

AITO AND THE TORONTO OFFICE

The Toronto office is also home to the Canadian Section's Urgent Action Network (UAN). Urgent Appeals are relayed by e-mail from the International Secretariat in London. Within a few hours, telegrams, telexes or faxes are sent on behalf of people suffering grave human rights abuses. Case sheets are distributed to UAN members across Canada.

The office serves as a meeting place for AI groups, networks, and committees, and specialized teams. New member orientation nights and other special events are also held in the office. Service to the public is provided by an Office Coordinator and a team of dedicated volunteers.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TORONTO NETWORKS

Toronto Action Network for Women's Human Rights (ANWHR)

6:30 pm (3rd Wed. of every month, except Aug & Dec)

AI Toronto office, 1992 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor

Website: www.anwhr.ca

Email: lourdesdoss.anwhr@gmail.com

Refugee Network

Refugee Coordinators 416-363-9933

Gloria Nafziger Ext.326

For links to general information on AI Canada's Refugee Program and to our Refugee and Migrant Rights Blog go to <http://www.aito.ca/networks>.

Health Network

Contact: Don Payne 416-961-4678

Urgent Action Network

Contact: Marilyn McKim 416-363-9933 Ext. 325

<http://www.amnesty.ca/urgentaction>

SPECIALIZED TEAMS

Film Team

Who Are We? A team of enthusiastic activists and film lovers working to raise public awareness about human rights issues around the globe. We identify potential films for screening events, contact distributors and film festivals, organize public screening events with guest speakers (AI and non-AI) as a way of informing, educating and engaging our audiences about human rights issues.

Email: films@aito.ca

Art in Action

We're a group of spirited and dedicated artists from diverse fields including: graphic design, photography, videography, and writing. We take pride in providing dynamic artistic support to local AI groups to help raise awareness about Amnesty International's actions, campaigns, and events. As our group is highly motivated to support the cause of human rights, we also develop our own creative fundraising and awareness projects. For more information, please email us.

Email: artinaction@aito.ca

New Technologies

The team is formed of a group of people specializing in or passionate about the effective use of new technologies (web, internet, e-mail, e-commerce) in promoting AI's work for human rights. The team maintains the AITO web site, which includes the merchandise catalogue.

Email: ntchair@aito.ca

Business and Human Rights

7pm (2nd Thursday of each month at the AI Toronto office, 1992 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor)

Business is a key part of what each of us does every day, from working to shopping to watching TV, and it has a significant impact on the human rights of people around the globe. The group advocates for human rights in areas like Socially Responsible Investing, Legal Reform, Conflict Diamonds, corporations in Colombia, and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

We do everything from writing to the government about pension reform to taking to the streets to protest against the trade in conflict diamonds. Meetings often include guest speakers to share information and help plan action.

Email: business@aito.ca

Connections and Engagement

We are the face of Amnesty in the GTA! A group of positive and enthusiastic AI members who staff interactive information tables at exciting events in the GTA (such as concert venues and schools fairs). Help us reach out to the public and let them know that Amnesty is here! Active! and a special place where ordinary people can do extraordinary things together to defend human rights.

Email: connect@aito.ca

Speakers Bureau

The Toronto Speakers Bureau is formed of enthusiastic AI members in the GTA who help raise awareness about AI and human rights violations around the world by doing public speaking/presentations in schools and at public events.

If you would like someone from Amnesty International to speak at your school or event please use the contact below

Contact: Elena Dumitru 416-363-9933 ext. 333

Email: publicspeaking@aito.ca

Orientation of New Members Team

For new and potential members, AI offers an Orientation session where you can find out about our human rights work, how are we structured, our mandate, how you can get involved and what is going on in AI Toronto. You don't need to call, just turn up at our office: 1992 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor, the fourth Thursday of each month (except August and December) at 7pm.

Contact: Patricia Grenier 416-975-4771

Email: pmgrenier@sympatico.ca



GREATER TORONTO AREA GROUPS, NETWORKS AND SPECIALIZED TEAMS

AITO is the Area Support Team (AST) for Amnesty International Groups, Entities, Networks, and Members in the Greater Toronto Area*.

We encourage all of the above to send delegates to our monthly AITO meetings, and we utilize various means to get the word out to the membership in the area.

AITO

c/o Amnesty International Toronto Office

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Open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
and Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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The Toronto Regional Office of Amnesty International provides services to the public and to local AI members. Drop in during our office hours to:

- Learn more about our organization - and how you can get involved
- Research human rights violations around the world, using our extensive files
- View or borrow videos on Amnesty or on particular countries
- Purchase Amnesty International publications, including our Annual Report
- Buy some of our great T-shirts, caps, greeting cards, and gift items

*Greater Toronto area includes: Metro Toronto, Mississauga, Pickering/Ajax, Burlington, Stouffville/Markham, Halton Hills, and Oakville

GROUPS IN TORONTO

Group 18 (Bloor and Bedford)

7:00 pm (2nd Monday of each month, 3rd Monday in Oct)

Qaker Meeting House, 60 Lowther Avenue

Contact: Patricia Grenier 416-975-4771

Email: pmgrenier@sympatico.ca

Action: Individuals at Risk : Indigenous Women in Mexico

Group 50 (French Speaking)

