

**WRITE FOR RIGHTS 2021**

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA**

**11 November (Thurs)**

**8:00PM - 9:30 PM**

**Venue: Zoom**

**Register Now:**

**[bit.ly/W4Rwebinar21](https://bit.ly/W4Rwebinar21)**



**Getting Ready for Write for Rights 2021**

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# ABOUT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA

- Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people who campaign for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all.
- Our vision is for every person to enjoy all the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.
- We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion and are funded mainly by our membership and public donations.
- **In Malaysia:** Founded over two decades ago
  - **Flagship campaigns:** anti-death penalty freedom of expression
  - **Other issues:** indigenous rights, LGBTI, refugee/migrant rights
  - **400 members**, including local groups and school clubs
  - **Part of a global movement**





# WRITE FOR RIGHTS

- Write for Rights is Amnesty's global letter-writing campaign and the world's biggest grassroots human rights event!
- Each year, Amnesty supporters in more than 140 countries write letters to demand justice and human rights for all. And it works! People are freed, justice is served, and the world becomes a better place.
- Your words have power! In 2019, Amnesty Malaysia contributed over 6000 actions to help save people from violence, death sentence, intimidation and imprisonment. Join us to do the *WRITE* thing!

## JOIN THE WORLD'S LARGEST HUMAN RIGHTS EVENT.



Every year, millions of people join us to write letters and sign petitions to protect human rights defenders at risk.

The best part?

It works.

[BIT.LY/MYLETTERS2021](https://bit.ly/myletters2021)

Your signature here.  
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# WHO AM I WRITING LETTERS TO?



Human rights defenders  
persecuted by State and non-  
State actors (individuals /  
communities)

Solidarity, support, affirmation, love!



Government actors, decision  
makers, leaders

To put them on notice, place pressure, stop the  
persecution, demand justice

# WHY DOES IT MATTER?



# BECAUSE IT WORKS.

**Governments release people** imprisoned for expressing their opinion, stop the use of torture, and end other human rights abuses.

**Activists feel supported,** heard, and affirmed when they are at their most vulnerable.

As part of Amnesty's 2019 Write for Rights, a total **6,609,837** actions collected were collected!

# Yasaman Aryani, Iran

## 1.2 million actions amassed for her freedom

In 2019, Yasaman Aryani was sentenced to 16 years in prison for handing out flowers to train passengers while unveiled.

In February, a partial victory — an Iranian Appeals Court substantially reduced Yasaman's sentence, from 16 to 5.5 years.

We won't stop until she's free.





# Magai Matiop Ngong

## Death Sentence Quashed, 765,000 actions



Magai Matiop Ngong was only 15 when he was sentenced to death. But thanks to all the support and petitions during Write for Rights 2019, his death sentence was cancelled in July 2020 and he was taken off death row.

“Thank you so much. I have no words. You have no idea how my heart is filled with happiness...I'm so blissful and blessed to have them as a support for my life and freedom.”

# TWEETING IS NOT A CRIME

ZUNAR MALAYSIA

Political cartoonist Zunar faces a long-term prison sentence after posting tweets condemning the jailing of an opposition leader in Malaysia. The government is going to enormous lengths to silence dissent and debate, and lock up its critics.

Take action – call on the government to drop the charges against Zunar and help stop Malaysia's crackdown on free speech.

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WRITE A LETTER  
CHANGE A LIFE



## Zunar, Malaysia Write for Rights 2015

241,639 letters/artworks received



Malaysian Cartoonist Zunar was charged with nine sedition charges on 3 April 2015 for allegedly insulting the judiciary in tweets relating to then opposition leader and former Amnesty International prisoner of conscience, Anwar Ibrahim.

In July 2018 he was finally acquitted of all charges, thanks to all the letters that were written during the Write for Rights in 2015!



# CASES THIS YEAR



**UKRAINE**

Tell Ukraine to bring Sphere's attackers to justice.

**TAKE ACTION**



**OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES**

Tell Israel to protect Janna from discrimination and violence.

**TAKE ACTION**



**THAILAND**

Tell Thailand to drop all charges against Rung

**TAKE ACTION**



**CHINA**

Tell China to free Zhang Zhan immediately.

**TAKE ACTION**



**NIGERIA**

Tell Nigeria to drop all charges against Imoley.

**TAKE ACTION**

# HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

- Holding a small letter-writing and petition signing event, online or offline
- Running a school-wide event or initiative
- Bringing in AIM staff to run a human rights education session

Be creative in  
organizing  
W4R events!  
Here are  
some  
examples

Film  
Screening

Poetry  
session

Forum/Webin  
ar

Art/drawing  
session

Making  
handcraft

Letter writing  
Marathon

School-wide  
event

Club  
meetings

Collect signatures  
at  
events/stalls//stre  
ets/

Photo  
stunts/Flash  
mobs

Online  
marketing

Picnics at the  
Park!

