

WELCOME STUDENT

GROUPS OF

2024/2025!



INTENTION OF TODAY

To connect and learn between board members, student group members, Amnesty International HQ and the NCSG.

PROGRAM

13.00: Welcome and Introductions

13.30: Important data and upcoming campaigns

14.00: Break

14.20: Introducing 'Creating an action plan'

14.30: Break out groups 'Creating an action plan'

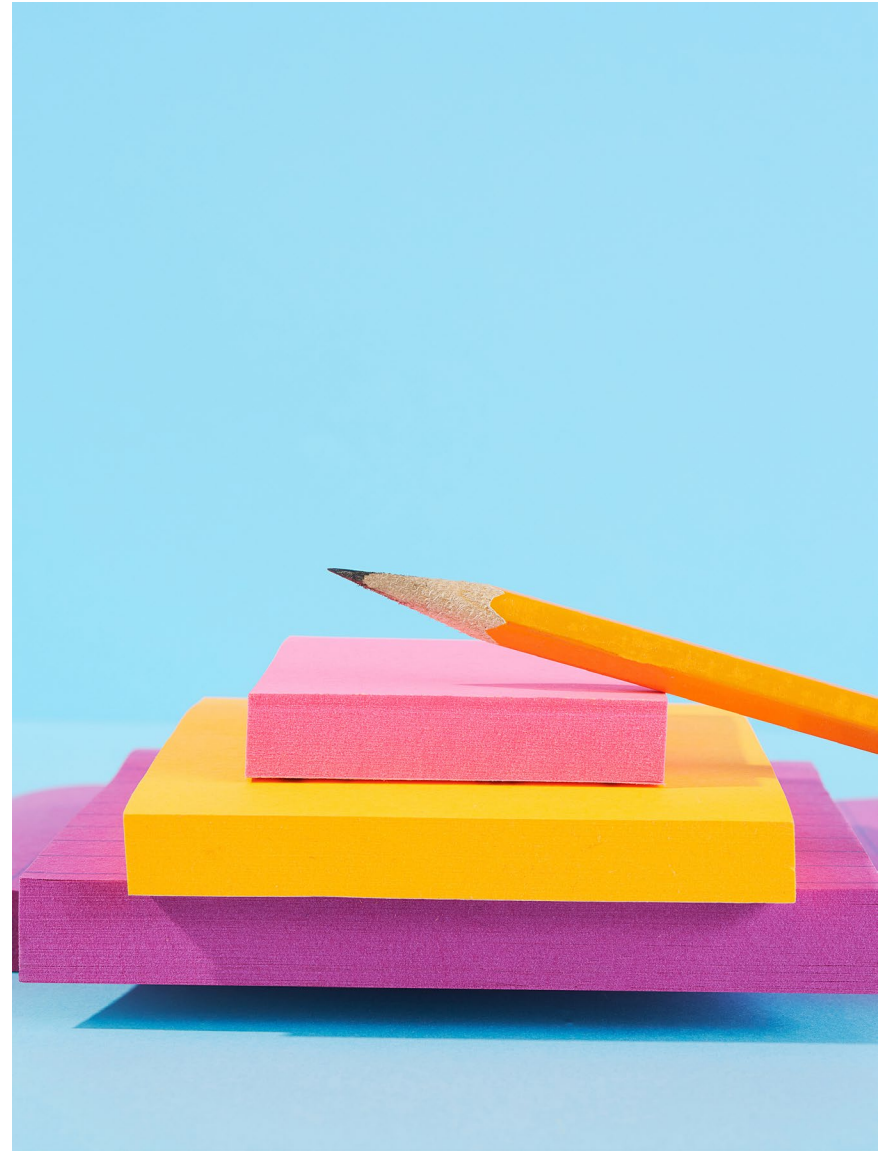
15.45: Break

16.00: Israel/Palestina & Right to protest

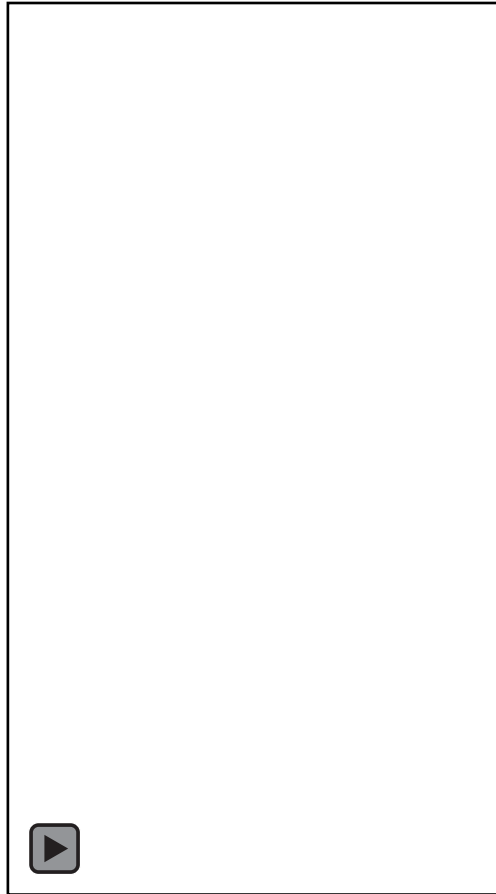
16.30: Group Picture & Drinks

CHECK-IN

What are you most excited for today?



INTRODUCING YOUR NATIONAL COORDINATORS STUDENT GROUPS



WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

- Amnesty Student Group Manual
- Follow your group's Instagram & @amnestystudentnl
- Monthly newsletters from Janna Willems



IMPORTANT DATES



UPCOMING CAMPAIGNS & DATES

WHEN	WHAT
Now – end of September	LGBTQIA+ campaign
Now – half December	Sportswashing campaign
September 23	Masterclass Transnational Repression
October 3	Online introduction to Amnesty Training
November 9	Youth Community Day
November 20 – December 31	Write for Rights campaign
December 10	Human Rights Day / W4R main event
February 15	Board Member Day
March 8	International Women's Day
March 9-15	Fundraising Week
