Subject line: [insert constituency] General Election hustings with [area] Amnesty group

Dear [insert PPCs name],

We write to you as members of [area] Amnesty group to invite you to attend a hustings event held by our group in [insert name of constituency].

We will be inviting Prospective Parliamentary Candidates to share their views on human rights with us and other members of the public. We have also invited local media and we will be able to provide you with a template press release for your use, if you would like to promote your attendance. Details of the hustings are below:

Date:

Time:

Location:

Please RSVP to: [insert contact information]

We are currently facing a time of huge global political change and human rights are at risk around the world and here at home. There are many threats and crises that undermine people’s ability to enjoy their full fundamental rights and freedoms: the global refugee crisis, hateful and discriminatory politics being used to demonise and divide communities, conflicts driving human rights abuses from Syria to Yemen, and increasing number of governments restricting freedoms of expression and political opposition. As part of the 7 million supporters of Amnesty International worldwide, we raise our voices for a society that puts human rights at its heart and we would like you to add your voice to ours.

Our group have been making our voices heard in [insert name of constituency] for many years and have recently campaigned for [insert 2-3 examples of recent local campaigning work, ideally public e.g. marriage equality, women’s rights / abortion law reform, refugees etc].

We will continue to raise our voices for human rights and would appreciate you taking the time to attend the hustings. We will take this opportunity to hear from candidates in order to get a better understanding of what human rights issues here in the UK or around the world they care about and how will they will use their voice in Parliament to champion human rights. As your potential future constituents, we would be very interested in knowing more about your views and do hope you can attend.

If for any reason you are not able to, we hope you will still raise your voice in support of human rights as part of your campaign – if you are on Twitter why not Tweet something along the lines of: **If elected I will raise my voice for human rights - my priorities are ...[[1]](#footnote-1) #GE2017 @AmnestyNI** to demonstrate that human rights are important to you.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

[Insert groups name]

1. Please insert the human rights issue you are particularly interested in [↑](#footnote-ref-1)