

# Amnesty International UK Section

## Annual General Meeting 2025

The following decisions were adopted by the Amnesty International UK Section Annual General Meeting at its meeting of 5-6 July 2025, at the University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL.

### F1: Financial statements

**Proposer:** AIUK Board

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves to receive the Report of the Directors and the audited accounts of AIUK Section for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Votes for: 968 (99.27%)

Votes against: 7 (0.72%)

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### F2: Financial Estimates

**Proposer:** AIUK Section Board

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves to ratify the budget estimates for the years 2025 - 27.

Votes for: 902 (94.35%)

Votes against: 54 (5.65%)

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### F3: Appointment of Auditors

**Proposer:** AIUK Section Board

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves to reappoint BDO LLP as Auditor of the Company, to hold office until the conclusion of the next General Meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company, and to authorise the Directors to approve the Auditor's remuneration.

Votes for: 963 (96.01%)

Votes against: 40 (3.99%)

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### S1: Special Resolution to Amend the Articles of Association (early retirement)

**Proposer:** AIUK Section Board

**Resolution text:** It is hereby resolved by way of special resolution that the Articles of Association of Amnesty International United Kingdom Section are altered by:

- a) Deleting Article 38.1 from the Articles of Association
- b) In Article 38.3, deleting the words "selected to retire in accordance with Article 38.1 or"
- c) In Article 38.6 deleting the words "by rotation"
- d) In Article 38.8, replacing the word "an", with the words "a retiring", and deleting the words "retiring by rotation"
- e) Deleting Article 39.4 from the Articles of Association
- f) In Article 40.1.2, delete the words "are selected to"
- g) Renumbering the Articles accordingly

Votes for: 854 (88.22%)

Votes against: 114 (11.78%)

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## **O1: Continuing repression, injustice and human rights abuses in Belarus**

**Proposer:** Portobello and East Edinburgh Group

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that the Board of AIUK urges the International Secretariat to increase their work in gathering evidence of human rights abuses in Belarus and for this research to be applied in campaigning for the immediate release of existing political detainees and a cessation of the widespread detentions witnessed since 2020.

To resolve to urge the International Secretariat to stridently campaign and lobby for the Belarusian diaspora to have access, via the global network of Belarusian embassies and consulates, to full consular and nationality services; including but not limited to the extension, renewal and amendment of passports.

At the same time, to resolve to redouble efforts lobbying in those countries with a Belarusian diaspora for Belarusians to be given exceptional treatment and issued with an appropriate host country emergency Travel Document and/or identity paper.

Prison conditions are harsh. Political Prisoners are subject to special treatments including:

- forced wearing of a yellow rectangle stitched to prison uniform
- physical and mental torture
- withholding of letters and parcels
- denial of medical treatments and of sanitary products for female prisoners
- there were five prison deaths in 2024.

Votes for: 1,158 (99.66%)

Votes against: 4 (0.34%)

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## O2: Amnesty to support sanctions and boycotts against Israel

**Proposer:** Mike Reed

**Resolution text (as amended):** This AGM resolves that the Board of AIUK will submit the following proposals to the international secretariat and will apply great urgency and every possible mechanism (such as via the Chairs Forum and the International Executive Committee etc) to urge consideration and adoption of the following policy changes and campaign actions:

- Support for and promotion of targeted sanctions and boycotts against Israel in response to its ongoing violations of international law.
- Support for and promotion of the international BDS movement as a legitimate and effective tool for exerting economic and political pressure.
- Integration of BDS into Amnesty's ongoing End Israeli Apartheid campaign.

The amendment proposed:

- To delete "This AGM resolves that Amnesty UK" and replace with "This AGM resolves that the Board of AIUK will submit the following proposals to the international secretariat and will apply great urgency and every possible mechanism (such as via the Chairs Forum and the International Executive Committee etc) to urge consideration and adoption of the following policy changes and campaign actions".
- In Bullet point 1, to delete "Calls for" and replace with "Support and promotion of"
- In Bullet Point 2, to delete "Supports" and replace with "Support for and promotion of"
- In Bullet Point 3, delete "UK"
- In Bullet Point 3, delete "Integrates" and replace with "Integration of"
- "UK's" in bullet point 3
- Delete Bullet Point 4

The amendment was carried by:

Votes for: 466 (97.69%)

Votes against: 11 (2.31%)

The resolution (as amended) was carried by

Votes for: 1,056 (90.49%)

Votes against: 111 (9.51%)

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### **O3: Time to Protect Top Human Rights Organisations**

**Proposer:** Glasgow Daytime Group

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that AIUK should work to increase awareness and support for UNO and the ICC.

