

WE MAKE OUR WORLD

OUR RIGHTS ARE CONNECTED
OUR LIVES ARE INTERTWINED



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KLSCAH, KL
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WE MAKE OUR WORLD:

In the stories we choose to tell, the art we create.

The choices we make.

The policies we support.

The relationships we nurture.

The plans we draw, the dreams we foster.

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Seventy-five years ago this year, from the ashes of World War II, under the shadow of the very worst of humanity, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was born. It begins with the promise that all human beings are born free and equal, in dignity and in rights – it sings the promise that our rights are universal, that they are inalienable; across borders and lines of class, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, and sexuality: we are equal in worth, in dignity.

On this 75th anniversary of the UDHR, in the chaos of injustice, violence, harmful policies, and an escalation of repression and discrimination, we invite you to reflect on the world you want to make, and the world we can collectively create, to remember that we were once able to envision a global promise for justice, and affirm the worth of all of us as human beings, and not to surrender to defeat or cynicism, but to challenge ourselves to build the world we want.

We welcome you into this space of art, music, workshops, and discussion circles, and thank you for creating with us a space that is brave, safe and welcoming. A space where people of all ages can engage in human rights, in Malaysia and globally.

We ask you to reflect, analyse, and speak out loud the inter-relatedness, intersectionality and universality of human rights; to consider how our lives are connected, and our fates intertwined.

We hope you engage with us in thinking deeply about the various manifestations and structures of violence and State violence, and the ways in which rights violations affect not only the individuals and communities targeted, but also create reverberations of harm for all of us.

We hope to build the connections between human rights in Malaysia and across our borders – connecting the dots between our struggles, and practicing solidarity with people across the globe.

Our world is ours to make. Let us be brave in our imagination, bold in our ability to think beyond the restrictions of oppression, humble in our willingness to listen, tender in our building of communities, open in our expressions of solidarity. May we be seeds, planting visions of a future that is just, loving, and a celebration of human rights for all. May we be gardeners in this collective dream, for the world we seek to make.

Our deepest gratitude to our partners and collaborators for bringing to life this celebration of human rights, and for making “We Make Our World” possible. To all speakers, facilitators, artists, administrative and logistics teams, volunteers, musicians, janitorial staff, emcees, sound/tech staff; our friends, families and loved ones for their support and patience; to Amnesty colleagues in Malaysia and across the globe, human rights defenders in Malaysia and the countless named and unnamed activists who do the relentless work of righting wrongs, inspiring our learning and imagination, and building better worlds – our love & thanks to you. In solidarity, Amnesty International Malaysia.



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- Art Exhibition on State Violence & Custodial Deaths
- Hope & Sorrow: Photography Exhibition on the Death Penalty
- Human Rights for All Photography Exhibition

3.30pm – 7.30pm

Closed for **official launch**

7.30pm – 10pm

In Solidarity: Action for Gaza

9 DEC 2023

10am – 10pm

Exhibition open to all

- Art Exhibition on State Violence & Custodial Deaths
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10am – 11am

Workshop Building Our Wellbeing Toolbox:

Workshop on Mindful Journaling
Facilitated by Amanda Xavier, Commune for Arts

11.30am – 12.30pm

Workshop Understanding Human Rights:

Storytelling Workshop for Children
Facilitated by Tham Hui Ying & AI Malaysia

2pm – 3.30pm

Discussion Circle

Detention Harms: Imagining Our Way Out of Immigration Detention
Facilitated by Immigration Detention Coalition & Asylum Access Malaysia

3.30pm – 4pm

Guided tour in BM

4pm – 5.30pm

Discussion Circle

Women, Freedom of Expression and Authoritarian Regimes
with Simin Azarmehr

9 DEC 2023

5.30pm – 6pm

Guided tour in Mandarin

6pm – 7.30pm

Workshop Citizen Journalism by Centre for Independent Journalism & Sinar Project

7.30pm – 8pm

Guided tour in Mandarin

8pm – 9.30pm

Discussion Circle

Name the Violence: Analysing Police Brutality and Its Impact on Individuals & Communities

9.30pm – 11.05pm

Documentary Screening “While We Watched”

10 DEC 2023

10am – 10pm

Exhibition open to all

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- Human Rights for All Photography Exhibition

10am – 11am

Workshop Building our Wellbeing Toolbox:

Workshop on Art Therapy

Facilitated by Dana Kaarina, Commune for Arts

11.30am – 12.30pm

Workshop Zine-making

Facilitated by Deborah Augustin

2pm – 3.30pm

Discussion Circle

Conversations on Activism and Movement Building: Intergenerational Dialogue

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Guided tour in BM

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Guided tour in Mandarin

8:30pm – 10:00pm

Human Rights Slam Poetry & Musical Performances



Scan to register for event activities

DEMAND FOR JUSTICE AT OUR WRITE FOR RIGHTS BOOTH!

