project. Come and learn more about what we've been doing this year and feedback into our plan for 2019.	
15.15	<b>Break</b>			Atrium
15.30	<b>StAN Election Results</b> We announce your new StAN committee – exciting!			Auditorium
15.45	<b>Plenary – Group Planning Session</b> Your chance to re-group at the end of the conference and make some plans for the year ahead.			Auditorium
16.30	<b>Closing remarks</b> All that's left for us to do is say a huge thank you for coming!			Auditorium

## Speakers

### Felix Jakens – 20 Years of the Human Rights Act Plenary

Felix is the head of campaigns and individuals at risk at Amnesty UK, overseeing the strategy and delivery of our priority campaigning projects. His previous work involved campaigning and advocacy on international development issues, primarily on access to health, education and micro finance in low income settings.



### Tom Davies – I Welcome Workshop

Tom is a Priority Campaign Manager for Amnesty International UK (AIUK) and is currently leading our I Welcome Refugees campaign, which calls for a better international response to the global refugee crisis. He has a background in international development and has worked for AIUK for more than 10 years. In this time, he has led campaigns on issues ranging from torture, freedom of expression in Zimbabwe to refugee and asylum rights in the UK. He was until recently a member of the UK Foreign Secretary's Advisory Group on Torture Prevention.



### Naomi Westland – I Welcome Workshop

Naomi Westland is Football Welcomes Manager at Amnesty International UK, working with football clubs across the UK to develop their work with refugees and people seeking asylum, whilst also coordinating the Football Welcomes weekend in April. Football Welcomes comes under the I Welcome campaign and aims to contribute to creating communities more welcoming to refugees and asylum seekers.



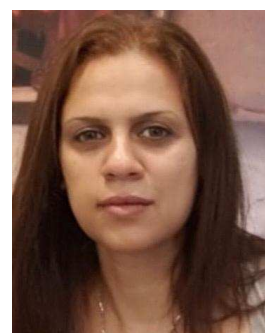
### Jon Cornejo – Israel/Palestine Workshop

Jon is our Crisis & Tactical Campaigner; his role is to develop campaigns against grave human rights abuses at times of crisis and conflict and identify tactical opportunities for campaigning impact. He was a student union activist in a previous life, is an LGBTI rights campaigner, and is a photographer.



### Shaimaa Hassan – Israel/Palestine Workshop

Shaimaa is an Amnesty Speaker and Human Rights Trainer. She has a lot of experience delivering sessions on human rights subjects. She has a master's degree in Refugee Studies and she is the founder of Women's Action Against Violent Extremism - WAVE, a human rights charity.



### Lydia Parker – Toxic Twitter Workshop

Lydia Parker is a Campaigner focussing on Human Rights in the UK at Amnesty International UK. She leads on the Toxic Twitter campaign in the UK, working with women and feminist organisations from across the sector.



### Azmina Dhrodia – Toxic Twitter Workshop

Azmina Dhrodia is a Researcher on Technology and Human Rights at the Amnesty International Secretariat in London. She authored, *#ToxicTwitter: Violence and abuse against women online, a report on the human rights impact of online abuse against women on Twitter*, which includes interviews with female politicians, journalists, bloggers and activists in the UK and USA.



### Ellie Kennedy – With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility Workshop

Ellie manages AIUK's Urgent Action Network and leads the UA Plus Programme, mobilising activists and delivering strategic campaigning in urgent individuals at risk cases.



### Eilidh Macpherson – With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility Workshop

Eilidh manages AIUK's Individuals at Risk team, which includes campaigning on urgent actions, and long-term casework. Eilidh also leads the delivery of the annual Write for Rights campaign.



### Richard Glynn – Funding Change Workshop

Richard has worked at Amnesty International UK since 2011 in various roles. He is responsible for supporting the fundraising activities of all Amnesty activist groups including student groups. A big focus for this year and next is strengthening Amnesty International UK's relationship with RAG societies to give Amnesty a bigger presence on campus.