6:30 pm (2nd Wednesday of each month)

Al Toronto office, 1992 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor

Contact: Chantal Smieliauskas 905-271-5944

Email: smieliauskas@rogers.com

Contact: Yveline Baranyi 416-621-0865

Email: prieuryb@primus.ca

Action: South-East Asia, Morocco, Africa's Great Lakes Region and Colombia

Group 55 (Etobicoke)

7:30 pm (last Monday of each month)

Royal York Road United Church, 851 Royal York Road

Contact: Mary Hall, maryhall@rogers.com

Action: West Africa Region

Group 63 (Bloor & Spadina)

7:30 pm (1st Thursday of each month, Sept to June)

Bloor Street United Church

300 Bloor Street West (at Huron Street)

Contact: Dawn Michael 416-690-6885

Email: kenanddawn56@gmail.com

Action: China, Colombia Action

Group 65 (Yonge and Lawrence)

7:00 pm (1st Tuesday of each month)

Fairlawn United Church, 28 Fairlawn Avenue

Contact: Barbara Godden 416-766-4017

Email: bgodden@toronto.ca

Web: webhome.idirect.com/~dlayton

Action: Caribbean

Redeemer Amnesty Action Circle

10:15am – 11:45am (second Sunday of each month except August and December)

Church of Redeemer Parish Hall, 162 Bloor Street West

Contact redemeramnesty@gmail.com

Group 98 (Yonge & Finch)

7:30 pm (2nd Friday of each month)

Newtonbrook United Church

53 Cummer Avenue

Email: aigroup98@yahoo.com

Contact: 416-993-8154

Action: USA, Myanmar

Group 123 (The Beaches, Toronto East)

7:30 pm (2nd Tuesday of each month)

St. John's of Norway Anglican Church

(Woodbine at Kingston Rd.)

Contact: Kara Dawson (647) 836 7704

beachamnesty@gmail.com

Group 142 (St. Clair & Avenue Rd.)

7:30 pm (3rd Wednesday of each month)

First Unitarian Congregation

175 St. Clair Avenue West

Contact: Ted Wood 416-429 6351

Email: tedwood@rogers.com

Action: Land Rights for Indigenous Peoples: Work on the Lubicon Cree

St. James' Cathedral Action Circle A98

The Cathedral Church of St. James, 65 Church Street

Email: info@stjamescathedral.on.ca

Website: <http://www.stjamescathedral.on.ca/> Click Outreach, then Amnesty International

LGBT Action Circle A45

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender

2nd Wednesday of each month, 8pm, 519 Community

Centre, 519 Church Street

Contact: George Harvey or Morgan Koch

Email: lgbt@aito.ca

Website: www.aito.ca/lgbt

Human Rights for Iran Action Circle A112

6:30pm (2nd Thursday of each month)

Al Toronto office, 1992 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor

Contact: aito.iranactioncircle@gmail.com

Group 164 (Riverdale / Cabbagetown)

1st Tuesday of each month, Sept. - June

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

361 Danforth Ave. (at Chester, south side of Danforth)

Contact: Judy Luginbuhl 416-465-7365

Email: ai164toronto@gmail.com

Website: <http://ai164toronto.blogspot.com/>

Action: Turkey Regional Action Network, Campaign Against Death Penalty

Democratic Republic of Congo Action Circle

Focus on justice and the rule of law in the DRC.

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis at the Al Toronto office (approximately every 6-8 weeks).

Email: drc.action@gmail.com

CAMPUS GROUPS

Uof T - Victoria University

amnestyvic@gmail.com

UofT – St. George

aiuoft@gmail.com

YorkU – Keele Campus

Amnesty.International.Yorku@gmail.com

GROUPS OUTSIDE TORONTO

Group 130 (Mississauga)

Meeting at Unitarian Congregation of

South Peel - 84 South Service Rd

Email: infoamnestymississauga@gmail.com

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=202036781998>

Group 21 (Burlington)

7:30 pm (3rd Monday of each month)

St. Christopher's Anglican Church

662 Guelph Line, Burlington, Ontario

Contact: Wilf Ruland 905-648-1296

Email: deerspring@hwc.org

Action: Colombia Action, SEAMRAN (Southeast Asia and Myanmar Regional Action Network)

Group 75 (Oakville)

7:30 pm (1st Tuesday of every month)

Church of the Incarnation

1240 Old Abbey Lane, Oakville, Ontario

Contact: Wendy Belcher 905-844-4194

Website: www.amnestyoakville.com

Group 90 (Ajax / Pickering)

(4th Wednesday of each month)

9:15 am (Jan, Mar, May, July, Oct)

7:00 pm (Feb, Apr, June, Sept, Nov)

Pickering Village United Church

300 Church St. North, Ajax, Ontario

Contact: Shirley Guppy

Email: shirleyguppy@sympatico.ca

Group 196 (Halton Hills)

7:30 pm (Meet occasionally on Wednesdays)

St. John's United Church

11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario

Contact: Janet Duval 905-877-1994

Newmarket/Aurora Action Circle 65

7:30pm (third Thursday of the month except June, July, August and December)

Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria St., Aurora

Contact: Renee Leblanc 905-713-6713

Email: reneeandlen@rogers.com