Votes for: 1,139 (99.56%)

Votes against: 5 (0.44%)

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### **O4: Restoring AIUK International Human Rights & International Women's Day Campaigns**

**Proposer:** Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Group

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that Amnesty International UK Section restores International Human Rights Day and International Women's Day as major 1-day National Campaigning Actions each and every year.

Materials for these campaigning actions should be provided well in advance to local, youth and student groups, regional and theme networks, and to national members via the Amnesty Magazine.

The AIUK Section should also plan national publicity appropriate for each day.

Votes for: 1,128 (97.41%)

Votes against: 30 (2.59%)

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## O5: Restoring Real Lives Appeal Cases

**Proposer:** Mayfair and Soho Group

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that the Board of Amnesty International UK brings back the Real Lives appeal case actions that were dropped from the Amnesty magazine in the summer of 2024. The cases highlighted are to total at least five per issue and are to appear at the same time on the Section's website, the above to be accomplished by the end of 2025.

Votes for: 753 (79.51%)

Votes against<sup>1</sup>: 194 (20.49%)

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## O6: Promoting partnership with Trade Unions in other Amnesty Sections worldwide

**Proposer:** Battersea and Wandsworth Trade Union Council

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that the AIUK Section Board promote the establishment of local Trade Union links and partnerships in the Amnesty network of Sections.

This AGM resolves that the AIUK Section Board works in partnership with the AIUK Trade Union Network to establish links with Trade Union bodies, first in European Sections and then further afield, to encouraging the establishment of Trade Union Networks/ Links/ Partnerships (whichever is the most locally appropriate) with the relevant AI National Section.

Further This AGM resolves that the AIUK Section Board co-operates with the AIUK Trade Union Network to draft a resolution to the next Global Assembly requesting that Sections build links with the appropriate Trade Union Confederations or collective structures in their own countries.

Votes for: 1,114 (97.12%)

Votes against: 33 (2.88%)

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<sup>1</sup> Corrected figure after scrutineer review, with no impact to the outcome of the poll.

## **07: Improving engagement and communication between activists and the Board of Amnesty UK**

**Proposer:** Exeter Group

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that the Board will:

1. Allocate Amnesty UK regions to Board members at their first meeting after the AGM, who will be expected to maintain contact with Amnesty activists and activist collectives  
eg local groups and geographical networks in their region by a combination of online and in person meetings and report back to the Board annually on the health of local activism in their allocated region.
2. Ensure that each official Amnesty UK forum and thematic network may send up to two reports per year to the Board for its consideration and be entitled to receive a response from the Board to each of these reports.
3. Include a standing item “Reports from forums/networks” on Board agendas.
4. Require each forum and thematic network to send to their “constituencies” copies of the reports they have sent to the Board and the Board’s responses.
5. Send a Board member to each forum and thematic network at least once a year to discuss current issues and report back to the Board.

Votes for: 1,085 (99.09%)

Votes against: 10 (0.91%)

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## **O8: Resolution to reverse the decline in the membership of AIUK**

**Proposer:** Monmouth Group

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that the Board of AIUK:

1. Commit to reversing the decline in membership with a target of increasing it by 5% from the existing level in each remaining year of the current strategic plan.
2. As a matter of urgency, set up a cross organisational team including members of the Building a Powerful Movement sub-Committee, other activists and staff to create a plan to achieve this growth in membership that must be included, fully funded, in the Board's annual business plan. This plan must be completed in time to be included in the Board's business planning for the next financial year.
3. Publish membership numbers monthly on the website so that members can track the implementation of this decision.

Votes for: 1,067 (99.44%)

Votes against: 6 (0.56%)

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## **O9: Making Amnesty International UK Affiliated Membership Free for Student and Youth Groups**

**Proposer:** Glasgow University Amnesty International Society

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that AIUK introduces free membership for Student and Youth Groups (groups of children and young people in primary and secondary schools and sixth form colleges) by the 2026 AGM.