## Grainne Teggart – Abortion Rights Plenary

Grainne Teggart is the Northern Ireland Campaigns Manager at Amnesty UK, where she manages our strategic litigation and advocacy across a range of issues including abortion reform. Grainne works closely with women and medical professionals impacted by the law in Northern Ireland and has been instrumental in bringing women's voices to the fore. You can follow Grainne on twitter @GTeggart for the latest with this campaign.



## Ruairi Rowan – Abortion Rights Plenary

Ruairi Rowan is FPA's Advocacy Manager and leads the organisations work on the decriminalisation of abortion and legal reform for women living in Northern Ireland. FPA is one of the UK's leading sexual health charities and the national affiliate of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.



## Shoomi Chowdhury - Check Your Privilege, Use Your Power Workshop

Shoomi Chowdhury is a human rights and community activist. Her background of working with marginalised minority women in Ipswich, fueled her passion for women's and human rights and led her to pursue a Law degree and Masters in Human Rights. Shoomi works at Amnesty International where she works in human rights education. Shoomi leads on training activists to make meaningful change in the world. Shoomi is a passionate community organiser and engaging public speaker. She credits her Islamic faith and its community teachings as the driving force for her work.



## Hodan Yusuf – Check Your Privilege, Use Your Power Workshop

Hodan Yusuf is a poet and writer. She is also a mediator and trainer in conflict resolution. Hodan has spoken at and read her poetry at many events and places including IHRC, York University, Muslim Institute, BareLit Festival, Parliament for International Women's Day 2018, British Library for the inaugural MFest, Amnesty International AGM and others. Hodan is currently working on her debut collection of poetry.





### Zainab Asunramu - Check Your Privilege, Use Your Power Workshop

Zainab is an English Language and Literature graduate with a Master's in International Politics and Human Rights. She worked at AIUK for 4.5 years in the Trust and Corporate team, also spending a year at the IS as a Research Assistant for the Online Violence against Women research. As a School Speaker she delivers human rights sessions to young people between the ages of 11-18 and has co-facilitated workshops at AIUK's AGM and Educational Conference. She currently works in Parliament.



### Poppy Forbes – An Introduction to Human Rights in Post-Revolutionary Egypt Workshop

Poppy was previously part of the Royal Holloway Amnesty student group and is now a Committee member for the Amnesty Feminist Network. Having graduated this year with an Islamic History degree with a focus on Egyptian politics, she is now working in charity TV advert production.



### Holly Shorey – Children's Rights At Risk Workshop

Holly is the Amnesty Children's Human Rights Network vice chair and empowerment and engagement officer. She is passionate about youth participation in human rights. She is also a student at the University of York, so looks forward to talking to students about how they can get involved in the networks. She's often here, there, and everywhere talking about the network, so if you spot someone on a train with placards it's probably her.



### Lisa Incledon - Children's Rights At Risk Workshop

Lisa is the Amnesty Children's Human Rights Network campaigns and issues officer, and secretary. In her professional life, she works in Medical Justice as a caseworker. As if she isn't busy enough, she is also an Amnesty school speaker, and the network historian after having been a key part of the network for almost 10 years! If not Amnesty-ing she will probably be found at Hay Festival, as an avid reader.



## Katherine Walton - Children's Rights At Risk Workshop

Katherine is the Amnesty Children's Human Rights Network chair. She leads the team of 8 committee members, and the network of over 17,000 people. She has graduated from the Geneva academy with a Masters in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. She is also our chief networker, making connections within the UN, other organisations, and individuals working on children's human rights. If she's not networking, she'll be taking boomerangs for Instagram.



## Ella Berny - Abortion Rights in Northern Ireland Workshop

Ella is a Media Manager at Amnesty International UK. She leads on media work for Amnesty's Northern Ireland abortion rights campaign, women's rights, LGBTI rights and Africa. She's also responsible for Amnesty's media events, including the Student Media Summit and Media Awards.