April TBD	Youth Community Day
June 14	Board Transition Day

ONLINE TRAINING: 'ACTIVE IN

AMNESTY'

October 3th

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: online



YOUTH COMMUNITY DAY

November 9th

2pm - 5:30pm / Workshops

5:30pm – 9pm / Dinner, music,
games

Location: Amnesty office

Whatsapp community:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/F5XkE5sUzt20qCRYEofodv>



MASTERCLASS: TRANSNATIONAL

REPRESSION

September 23th

5.30 - 8.30 pm

Location: Amnesty office



WRITE FOR RIGHTS

[Writeforrights.nl/organisieren](https://writeforrights.nl/organisieren)

Presentation







AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL & IOPT

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



OUR MANDATE

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

Apartheid

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



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October 7th - now

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL

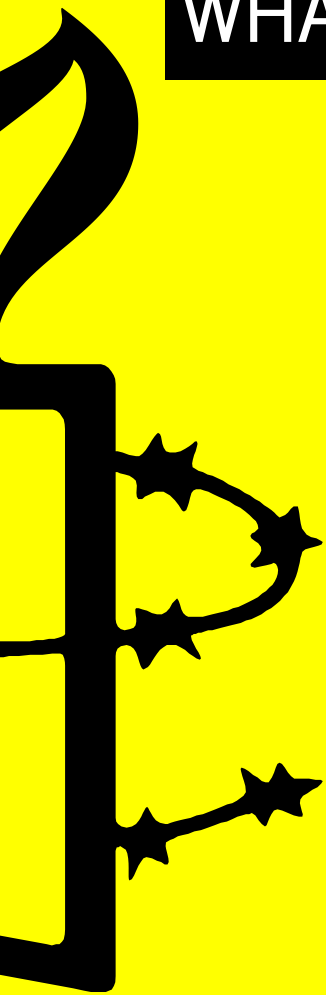






OUR CALLS TO ACTION

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



PETITION: CEASEFIRE NOW

URGENT ACTIONS

**Free Palestinian
surgeon Khaled al Serr**

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



DEMONSTRATION @ AMSTERDAM

QUESTIONS?