Votes for: 1,064 (95.77%)

Votes against: 47 (4.23%)

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## O10: Restoring the AIUK International Issues Subcommittee

**Proposer:** Watford Group

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that the Board of Amnesty International UK re-establishes its International Issues Subcommittee.

Votes for: 1,040 (98.02%)

Votes against: 21 (1.98%)

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## ER1: The Future of Amnesty's Bookshops

**Proposer:** Islington and Hackney Local Group

**Summary:** Seeks to pause the proposed closure of four of the nine local bookshops and the online bookshop pending a more thorough review and consultation process.

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that the Board of AIUK immediately pauses the recently proposed closure of four of the nine local Amnesty International UK Bookshops (Hammersmith, Kentish Town, York and Great Malvern) and the online Bookshop, and undertakes a more thorough review before any further decisions about the future of the Bookshops are considered, including a transparent and detailed assessment of the potential of each individual shop to generate income for AIUK.

The review must include meaningful consultation with all affected staff and the many Bookshop volunteers, as well as full exploration of the:

- community and recruitment benefits of the Bookshops to AIUK;
- current state of the market for second hand book sales;
- alternative cost savings options;
- methodology and details of income projections;
- rationale and explanation of the calculation of 'centrally incurred costs' shown on the accounts of the Bookshops.

Votes for: 432 (98.41%)

Votes against<sup>2</sup>: 7 (1.59%)

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<sup>2</sup> Figures corrected after scrutineer review, with no impact to the outcome of the poll.

## **O11: Introducing demonstrable independence and impartiality into the Activist Code of Conduct Complaints Process**

**Proposer:** Chris Ramsey

**Resolution text (as amended):** This AGM resolves that the Board will amend the Activist Code of Conduct (CoC) Complaints Process as follows:

1. They will create a Code of Complaints Panel of 5 AIUK members elected by the membership at the AGM.
2. All references to the “Director of Supporter Campaigning and Communications and the Head of the CORE team” in the existing process will be replaced by “The Code of Conduct Complaints Panel”.
3. The Code of Conduct process will be conducted by 3 members of the Code of Conduct Complaints Panel. Both the complainant and the accused will have the right to ask for the replacement of one member of the panel if they believe there is a potential or actual conflict of interest because of past association between any individuals concerned in the case.
4. The revision of the existing CoC Complaints Process to deliver points 1. and 2. will be carried out by a temporary working party comprising members, a Board member and staff representative who will also carry out a review of the Code of Conduct itself and recommend a new version to the next AGM.

The amendment proposed:

To insert the number “5” between “of” and “AIUK members” in Bullet Point 1

The amendment was carried by:

Votes for: 316 (89.77%)

Votes against: 36 (10.23%)

The Resolution (as amended) was carried by

Votes for: 532 (60.73%)

Votes against: 344 (39.27%)

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## 012: Mid-Term Review and Strengthening of the 2022-2030 Strategy

**Proposer:** Sutton Group

**Resolution text:**

1. The AGM resolves that the AIUK Board carries out a comprehensive mid-term review of the Amnesty International UK 2022-2030 Strategy, this to be conducted by the end of 2025.
2. This review should assess the progress made towards the strategy's goals, identify challenges, and evaluate the effectiveness of current approaches.
3. Following the review, the strategy should be strengthened by introducing clear, measurable objectives and key performance indicators (KPIs).
4. Regular updates on the implementation of the revised strategy should be shared with members.

Votes for: 1,040 (99.33%)

Votes against: 7 (0.67%)

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## 013: Enhancing the Treasurer's report to the AGM

**Proposer:** Peter Pack

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that the Board of Amnesty International UK Section will include appropriate aggregate information concerning AIUK Section and AIUK Section Charitable Trust in the Treasurer's written report to all future AGMs.

Votes for: 1,046 (99.62%)

Votes against: 4 (0.38%)

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## O14: AGM voting procedure

**Proposer:** Peter Pack

**Resolution text:** This AGM resolves that from the 2025 AGM onwards, the results of all AGM votes – as they are announced – must be displayed in a way that shows how many votes for and against each resolution were cast as proxies and how many were cast by those present at the AGM, either in person or via an online link.