HRE  
classroom

Craft Session  
–  
origami/knits

Day of  
Action/Twitter  
Storm

Projections

Candlelight  
Solidarity



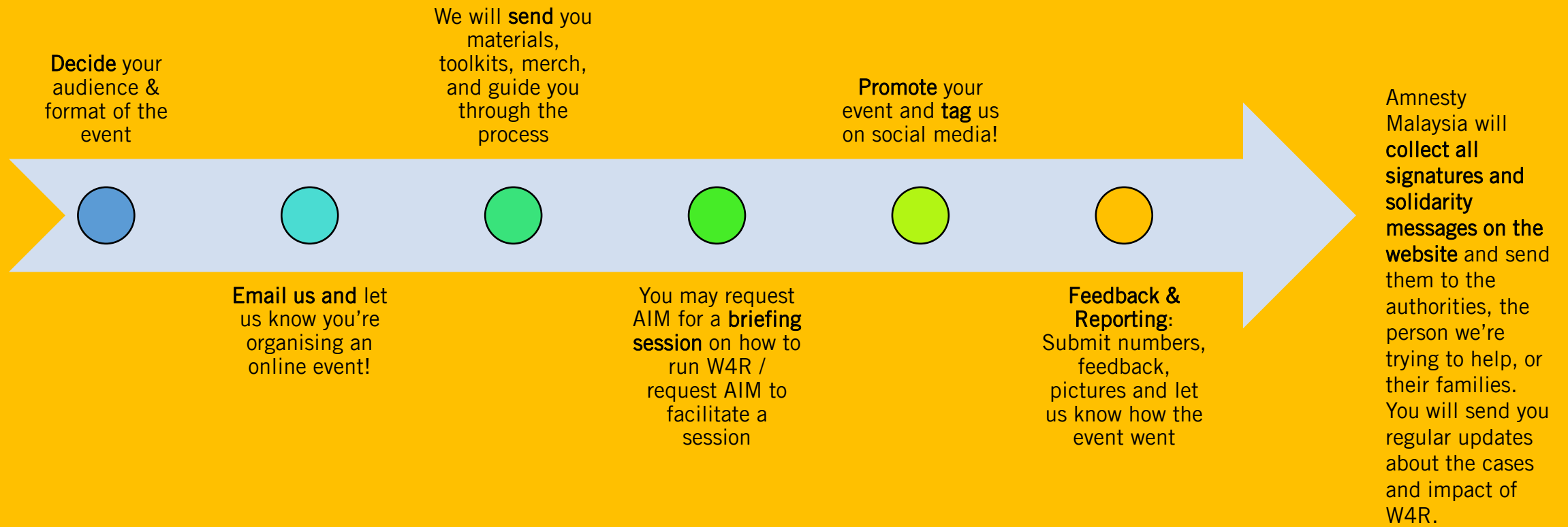
# WHAT WILL THE HRE SESSION INCLUDE?

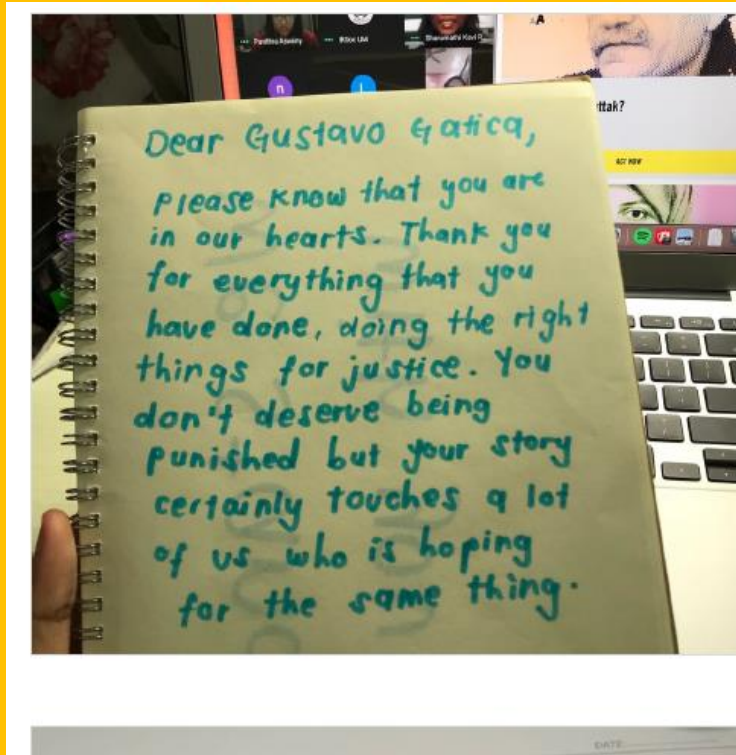
- Overview of the thematic issues (i.e. police violence, LGBTI issues, migration, freedom of expression) in a global and local context
- Connection to human rights, UDHR, and students' own lives
- Exploration of the case studies
- Letter-writing and petition-signing
- Interactive engagement of students

# HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION SESSIONS

- Decide on learning goals together
- Amnesty Malaysia can walk students through the issues, the cases, and the meaning of the letters
- Usually 1-3 hour session, and adaptable to needs

