



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: OUR FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

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About Amnesty

★ Founded in 1961, Amnesty International is a global organization and movement that aims to fight for the human rights for everyone - "no matter who they are or where they are".

★ Amnesty International's Mission is to Undertake research and action-focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of these rights. The Udhr states that "the recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights" of all people is "the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world."

The Goals of CG Two

1. GSP members' grasp of AI purposes/methods will inform their other projects.
2. "Write for Rights" is the signature high profile event of AI's year.
3. Educational outreach to the Global Scholars community amplifies AI's voice.
4. The Urgent Action Campaign is an individual letter-writing project, enabling the GSP student to take an action for human rights. The UA format is easy to follow. The AI Supervisors will review the letters, advising as needed (format, content, etc.).
5. A speaker/panel/other event will attract university/public attention to an important human rights issue.
6. GSP study of AI's issues brings an outsider's fresh perspective on our work and may yield insight into potential improvements, as well as being beneficial to the students themselves, affecting their own human rights

What we Learned

- Human rights can take many different forms
- Activism and peaceful protest can look very different and it can be very productive (apparently Santa does not think so but...)
- Working collaboratively in diverse environments
- Demonstrated adaptability and time management by successfully managing multiple projects and adjusting priorities throughout the academic year
- Contributed creative ideas and solutions during event brainstorming sessions

How We Served

Write for Rights

The Write for Rights Campaign is the premier letter-writing campaign of Amnesty International. Participants have the option of navigating through ten case appeals from across the world and writing to political leaders of the cases respective country. Write For Writes is a directly interactive way for students to participate in activism and allows them a chance to for their concerns to be addressed. At our Write For Rights event, we were able to collect over 200 letters. This event helped participants learn of the treatment individuals all across the globe are facing due to unjust governing systems and gave them a chance to peacefully protest. By hosting events like this, we hope to educate the youth about the world around them and encourage social change through their newfound knowledge



Human and Environmental Rights Movie Night

This movie night was an event where we presented a film with implicit and explicit messages about human rights and environmental rights. For the movie, we chose Wall-E. On the surface it may seem like a child entertainment based movie, but there are actually many messages about environmental rights, human rights, fatphobia, and corruption. After the movie showing, we facilitated a conversation that delved into these underlying messages within the film. We provided a list of discussion based questions in order to flow the conversation better. The turn out of this event was between 15-20 peoples and our facilitated conversation lasted for over an hour. This event allowed us not only to re-experience a fan favorite film from our youths, but we were able to better understand the real problems in our society that reflect within the movie as well as the general messages about how climate change can and will potentially affect our lives.

Individual Letter Writing

We had multiple assignments where we had to find real life events occurring in real time via Amnesty International's website. These events were occurrences of human right injustices. We were to reasarch a bit on this topic and write letters for the corresponding governmental figure to help create attention towards the event that the government could not ignore. Each member did three letters and sent them to each corresponding governement for the event via email. With this we participated in aiding human rights causes all over the world.