

Amnesty International UK



National Conference & AGM

12-13th April - Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh
Youth Group Invitation



What is the National conference and AGM?

This is Amnesty International UK's main annual conference for **all** its members. It is a chance for around 500 Amnesty supporters to come together to celebrate the achievements of the year and look forward to the work ahead. The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is the "business" part of the conference. It gives people a chance to debate, influence and vote on Amnesty International UK's work. In 2009 youth groups gained full voting rights meaning they can now fully participate and vote on the issues being discussed.

What happens at a national conference?

There will be a packed programme of information, action and debate. As well as key speakers there will be a range of smaller fringe talks and workshops to choose from, an exciting exhibition, lots of opportunities to meet other members, staff and guests and an inspirational campaign action!

Youth meetings at the conference

On past experience, youth group participants have had a truly inspiring and fun time bringing back a wealth of ideas and enthusiasm to their groups. There will be a special session for youth group members before the conference starts (plus a few catch-ups throughout the event). The rest of the conference consists of mixed sessions with other participants. **Interested? Turn the page for details**

THE DETAILS:

All the information is online at:
www.amnesty.org.uk/agm.

There is quite a lot of information so here is a summary!

Information on booking, fees and parental permission

- Bookings will be processed on a first come first served basis
- We consider this event to be suitable for young people aged 14 and above.
- Youth groups may send up to **10 representatives**.
- **A limited number of subsidised** places are available to youth group members and individual youth members at a reduced rate of **£50**. This is the standard residential rate for the whole weekend with food and accommodation included.
- To ensure fairness we cannot offer any more than **2 subsidised places** per youth group. After this, the group will need to pay the full rate (this varies according to whether you need accommodation and food).
- Youth delegates do not need to be accompanied by an adult. However, any under 18s will need to get a parent or guardian to complete a permission form. This must be returned before the event. Parental permission forms will be issued by the Conference Team on receipt of your booking form.
- If you're worried about being able to afford to attend please contact us using this email: anne.montague@amnesty.org.uk.

When do I need to be available?

- We plan to run a special Youth introductory session at approximately **11am on Saturday 12th April**. We strongly recommend that youth members make every effort to attend this meeting.

Support for youth delegates

- Although we will not be acting as official guardians to young people attending the conference, designated staff from the Community Organising team will be available and contactable 24 hours a day for young people attending.
- There will be some sessions specifically organised for the youth participants. The majority of the conference consists of mixed sessions with other Amnesty members.
- This is a residential conference and we will provide accommodation for the Saturday night. Staff members from the Community Organising team will also be staying at accommodation and will be available at all times.

DEADLINE : 3rd March 2014