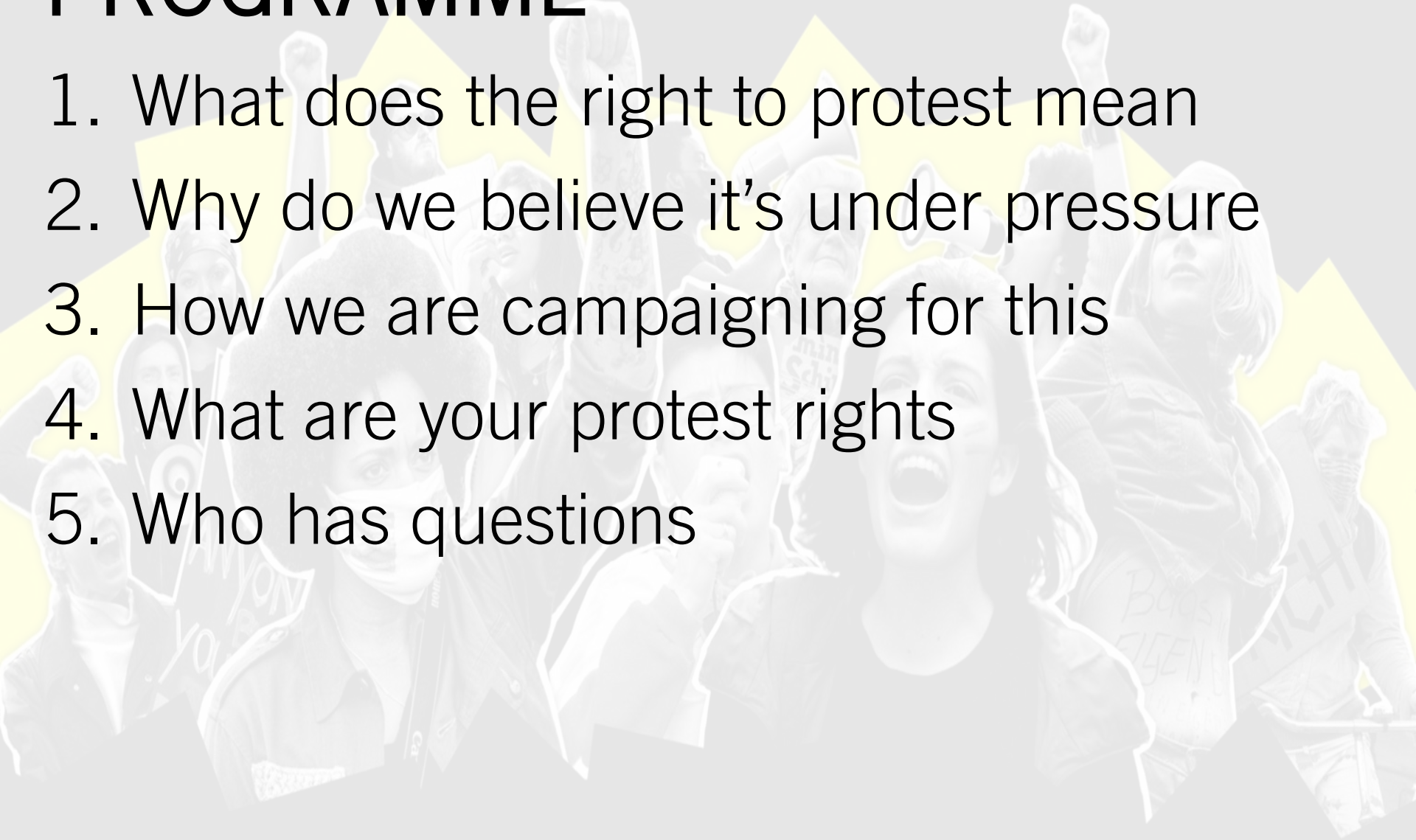
RIGHT TO PROTEST



Sarah Birebi, Amnesty campaign officer Right to Protest

PROGRAMME

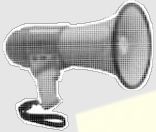
1. What does the right to protest mean
2. Why do we believe it's under pressure
3. How we are campaigning for this
4. What are your protest rights
5. Who has questions



Did you ever join a protest?



**RIGHT
TO PROTEST**



WHAT IS A DEMONSTRATION?