For over 20 years, Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights campaign has transformed the lives of people whose rights have been wronged. Using the power of their words, Write for Rights supporters have united behind a common purpose: together, we can change lives for the better.

This year the campaign features people from around the world, all connected because their human rights have been violated. Some by their governments, others by the police, or even by big corporations. All because of who they are and what they do.

The individuals that AI Malaysia are campaigning for this year are Ana Maria from Brazil, Thapelo Mohapi and the Abahlali baseMjondolo movement in South Africa, Maung Sawyeddollah from Myanmar, and Rocky Myers from the USA.

At the booths, attendees will learn about these individuals and their stories, and write them letters of support and solidarity, sign petitions and write letters to relevant authorities to demand justice and accountability.



Ana Maria Santos Cruz - Brazil

Pedro Henrique was an activist who organized "Walks of Peace" in Tucano, Bahia, Brazil, bringing people together to speak out against police abuses. His activism was met with threats and violence from the police. In December 2018, Pedro Henrique was shot 8 times in the head and neck by three hooded men. He died, aged 31. The police officers suspected of the killing are still working and a trial has yet to begin. Despite her grief, Pedro Henrique's mother, Ana Maria, is bravely fighting for justice for his death.

Support Ana Maria in her fight for justice.



Maung Sawyeddollah - Myanmar

Maung Sawyeddollah was 15 when Myanmar's military unleashed a campaign of killings and violence against people from the Rohingya ethnic group. Incitement circulated on Facebook, and amplified by the platform's algorithms, fed into these attacks. Fearing for their lives, Sawyeddollah and his family fled to Cox's Bazar refugee camp in Bangladesh. Now, Sawyeddollah and others from his community are calling on Meta, owner of Facebook, to pay reparations for its role in the atrocities, including funding for educational programmes in Cox's Bazar.

Demand Meta provide an effective remedy to Sawyeddollah and Rohingya communities.



Thapelo Mohapi and the Abahlali baseMjondolo movement – South Africa

Thapelo Mohapi loves listening to jazz and supporting his favourite football teams. But since 2021 he has been in hiding because

of threats to his life. He is being targeted because he is a leader of Abahlali baseMjondolo (AbM), a grassroots movement working to improve the lives of people in South Africa, including eKhenana – a community which suffers from many challenges, including economic insecurity, lack of access to adequate housing and police brutality. In 2022 alone, three AbM members were killed in eKhenana.

Tell the police to thoroughly and effectively investigate the harassment and killings of AbM members.



Rocky Myers - USA

Rocky Myers, a Black man with an intellectual disability, has spent three decades on death row in Alabama for murder. Assigned ineffective legal representation, Rocky was convicted following testimonies blighted by inconsistencies and alleged police pressure.

Sentenced to death by a judge who imposed a death sentence against the jury's wishes, Rocky was abandoned by his post-conviction lawyer, meaning he missed key dates for his appeal. Now he needs your help.

Tell the governor of Alabama to grant clemency to Rocky Myers.

DISCOVER LOCAL & GLOBAL STORIES OF THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



Human Rights for All Photo Exhibition

Human Rights for All is a 20-piece photo exhibition collaboration between Amnesty International France and the prominent photo agency Magnum Photos. For this 'We Make Our World' event, we have selected 12 photos to be exhibited at the KL & Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall.

Magnum was created in 1947 by four world renowned photographers Robert Capa, Henri Cartier Bresson, George Rodger and David "Chim" Seymour as a cooperative agency whose aim was to document with photographs, and make accessible to all, the facets and the reality of an ever-changing world.

For the 60th Anniversary of Amnesty International, Amnesty International France partnered with Magnum to create an accessible and affordable photo exhibition that would promote Human Rights For All through a retrospective of iconic Magnum photographs documenting 60 years of mobilisation for human rights.

The photos in this exhibition reflect the spectrum of human rights issues that Amnesty has worked on over six decades, and is a reminder of the universality of the struggle for human rights, peace, justice and dignity for all.



Hope & Sorrow: Photography Exhibition on The Death Penalty

This exhibition explores how the death penalty gravely impacts relatives of those on death row – as “secondary victims” – through the experiences of three families whose loved ones were sentenced to hang in Singapore.

