Stop Trump March Briefing – Amnesty Activists 17 September

Meeting place for the Amnesty Bloc

Junction of Portland Place and New Cavendish Street. Map link

Amnesty is Bloc C in the whole march – look out for tall yellow flags with the Amnesty candle

Timings

Meet - 2pm to connect with other activists

Marching – 3-5pm

Rally – 5-6:45pm at Parliament Square (end point of the march)

Social event – 6:30pm at the Abbey Centre (just 400m from Parliament Square)

March Route

Portland Place --> Regent St --> Piccadilly --> Whitehall --> finishing on Parliament Square.

Social event - 6:30-8:30pm

Join us at the <u>Abbey Centre</u> (just 400m from Parliament Square) for some refreshments and chats about what next. Everyone is welcome, no registration required, but first come, first entry. Attendance capped at 80

Safety - important information

As this is a public event, Amnesty cannot take on safeguarding responsibility for people attending the march and rally, including U18s. However, there's steps we can all take to support each other to take action together at this important moment.

Amnesty UK will:

- Have stewards help keep the Bloc together throughout the march
- Have staff on hand who can help de-escalate situations look for them in yellow colour t-shirts

Activists and supporters:

- Read the risks to be aware of and protest tips below
- Join our WhatsApp broadcast group for updates
- Adhere to the activist code of conduct
- Remember that in our bloc our conduct must be lawful, i.e. wording on banners, how we behave, and what we wear.
- Speak to a steward or staff member if you have questions or need support

Protest tips

• Injury or illness

For emergencies – call 999

Non-emergencies – speak to a steward

Nearest defibrillator – See map

61 New Cavendish Street, W1G 7AR

All Souls Church of England (W1B 3DA)

Saint-Gobain Solutions Centre (95 Great Portland Street, W1W 7NY)

- **Bring –** battery pack for your phone, water, snacks, sun-protection
- Buddy up come with a friend or connect with someone in the bloc, so you can look out for each other
- Police if you encounter any problems with the police, remove yourself from the situation.
- <u>Download & print a 'bust' card</u> in the very unlikely situation you are arrested, this card has key tips. You can also write down the key numbers on a body part, in case you lose the card.
- **De-escalating -** if any members of the public or any police show signs of aggression, remove yourself from that area and report it to a steward if you can.
- **Travelling to the march** consider whether you want to cover your protest T-shirts or materials when you are on your way to the march or on your way back home, to reduce risk of
- Nearest public toilets John Lewis Oxford Street and Marylebone Green Playground. See map
- **Take protest materials home -** If you are using any AIUK materials (placards, t-shirts, stickers, etc.) we ask you to take them home with you, reuse them, or give them away. Please don't litter them
- Public transport Tfl has got guides and maps on accessibility which can be found here.

Risks to be aware of

- **Tracking or surveilling -** There may be tracking or surveilling of participants in the march and rally by police or others. If you are concerned, you can consider wearing sunglasses, face masks or consider if you should join.
- If you are in the UK on a visa (so if you are not a UK citizen) there could be additional risks to joining a protest, being surveilled, or taking action. Please consider if there are additional risks to you. More information on 'How can attending a protest affect Visas' can be found here.

• Photography and videography – from Amnesty UK, but also from media outlets, or people may be taking their own videos or photos for their social media channels. We cannot guarantee you will not be photographed or will be in the background of any videos, so ask you to consider if this is a risk to yourself, and wear sunglasses or other coverings if you think there is a risk to you. If you see any Amnesty materials in which you feature but do not want to consent to, you can contact sct@amnesty.org.uk.