

AIUK SECTION BOARD UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGM DECISIONS – AUGUST 2025

The AIUK Section Board receives a report at each meeting, setting out the progress in implementing AGM resolutions. Between Board meetings a monthly update is compiled. These reports will be posted on the website by the end of each month to enable members to keep up to date with developments. Please contact the relevant Board member if you require any further information.

Resolution Number	Title	Update	Board member
S1 (2025)	Special Resolution to amend the Articles of Association (early retirement)	Implementation of this resolution is complete. The Articles of Association have been amended. Companies House and the AIUK website have both been updated.	Helen Horton Helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk
01 (2025)	Continuing repression, injustice and human rights abuses in Belarus	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Richard Kotter Richard.Kotter@amnesty.org.uk
02 (2025)	Amnesty to support sanctions and boycotts against Israel	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Duaa Abdulal Duaa.abdulal@amnesty.org.uk
03 (2025)	Time to protect top human rights organisations	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	George Randall George.randall@amnesty.org.uk
04 (2025)	Restoring AIUK International Human Rights and International Women's Day campaigns	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Not yet assigned
05 (2025)	Restoring Real Lives appeal cases	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Sophia Bhatti Sophia.bhatti@amnesty.org.uk

06 (2025)	Promoting partnership with Trade Unions in other Amnesty sections worldwide	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Richard Wild Richard.wild@amnesty.org.uk
07 (2025)	Improving engagement and communication between activists and the Board of Amnesty UK	The proposer and Board member have met and agreed how this will be managed. The process of assigning Board members to Regions/Nations has begun.	Stuart Penny Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk
08 (2025)	Resolution to reverse the decline in the membership of AIUK	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Not yet assigned.
09 (2025)	Making Amnesty International UK affiliated membership free for student and youth groups	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Duaa Abdulal Duaa.abdulal@amnesty.org.uk
010 (2025)	Restoring the International Issues sub-committee	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Not yet assigned but a working party of the Board is likely to be formed to implement this.
011 (2025)	Introducing demonstrable independence and impartiality into the Activist code of conduct	The proposer and Board member have met and prepared a draft Terms of Reference for the working party which will lead this implementation.	Stuart Penny Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk
012 (2025)	Mid-term review and strengthening of the 2022-2030 strategy	The Senior Management Team have instigated a review which will report to the Board in October.	Full Board to be engaged.
013 (2025)	Enhancing the Treasurer's report to the AGM	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Andy Townend Andy.Townend@amnesty.org.uk
014 (2025)	AGM voting procedure	Work on this decision has not yet begun.	Graham Bisset Graham.Bisset@amnesty.org.uk
015 (2025)	Handling of AGM Decisions	The two newly elected Board members have already taken their seats and most AGM Decisions were allocated to Board members at a meeting on 19 th July.	Not yet assigned.

		The BPM sub-committee Working Party met on 14 th July.	
ER1 (2025)	The future of Amnesty's bookshops	The Board met on 24 th July to consider this issue. The Board decided to pause the proposed closure of the Section's bookshops in order to provide time for a bookshop strategy to be considered alongside the wider AIUK strategy, and to determine whether bookshop purposes extend beyond fundraising to include additional deliverables and, if so, to determine what those benefits are. Our intention is to have completed that consideration by the end of February 2026.	Helen Horton Helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk
ER 2 (2025)	Israeli attacks on Iran	In consultation with the proposer of this resolution, the Board proposed a Motion to the Global Assembly (GA) in July. After considerable debate at the GA, the Motion was not approved.	Helen Horton Helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk
O2 (2024)	Research into Indigenous Peoples Rights in Guyana	The Chair of the Section Board has written to the Chair of the International Board. The Interim International Board Chair has replied with a suggestion to write to a senior staff member of the International Secretariat whose portfolio this is in. A response is now awaited.	Richard Kotter Richard.Kotter@amnesty.org.uk
O3 (2024)	Commitment to Individuals and Communities at Risk work by Amnesty International UK.	Individuals at Risk is one of AIUK's 6 priority human rights issues. We are actively discussing both with staff and the relevant activists how to introduce measures to improve the visibility of, and show the level of participation and engagement in, Individuals at Risk work undertaken by the section including that led by country coordinators.	Helen Horton helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk

		<p>The Urgent Action website pages are updated twice a week by a staff member whose role is focussed on keeping the UA website and AIUK case management system up to date. We email members of the UA network on a monthly basis.</p> <p>In 2024 there were almost 130,000 actions taken in support of Individuals and Communities at Risk, accounting for 29% of all actions taken for AIUK in 2024.</p>	
O4 (2024)	Increasing the scale of regional/country-focussed campaigning by improving communications between local groups and Amnesty UK members	<p>An e-mail was sent to all AIUK national members on 28 January 2025 inviting them to become involved in long term support for Individuals and Communities at Risk work led by the Country Coordinators by joining their regional or country specific mailing lists.</p> <p>This process will be completed manually every January until it becomes automated as part of the digital transformation project.</p>	<p>Stuart Penny Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk</p>
O5 (2024)	Increasing the scale and effectiveness of campaigning by improving communications between local groups and Amnesty UK members	<p>The precise proposals for processes whereby national members can be given information about how to contact their local groups and networks and those local groups and networks can directly contact national members is dependent on the forthcoming Online Community Platform. This is due in early 2026.</p>	<p>Stuart Penny Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk</p>
O6 (2024)	Put in place a full-time Local Groups Officer, together with a system of effective monitoring of local groups	<p>A dedicated Local Groups Administrator has been recruited and is in post. A Groups Health Audit was completed in 2024 and the results published in the Groups Newsletter in December. This will be undertaken annually. The output will be used to inform</p>	<p>Stuart Penny Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk</p>

		<p>actions by colleagues in the Activism and Education Directorate to support local groups.</p> <p>A working party to review strategies to stop the decline in local groups/local entities is currently on hold, pending development of the forthcoming Activism Strategy.</p>	
07 (2024)	Introduction of AIUK Digital Campaigning Workshops for Beginners	<p>A survey of local groups to better understand their digital training requirements was undertaken in January 2025.</p> <p>An introductory guide to social media and other key pieces of technology is now published on the 'Essential Training for Activists' AIUK website page. The guide includes links to other more in-depth guides and a glossary of tech terms. Three online training sessions are planned in 2025 for digital campaigning; the February and September sessions are focused on digital campaign strategy and the June session is focused on social media. These are being led by specialist staff from our digital team.</p>	<p>Stuart Penny Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk</p>
08 (2024)	Put in place an AIUK Training Programme	<p>A consultation is ongoing in 2025 to understand the training needs of AIUK activists and local groups. The output will be fed into planning for next year's business plan and will begin in 2026.</p> <p>Three streams of department-level training delivery have been identified for 2025, with other training and development happening at constituent level. The connect stream focuses on priority campaigns and calendar moments (e.g. Pride) and are scheduled</p>	<p>Stuart Penny Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk</p>

		<p>online for the second Tuesday of most months. The skills stream focuses on different activism skills identified from the local group audit and current areas of work and are scheduled online for the fourth Tuesday of most months. The leadership stream focuses on developing campaigning skills and on providing a basis for activists who want to lead and facilitate human rights education in the community. These will be 4 in-person training days on Saturdays in March, May, June and September. We have staff allocated to support or facilitate each session and are in the process of advertising and designing the different sessions. For some sessions, activists may also be facilitators, for example the March connect session was led by a member of the Amnesty Feminist Network.</p> <p>Plans for training for local groups will be defined following the completion of the needs analysis.</p>	
O5 (2023)	Section support for local groups	The Groups Health Audit was completed and the results published in the December 2024 edition of the Groups Newsletter. The 2025 planning pack has also been issued in the same edition of the Groups Newsletter.	Stuart Penny Stuart.penny@amnesty.org.uk
O4 (2021)	Increasing youth participation in governance	<p>1. We now have two reserved seats on the board (1 x under 23 and 1 x under 18) and both are currently filled.</p> <p>2. To accommodate the under 18 seat, this required a change to our articles of association and an update of</p>	Helen Horton helen.horton@amnesty.org.uk

		<p>our safeguarding policy and procedures – both of which have also been actioned.</p> <p>3. Resolution 09 (2025) passed to remove the fee for youth members and will be actioned.</p>	
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