Demonstrations come in all shapes and sizes; not only classic demonstrations on a square, but also protest marches, blocking actions, sit-ins, occupations and flash mobs can fall under the right to protest

Three defining features:

1. Expressing of opinion
2. Two or more people
3. In public



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

UDHR → Article 19 & 20

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights → Article 21

European Convention on Human Rights → Article 21

In Dutch law:

Dutch Constitution → Article 9

→ Public Assemblies Act (Wom)

THE RIGHT TO PROTEST



Fundamental to democratic rule of law- being able to peacefully express an opinion

→ alternative to violence / vigilantism

Authorities have a far-reaching obligations to facilitate protests

→ respect – protect – fulfill

Right to protest ≠ not an absolute right

→ Restrictions only allowed when strictly necessary, proportional and with legitimate aim
(Very strict exam!)

Regulation is possible through the Public Assemblies Act (Wom)



DUTCH PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES ACT

Grounds for restriction **(WOM)**

1. To combat or prevent disorder
2. To protect health
3. [In the interest of traffic]

Right to protest under pressure

Notification/registration procedure is a lot of 'hassle'

Imposing too strict restrictions

Sound and sight principle is not respected

Expressions prohibited and protest signs with non-criminal expressions confiscated

Unlawful detentions

ID checks on peaceful protesters

Criminalization of protest

Increasing demonizing rhetoric

Rules and practice not in line with human rights standards



- International 'Protect the Protest'
- National 'Right to Protest'

**RIGHT
TO PROTEST**

Right to protest worldwide under attack
(restrictive legislation, excessive police violence
etc.) but also in the Netherlands





Campaign goals

1. **Barriers** to exercising the right to protest (offline and online) are **being identified and removed**. Restrictions on the right to protest are denounced and (legally) challenged.
2. Amnesty works with **social movements** (people's movements) that work to improve human rights, to exercise their right to protest.
3. **Society** is paying more attention to the importance of the human right to protest. There are **more positive stories** about improving human rights through peaceful demonstrations.

Local campaign teams pushing municipality to sign the manifesto

Manifest demonstratierecht

Gemeente

Wij willen dat iedereen die in onze gemeente wil demonstreren, gebruik kan maken van het demonstratierecht. Als gemeente zorgen wij ervoor dat de regels en de praktijk in lijn zijn met de mensenrechten. Dat betekent concreet:

1. de termijn en aanmeldprocedures voor de kennisgeving zijn laagdrempelig en toegankelijk voor iedereen;
2. de kennisgeving is het startpunt voor een **open dialoog**. De wensen van de demonstranten/organisatie staan hierbij zoveel mogelijk voorop;
3. elke demonstratie is **andere**. De gemeente beoordeelt elke demonstratie apart;
4. de gemeente spant zich in om **elke demonstratie** mogelijk te maken. Ook als deze niet of te laat is aangemeld. Geen kennisgeving, of een te late kennisgeving, is nooit de reden om een demonstratie te beperken, laat staan te verbieden;
5. de gemeente legt **alleen** beperkingen op die strikt noodzakelijk zijn voor de openbare veiligheid, het voorkomen van wanordelijkheden en strafbare feiten, de bescherming van de gezondheid of de bescherming van de rechten en vrijheden van anderen;
6. de burgemeester motiveert eventuele voorschriften **tijdig**;
7. de burgemeester geeft alleen in zeer **uitzonderlijke situaties** een noodbevel af;
8. de politie beschermt elke **vreedzame demonstratie**;
9. na afloop van een demonstratie gaat de gemeente met alle betrokkenen in gesprek om het verloop te **evalueren** en te kijken waar het beter kan;
10. de gemeenteraad **evalueert** het gevoerde beleid rond demonstraties;
11. medewerkers van de gemeente, inclusief de politie, zijn goed op de hoogte van de **mensenrechten** en wettelijke kaders van het **demonstratierecht**.

De gemeente staat open om over deze punten **in gesprek** te blijven.

Getekend door de burgemeester

Getekend namens de gemeenteraad



Campagneteam:
Amsterdam
Den Haag
Eindhoven
Groningen
Maastricht
Rotterdam
Utrecht



Toekomst:
Delft
Dordrecht
Volendam



Aan het bouwen:
Breda
Den Bosch
Haarlem
Hoorn
Leeuwarden
Leiden
Nijmegen
Sittard/Geleen
Tilburg
Wageningen
Zwolle



The background of the slide is a grayscale collage of protest imagery. It features several individuals with their fists raised in the air, a common symbol of solidarity and resistance. Some people are wearing face masks. There are also signs visible, including one that says 'ANYONE' and another that says 'BODEN EIGEN'. The overall tone is one of activism and social movement.

