

CAMPAIGN FOR YOUNG ACTIVISTS (age 11-14)

SOLIDARITY ACTION

Send a message of support

Suggested message: Emil enjoys studying and reading. He is particularly interested in economics and business. Tell him about your interests.

Language: Russian, Belarussian or English

Can I

- Send a religious card or message?
Emil is Catholic, so you can send him Christmas greetings
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **Yes**

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Send a letter to the Prosecutor General of Belarus and ask him to release Emil.

Start your letter: Dear Prosecutor General

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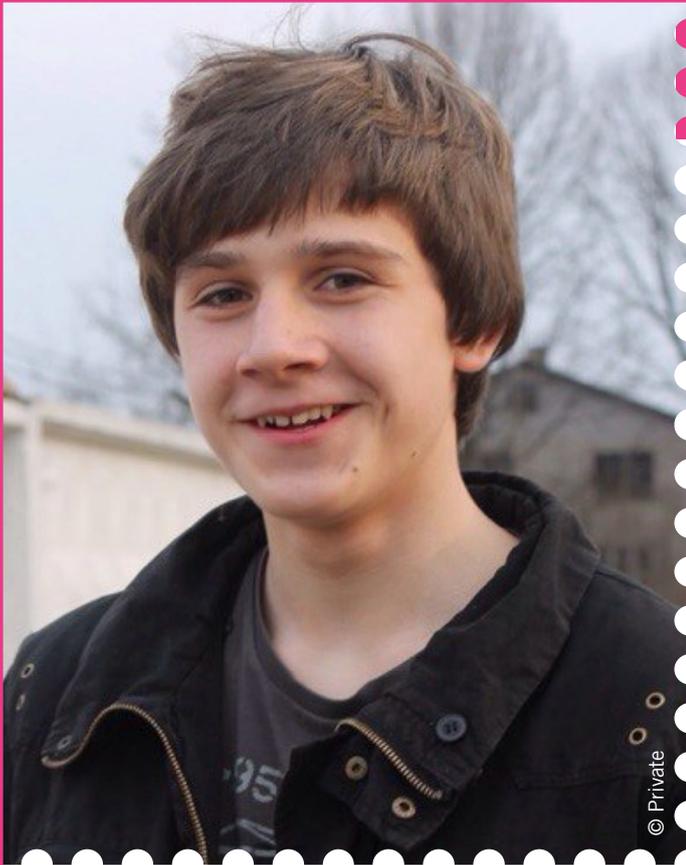
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BELARUS

EMIL OSTROVKO

Jailed teenager hopes to study again

Seventeen-year-old Emil Ostrovko was waiting for his girlfriend at a bus stop on the outskirts of Minsk in April 2018 when police officers arrested him for delivering illegal drugs. Earlier in the year, Emil got an after-school job as a courier. His boss told him the parcels contained legal smoking products.

After months in detention, Emil was given a 10-year prison sentence for drug trafficking. This was later reduced to eight years. The investigators did not look for the owner of the company Emil worked for or anyone else: Emil was the only one to be punished.

Around 15,000 children and young people in Belarus are serving long prison sentences for minor drug offences. They are treated far worse than other prisoners and forced to do lots of hard labour. Emil got frostbite from clearing snow with his bare hands.

He is now in an adult situation, where conditions are a bit better. But Emil still dreams of returning to his studies.

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Suggested messages: Justice for Grassy Narrows.
Grassy Narrows – we're with you.
Mercury justice now #Freegrassy.
We support the youth of Grassy Narrows.

Language: English or Anishinaabe

Can I

- Send a religious card or message? **No**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **No**

APPEAL ACTION

Send a letter to Canada's Prime Minister and ask him to give the Grassy Narrows First Nation specialist health care and compensation.

Start your letter: Dear Prime Minister

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CANADA

GRASSY NARROWS YOUTH

Campaigning for a healthy future

Young people from the Grassy Narrows First Nation in northwest Ontario are fighting for a healthy future for themselves and their community.

In the 1960s, a mill dumped about nine tonnes of a poisonous substance called mercury into the river system. The mercury contaminated the fish and made them dangerous to eat. This was devastating for the community: fishing was a very important part of their way of life. Generations of young people grew up with serious health problems and lost their cultural traditions. This is the worst health crisis in Canada and the government has not done enough to help.

In 2017, the government promised to deal with the mercury crisis 'once and for all'. This would mean cleaning up the river, offering the community specialist health care and providing compensation. The young people of the Grassy Narrows First Nation are determined to hold the government to its promise..

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Send a message of support

Suggested message: José Adrián, the bravery you have shown in your fight for justice is inspirational. We stand with you and support your struggle.

Language: English or Spanish

Can I

- Send a religious card or message? **No**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **Yes**

APPEAL ACTION

Send a letter to the Governor of Yucatán State asking him to give José Adrián compensation and bring those responsible for his abuse to justice.

Start your letter: Dear Governor

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José Adrián loves cooking and music. Send him some of your favourite recipes or songs and music and include some pictures.



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MEXICO

JOSÉ ADRIÁN

Arrested and beaten by the police

In February 2016, 14-year-old José Adrián was walking home from school when police officers grabbed him. There had just been a fight between a group of young people in which a police car was damaged.

Even though he wasn't involved in the fight, José Adrián, who has a hearing disability, was thrown against the car and an officer trod heavily on his neck. He was then arrested. The officers did not explain why or tell his parents.

At the police station, José Adrián was handcuffed, hung from a wall and left for what felt like hours. To get him released, his family, who are indigenous Maya and live in a disadvantaged community, had to pay a fine and for the repair of the car – money they didn't have.

Because of all this, José Adrián had to drop out of school for a time. He and his family want to move on with their lives. But they can't until the authorities give them the compensation they deserve and bring the officers who abused José Adrián to justice.

NOTE José Adrián is his first name – we are not using his family name to protect him.

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Send a message of support

Suggested message: Marinel, we stand with you in your fight.

Language: English, Filipino or Waray

Can I

- Send a religious card or message? **No**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **No**

APPEAL ACTION

Send a letter to the President of Philippines and tell him to provide people from Matarinao with decent living conditions.

Start your letter: Dear President

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Marinel would love to hear how your community is helping to protect the environment. Tell her about what you do and send pictures of your projects.



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PHILIPPINES

MARINEL UBALDO

Fighting to save a community hit by the climate crisis

When Marinel Sumook Ubaldo was 16, Typhoon Yolanda destroyed her village, Matarinao, in Eastern Samar province. The typhoon was one of the most powerful ever recorded. It killed 6,300 people in the Philippines and millions lost their homes.

'The government response was inadequate,' says Marinel. People from her village were moved to places that didn't have water, electricity or enough jobs. As a result, many families returned to their original homes, even though the area was still dangerous.

Since the typhoon, Marinel has become a leading youth activist. She is dedicated to ensuring governments around the world tackle the climate crisis and help communities like Matarinao.

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