Votes for: 1,002 (96.53%)

Votes against: 36 (3.47%)

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## O15: Handling of AGM Decisions

**Proposer:** Sutton Group

**Resolution text (as amended):** This AGM resolves that the Board of Amnesty International UK makes every effort to implement all AGM Decisions in a consistent and timely way for all future AIUK AGMs.

To achieve this, the Board should ensure that at the finish of every AGM (or within two weeks thereof):

1. there is a full Board meeting
2. AGM Decisions are allocated to Board members and to the relevant Board subcommittees where applicable at that Board meeting

Following all AGMs, the Board should ensure:

3. that relevant Board sub-committees meet within one calendar month of the AGM Date, with powers to start the implementation process for these AGM Decisions, initiate working parties with terms of reference where called for, and identify relevant AIUK staff to work with in partnership
4. that proposers of AGM Decisions are consulted in the dialogue between staff and Board members
5. that during the planning and budgeting cycle, AIUK staff make every effort to take into account relevant AGM Decisions
6. that implementation updates are published monthly on the AIUK Governance / AGM webpage

Please note that for the 2025 AGM only, the Board should meet within two weeks of the finish of that AGM – to give time for the Board to organise such a meeting if this resolution is passed.

The amendment proposed:

- In the paragraph beginning “To achieve this”, delete the words “in the case of the 2025 AGM”
- Delete all words following “full Board meeting” from Bullet Point 1
- In Bullet Point 3, delete the words “Declaration Date” and replace with “AGM”

The amendment was carried:

Votes for: 411 (99.76%)

Votes against: 1 (0.24%)

The resolution (as amended) was carried:

Votes for: 1,053 (99.81%)

Votes against: 2 (0.19%)

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## Emergency Resolution 2: Israeli Attacks on Iran

Proposed by: Nils Scott

**Resolution text (as amended):** This AGM resolves that the Board of AIUK publicly and unequivocally:

1. Condemns as illegal under international law Israel’s attack on Iranian territory on 13 June.
2. Reaffirms that international law should guide AIUK’s responses to inter-state conflict, including clear identification of violations and rights of proportional defence.
3. Consistently stresses the importance of working towards and maintaining a complete ceasefire between all parties to a conflict.
4. Ensures that it is timely in its condemnation of acts of aggression that kill civilians regardless of the players. Refrains from framing the conflict as symmetrical and instead clearly identify the initiator of the illegal attack.
5. Highlights Israel’s possession of undeclared nuclear weapons and non-membership of the NPT.
6. Affirms that nuclear facilities must never be targeted in armed conflict, and that civilians—including nuclear scientists not serving in armed forces—are protected under international humanitarian law.
7. Avoids endorsing or referencing entities or individuals claiming to represent a population without democratic legitimacy.
8. Commits to a position grounded in justice, international law, and protection of regional stability, avoiding false neutrality.

9. Discloses the legal advice that they received prior to their press release.
10. Where appropriate, reviews and clarifies the legal basis for past and future public statements to ensure transparency and alignment with Amnesty's principles.
11. Explains the difference in stance taken in its response to Russia's attack on Ukraine compared to Israel's attack on Iran; evident in the Ukraine press release (Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2022) and the Iran press release (June 18<sup>th</sup> 2025).

First amendment proposed:

To delete the words "or referencing" from Bullet Point 7

The amendment was carried

Votes for: 326 (93.95%)

Votes against: 21 (6.05%)

Second amendment proposed

To delete Bullet Point 9 ("Discloses the legal advice that they received prior to their press release")

Votes for: 268 (74.65%)

Votes against: 91 (25.35%)

The resolution (as amended) was carried:

Votes for: 322 (85.87%)

Votes against: 53 (14.13%)

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## **AGM ELECTIONS**

### **Election of Helen Moulinos as Chair of the 2025 AGM**

Votes for: 423 (94.42%)

Votes against: 25 (5.58%)

### **Election to the Members and Directors Appeals Committee**

Alex Jagger (elected unopposed)

### **Election to the Standing Orders Committee**

Claire Taylor (elected unopposed)  
Nicole Steele (elected unopposed)

**Election to the Chair of the 2026 AGM**

Helen Moulinos 264 (81.23%)  
Sam Orman-Chan 61 (18.77%)