## Rona Hardie - Get Involved in Abolishing the Death Penalty Workshop

Rona's in her final year studying sociology at the University of Aberdeen. She is currently the Country Coordinator for Haiti and the Dominican Republic, a Campaigns Officer on the Anti-Death Penalty Project Committee, Vice President of her university society and was previously on the STAN committee. She's also the Campaigns Coordinator for Plastic Free Scotland and a trustee of an environmental education charity, Green & Away.



## Rhiannon Griffiths - Get Involved in Abolishing the Death Penalty Workshop

Rhiannon is currently working towards her PhD in international human rights law at the University of York. Alongside this, she is the Japan Country Coordinator and a Research Officer for the Anti-Death Penalty Project with Amnesty International UK.



## Olivia Foster - Get Involved in Abolishing the Death Penalty Workshop

Olivia works for the Council for Disabled Children within the National Children's Bureau, on training, law, and advice on education for children and young people with SEND. In addition to this Olivia is the Campaign Officer for the Amnesty Anti-Death Penalty Project (ADPP) committee, a Secondary School Speaker for Animal Aid, and was previously the Social Media Coordinator for the Shoreditch Greenpeace local group.



## Student Action Network Committee

### Piper Booth - Scotland

Hi, I'm Piper. I study English literature at the University of Aberdeen. I coordinate the Scottish student groups and represent students on the Activism Sub-committee of the board. Being on StAN has been a fantastic experience and I'd really encourage you to go for it if you're interested!



### Chris Moss - London

I'm a second year Law Student at UCL but originally from North West England. On the STAN Committee, I represent universities in London and I'm additionally the committee's secretary which just involves keeping the minutes. I've been a member of Amnesty going on 5 years and at the 2018 AGM I was elected to chair Amnesty UK's National Conference and AGM in 2019, so I'll be keeping involved even after my time on the STAN Committee is over.



### Nicole Orchard – South West

You might know me already from stalking your Amnesty groups (shout out to the amazing South-West universities). My name is Nic and I've been involved in Amnesty for a couple of years now after joining the society at UCL during my undergraduate degree. I'm now doing a masters in neuroscience at KCL and still going to meetings to carry out actions around campus and London.



### Hannah Orr – Northern Ireland and Wales

I am a student at Queens University Belfast studying Criminology with Social Policy. I am President of the QUB society and a STAN representative overlooking Northern Ireland and Wales. I am also the LGBT+ representative for STAN and I sit on the AGM review board as student representative. I campaign in Northern Ireland for reproductive rights and marriage equality.



### Ela White – East

I'm Ela, an English student currently doing her Masters in English Lit at University of Sheffield. I've been involved with Amnesty International in one way or another for nine years now, in both youth groups and as Social Sec and Chair of the Student Committee in Sheffield. I can definitely say that being a part of StAN has been one of the best experiences I've had and would really recommend it to anyone interested!



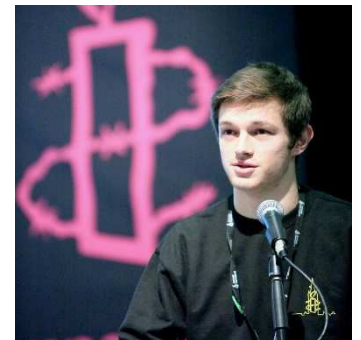
## Juliane Thorbjørnsen - North

Hello! My name is Juliane Thorbjørnsen, and I've just graduated from Durham where I studied International Relations, Philosophy and Music. I'm originally from Norway, which is also where I started getting involved with Amnesty back in 2011. Since then, I've been involved in some pretty amazing campaigns, such as Jamnesty, Write for Rights, Europride and the 'I Welcome' refugee rights campaign.



## Alex Huntley – Midlands

Hi I'm Alex, I'm from South Wales and I'm currently a student at the University of Glasgow studying Politics. I first got involved with Amnesty International in freshers week when I first came to uni and have been really keen ever since. I'm the fundraising officer for my uni society which meant being in charge of organising Jamnesty, which was a huge success! Amnesty has become a massive part of my life and is essentially my entire social life, no complains here, Amnesty is full of awesome people.





