

# Fundraise for Amnesty International

*A guide for LGBTI+ societies*



Why? How? When?



# Who are we and what is fundraising?



Amnesty International is a grassroots membership organisation fighting for nearly 60 years for human rights and justice wherever they have been denied.

In partnership with our supporters we've reunited families, freed people from prison, held governments and corporations accountable and shone a light on injustices.

**When we come together, HUMANITY WINS.**



**We would love for your society to participate in some events with us, including a spoken word night, a screening, a themed party or charity skydive in order to raise money for our important LGBTQ+ work.**



Fundraising consists in collecting money via simple collections or by organising an event. It can be a screening of a documentary, a bake sale, a Write for Rights event... We will be here for you throughout the process, so feel free to contact us anytime for advices and support! Write for Rights encourages participants to write messages of support to people around the world who have suffered injustice and shows them how else they can help their cases.



# Our campaigns



## LGBTI+ rights

The lives of LGBTI+ people in Chechnya are under threat. Two people have been tortured to death in a new wave of attacks by the Chechen authorities. Around 40 people have been abducted since last December. Tortured. Passports destroyed. Simply because of their alleged sexuality.

Our petitions last year gathered over half a million of signatures, and we put the spotlight on Russia and Chechnya. But we are still waiting for a genuine official investigation, as so far, not one person has been held accountable for the atrocities committed.



## Human rights defenders

Elżbieta Podleśna, a Polish activist, could face two years in prison after being accused of owning a poster of the Virgin Mary with a rainbow halo. She is being investigated for “offending religious beliefs”. This is another example of the harassment suffered by LGBTI+ people in Poland.

# How can you raise funds to support us?



## Host a Write for Rights event!

You can send letters and postcards to human right activist to support them. Simply sell the Amnesty cards and add a small fee to cover the postage costs.



...or imagine your own event!

We are here to help you. You can email us at [fundraise@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:fundraise@amnesty.org.uk) whenever you need support.



## Organise an AmnesTEA!

Simply book a room or tidy up your backyard if it's sunny, and send out invites for an afternoon tea at the profit of Amnesty! We provide posters and flyers, you just have to print them. You can make people pay for a cuppa or cakes, or charge a small fee (£5 to £10, depending on how fancy your party is) to enter.

## Organise a screening!

As a student group, it is very easy to do. Just book a lecture theatre, pick up a documentary about any theme you like. Sell tickets for a small fee (£2), food and drinks (popcorn, pizzas, sweets, drinks, etc)!