# Steps to organising a Write for Rights event





# Sample of solidarity postcards

# Write for Rights Event Project Cycle

Come together to organise W4R during this festive season with your friends, classmates, colleagues and family members





# Online Letter Writing Event: Suggested Agenda

1. Ice-breaking and welcome
2. Introduce the team
3. Introduction to Write for Rights!
4. Showcase W4R successes and Impact
5. Introduce the 5 cases (or the just the cases you want to work on) (Showing Videos)
6. Preparing music playlist
7. Writing Letter
8. Read out letters or solidarity messages
9. Discussion and Sharing (may insert HRE session)
10. Closing and photography session

# Webinar/Forum: Suggested Agenda

1. Ice-breaking and welcome
2. Introduce the team
3. Introduction to Write for Rights!
4. Showcase W4R successes and Impact
5. Introduce speakers and moderator
6. Forum or Panel session (with questions prepared)
7. Q&A
8. Writing letters
9. Next Steps
10. Thank you and Closing

# Collect signatures at events/stalls/streets/ Marathon

1. Survey locations
2. Identify audience/foot traffic
3. Planning budget, gathering resources + materials > notify AIM 😊
4. Risk assessment and contingency plan
4. Rent a booth (if applicable)
6. Promotion + comms – radio, newspaper, school board
7. Prepare volunteer guidelines and speaking sheet
8. Explain Amnesty + the cases to people
9. Collect signatures
10. Take videos and pictures
11. Counting and reporting

# Other formats to consider

Film screening

Crafting

Music/Slam/Singing

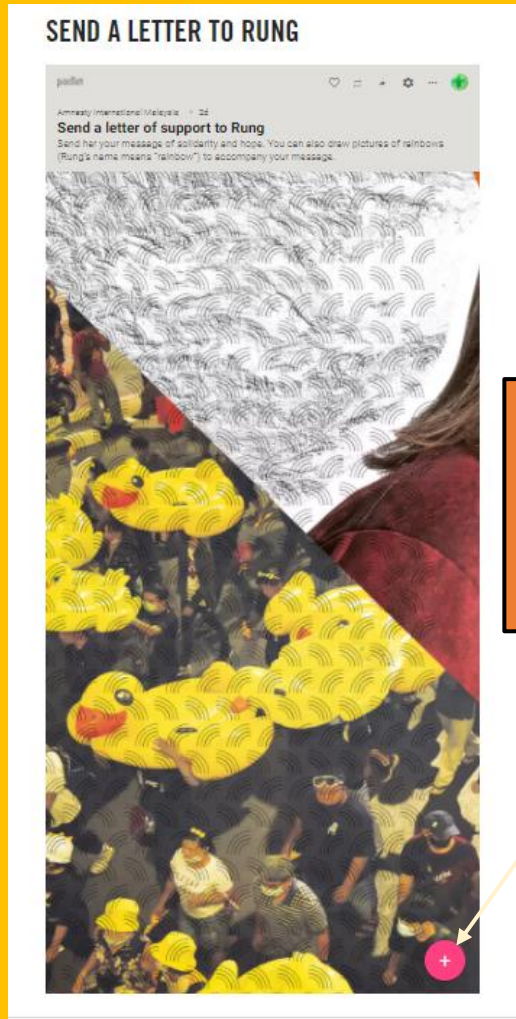
Coffee/Food

**Partner with other groups?** Greater reach and impact

**Identify your audience and the mode of event:** Taylor made for your group > how best to attract people

Let us know the time and date – also to prevent you to crash with other events

# 1) Sending solidarity letter; 2) Sending the petition



Click on the + icon to upload your hand-written photo/postcard

## TELL THAILAND TO DROP CHARGES

**Tell Thailand to drop all charges against Rung** 0 signatures

Asked to describe herself, Panusaya "Rung" Sithijirawattanakul, says she's "humble and quiet". The student and amateur violinist was once shy, but today she's a leading voice in Thailand's youth democracy movement.

Rung became politically active while studying sociology and anthropology at university in the capital, Bangkok. She bravely took part in protests for social and political change throughout 2020. By August, she had become a protest leader ...

Dear Minsiter,

"Rung" Sithijirawattanakul is a promising university student who, like many other young people, has been protesting as part of Thailand's democracy movement. She and her peers are campaigning for a society where public concerns are heard and acted upon – not silenced. Because Panusaya dared to publicly and peacefully call for change, she faces multiple criminal charges against her and the possibility of life in prison. The Thai authorities need to encourage and enable all people in Thailand to enjoy and exercise their human rights, including peaceful protest. I urge you to drop all criminal charges against Panusaya.

Yours sincerely

**Agreed, I want to sign now!**

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Yours sincerely

Name

Email  Did you mean liyang@amnesty.com?

Add personalised message (optional)

☒ Yes, send me updates from Amnesty Malaysia

☐ No, do not send me updates from Amnesty Malaysia

**Sign**

Click on "Agree, I want to sign now!"

Fill in the details and click sign



# Resource Link

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