The photo display has been organized by Amnesty International to mark the 2023 World Day Against the Death Penalty on 10 October, in an effort to contribute to informed debates on this cruel punishment that can help bring about its global abolition.

Amnesty International is solely responsible for the exhibition, but our gratitude goes to several committed people who have made it possible. First and foremost, we thank the families of Nazeri bin Lajim, Pannir Selvam Pranthaman and Kalwant Singh a/l Jogindar Singh for allowing us to share their stories and expose very difficult and intimate moments of their lives in the shadow of Singapore’s gallows. This exhibition is dedicated to them and all others who have a loved one on death row or who had them taken away in the name of vengeful “justice”.

Photo reporter Piero Zilio generously granted permission for us to use photographs he took in Singapore and Malaysia, which constitute the majority of the display. He also shared much of the information described in their captions. Other photos, taken in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, were kindly offered by Asyraf Abdul Samad.

We are also indebted to the Transformative Justice Collective, who support the families of those on death row in Singapore and raise awareness of the country’s cruel use of the death penalty.

*An earlier version of this booklet missed an important acknowledgement to Transformative Justice Collective and photographers Piero Zilio & Asyraf Abdul Samad. Our sincerest apologies for the oversight.



Art Exhibition on State Violence And Custodial Deaths

This exhibition began as a workshop program called Drawing Rights organised by Amnesty Malaysia, with the guidance of artist Rupa Subramaniam, to give local artists an opportunity to creatively explore and navigate the topic of police brutality through their art.

Some of the questions we looked to explore together through this mentorship program were:
How can social issues be translated into art? What are the broader infrastructures of violence (policies, cultures, beliefs, powers) that police brutality sits within? What new worlds that affirm dignity and fulfil human rights for all can we help build as artists?

The project created a space for artists to reflect on human rights issues while enabling them to take a hands-on approach to engage with stories of police brutality in Malaysia. The artists were encouraged to represent the voices of victims of police brutality in ways that are both liberating and respectful, while developing their confidence in their ability to create art that illustrates human rights-focused narratives.

Three artists, Renugaa Narayanan Sharma, Han and OCTO have completed 5 pieces of art – a large painting, smaller/interactive art works and sculptures. This debut exhibition is an opportunity for the artists to share their work with a larger audience, and for us to collectively reflect on the State violence, and the actions we need to take to end it.

Get to Know THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (UDHR)



All human beings are born free and equal



Everyone must be protected against discrimination



Everyone has the right to life, liberty and safety



Everyone has the right to be free from slavery



Everyone has the right to be free from torture



Everyone has the right to be recognized before the law



We are equal before the law



Everyone has the right to seek justice if their rights are violated



No one should suffer arbitrary arrest, detention or exile



Everyone has the right to a fair trial



We should all be presumed innocent until proven guilty



Everyone has the right to privacy and freedom from attacks on their reputation



Everyone has the right to freedom of movement



Everyone has the right to seek asylum from persecution



Everyone has the right to a nationality

Amnesty International has created a free 2-hour course called "Defending Dignity: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights".

This course will equip you with knowledge and skills that will enable you to know and claim your rights, and the rights of others, as enshrined in the UDHR.



Sign up for it here



Everyone has the right to marry and to have a family



Everyone has the right to own property



Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion



Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression



Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association



Everyone has the right to take part in government and to have equal access to public service



Everyone has the right to social security



Everyone has the right to work, equal pay, and to form and join trade unions



Everyone has the right to rest and leisure



Everyone has the right to a decent standard of living, food, housing, medical care and social services



Everyone has the right to education



Everyone has the right to participate in and enjoy culture, art and science



Everyone has the right to a social and international order where their rights can be realized



We have a duty to other people and we should protect their rights and freedoms



Nobody can take away these rights and freedoms from us

Read our reports on human rights in Malaysia

Available in EN, BM, & Mandarin



Fatally Flawed

Why Malaysia must abolish the death penalty



Unsilenced

Check out our microsite on censorship and pop culture in Malaysia



Trapped

The exploitation of migrant workers in Malaysia



Amnesty International's Annual Report 2022/23:

The State of the World's Human Rights



A Blow to Humanity

Torture by judicial caning in Malaysia



Amnesty International Global Report on the Death Penalty:

Death Sentences and Executions 2022



The Forest is Our Heartbeat

The struggle to defend indigenous land in Malaysia



2021 World Day Against the Death Penalty:

The additional burden of the death penalty on women



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