## Meet the conference organisers

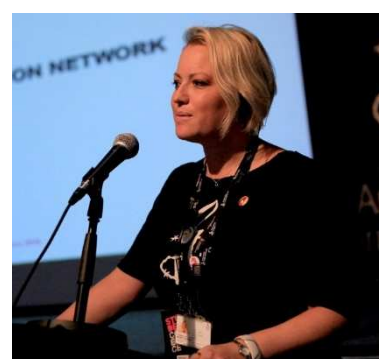
### James Farndon

James is the Community Organiser (Students) and supports the StAN committee and all of Amnesty's student groups to campaign for human rights. James was the Vice Chair of Leicester University Amnesty Society for two years before working at People & Planet and ActionAid. Get in touch with him via Facebook (*James Amnesty Farndon*) or email ([james.farndon@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:james.farndon@amnesty.org.uk)) if your group needs any help or support, from running great meetings, ordering materials, to planning your next campaign action. He'll be around all conference so say hi!



### Jeni Dixon

Jeni is the Community Organising Manager at Amnesty UK. She has been active with Amnesty since letter writing in her youth group at 13. She has previously worked as the International Secretariat's campaigner on Iraq and been the Amnesty UK volunteer Country Coordinator for Syria, as well as being active in Southwark and Lambeth local groups and with the London Region. Jeni is around the conference all weekend, so please do ask her if you have any questions about the conference, Amnesty UK, or how to get involved in other forms of activism.



### Katherine Odukoya

Katherine is the Community Organising Assistant at Amnesty UK. She first joined Amnesty as a student activist on the committee of her Amnesty Group, while studying for a BSc in Sociology and Social Policy. She went on to gain an MSc in Human Rights and joined Amnesty UK as a volunteer in the Campaigns team focusing on Human Rights in the UK, before moving over to work in Community Organising. Prior to working at Amnesty, she gained experience working in social policy and social research. Katherine is on hand all weekend to help out with the conference and is happy to answer any questions!



### Sana Yusuf

Sana is currently working at Amnesty UK in the community Organising Team. She's been a lifelong Amnesty activist and was president of her student group as well as a StAN committee member from 2017-2018. Having just graduated in History from Kings College London, Sana is hoping to do a masters in something 'Human-Right-y'. Sana is on hand all weekend to answer all questions conference and Amnesty related.



## Useful Information

### Info Point

If you have a question, big or small, head over to the Info Point located in the foyer. This is also the place to go to affiliate your group, find a first aider or find/hand in any lost property.

### #studentconf

Share your photos, session highlights and plans for next year on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

### Action Centre

Head to the atrium during the breaks and lunch and you'll have a chance to meet other activists from across Amnesty and take action on our campaigns.

### StAN Stall

Want to run to be on the next StAN Committee? Got a question about the network? Head over to the StAN stall in the foyer.

### Food

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner is provided throughout the conference. For those staying Friday night, breakfast will be served in the Dictionary hostel and the HRAC. All other meals will be at the HRAC.

### Bag Drop

You will be able to leave your bags at the HRAC both days over the weekend. The bag drop will be on the 1st floor, and volunteers will be around to help you.

### Contact numbers

StAN Committee (non-emergency) 07384 259101

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## STUDENT AGM MOTION #1

This motion will be discussed and voted on during the Student AGM, Sunday 10am

Introducing reserved spaces on the Student Action Network Committee

This conference resolves to call on the Board of Amnesty International UK Section to add the following to the Amnesty Student Action Network terms of reference;

- There are 4 reserved seats on the Student Action Network Committee, 1 for each of the UK nations; England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.
- Students are eligible to run for the reserved seat of the nation in which their University is based, as well as one of the 4 unreserved seats. They can run for either both or only one of these seats.
- If, at the close of nominations, there have been no nominations for a reserved seat that seat will become unreserved.
- All affiliated student groups can vote for all reserved and unreserved positions and candidates.
- All members of the Student Action Network Committee represent all students within the network regardless of which seat they occupy.

Proposer: Hannah Orr (StAN Committee, Queens University Belfast)

Seconder: Piper Booth (StAN Committee, Aberdeen University)