RESEARCH - LEGAL / COMPLAINT
PROCEDURES - LOBBY - NATIONAL & LOCAL -
ORGANIZING - LOCAL PROTEST NETWORKS -
SUPPORTING SOCIAL MOVEMENTS - PUBLIC
COMMUNICATION - PRESS - SOCIAL MEDIA -
OBSERVER TEAMS -

1. YOU DO NOT NEED A PERMIT

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PROTESTER

Protesting is a right, not a privilege.

The municipality and police have a duty to respect, protect and facilitate peaceful protest. That is why it is mandatory in the Netherlands to **notify** (kennisgeving) the municipality on your demonstration.

**Spontaneous and unannounced demonstrations must also be protected.*

2. FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Public authorities and the police must remain **neutral** when it comes to the content of your protest; they may not give your protest more or less space because of your message. → **offensive and shocking messages also protected** (protest signs, flags, slogans, etc.).

Inciting hatred, violence and discrimination is prohibited. Even if you disagree with someone else's protest, you may never disrupt it. However, you can organise a counter-protest.

3. ID-CHECKS

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PROTESTER

The police should refrain from asking peaceful protesters to show their ID. They may only **demand** you show your ID when it's **necessary to 'reasonably do their job'**, such as if you're suspected of a crime, or a witness. If the police **ask** you to show your ID, you are entitled to refuse



4. PHOTOS AND VIDEO

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PORTESTER

You may film and take photos during protests. You may also **record** the actions of the police. If you do this, be sure to keep a **sufficient distance** from the police and **do not get in their way**. If you make the footage public, be mindful of the **privacy of police** and other people by blurring faces, for example.

5. STOP AND SEARCH

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PROTESTER

The police are **not allowed to search you without reason**. Very strict rules apply. In principle, there is never any reason to conduct a search on a peaceful protester. Be sure to always **ask on what legal grounds the police wants to search you**. Ask someone to film the search, and file a complaint if, in your opinion, the search was unlawful

6. ARREST AND DETENTION

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PROTESTER

In principle, peaceful protesters should **not be detained**. If the mayor decides to **disperse a protest**, the police must provide a clearly **audible warning** of this for all participants. If you don't leave, the police could arrest you. If you do not resist, the police may not use force in the process when doing so.

PROTESTS AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

English statement on the website

→ www.amnesty.nl/demonstraties-op-onderwijsinstellingen



2 SEPTEMBER 2024

Oproep Amnesty International aan onderwijsinstellingen: geef demonstratierecht de ruimte

Ook dit studiejaar is de kans op Palestijnse solidariteitsdemonstraties groot. Amnesty hoopt op een gedegen aanpak, juist nu het debat op scherp staat.



Protesters have considerable freedom in choosing where to protest. Protest at universities must be facilitated as much as possible. But, the fact that a blockade or occupation is protected by the right to protest does not mean that it cannot be terminated at a certain point. It is crucial in this regard that any intervention must be both **necessary** and **proportional**.



In short: the right to protest trumps (>) house rules

MEMO AMNESTY STUDENT GROUPS

Amnesty International has not done any research on ties between Dutch universities and Israeli academic institutions. Hence, we **do not have a stance** on whether these ties should be cut or not. To safeguard our position as an **independent watchdog**, Amnesty's stance is grounded in our own research. Therefore, we urge you as Amnesty Student Groups not to take part in university protests with the specific demand to cut ties with Israeli academic institutions.

Of course, you can join these student protests in a personal capacity (or together with friends), but not in the name of your student group. This means:

- Please do not call on members in your group to participate, e.g. through your social media accounts or WhatsApp groups.



TAKE TO THE STREET FOR HUMAN RIGHTS!

Connect with 'Right to Protest' local networks →
demonstreren@amnesty.nl

www.amnesty.nl/demonstratierecht

www.amnesty.org 'protect the protest'

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