

WRITE A LETTER

CHANGE A LIFE

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 we have teamed up with Amnesty's flagship Protect the Protest campaign. Throughout history, protest has been a powerful tool for change. But governments around the world are cracking down on protests and restricting people's rights. People like those featured in this year's Write for Rights campaign, all of whom have paid a great price for speaking truth to power.

By standing together and ensuring that everyone – including the most discriminated against – can participate in protests equally without fear of violence, we can create a more just and equal world.

Join in today. Write a letter, change a life.

TAKE ACTION TODAY

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails, or print off the solidarity letter template and write a message of support! We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in February 2023 and ensure that your solidarity messages are delivered.

Make sure you post them to us by 31 January 2023 at:
Amnesty International Australia,
Locked Bag 23,
Broadway NSW 2007
Australia

Read about the people we're fighting for and how you can take action at [amnesty.org.au/w4r](https://www.amnesty.org.au/w4r)

Take action for all ten cases here



Tweet your support to @AmnestyOz using the hashtag #W4R22
Contact the Amnesty team:
1300 300 920 or supporter
@amnesty.org.au

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**YOUR WORDS
CHANGE LIVES**

**CHALLENGE
INJUSTICE.**

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SIGN A PETITION
SEND A TWEET



YOUR WORDS
ARE POWERFUL



HOW IT WORKS

- 1 People in more than 200 countries and territories take part in all kinds of events
- 2 Writing millions of letters, emails, tweets, and signing petitions
- 3 Supporting people who've been harassed, threatened and jailed just for who they are
- 4 Putting pressure on governments, leaders and decision-makers
- 5 Showing love and support for the people and their families
- 6 And making change happen – releasing activists and protecting people who stand up for change



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REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY



On 30 June 2021, Burundian human rights defender Germain Rukuki was released after serving more than four years in prison. Germain was arrested, prosecuted and convicted simply for his human rights work.

During Write for Rights, supporters from around the world took more than 436,000 actions calling for Germain's freedom. Unable to leave the country following his release, Germain was finally reunited with his family in Belgium in February 2022. "Write for Rights really does have a positive impact. Their support has made me, Germain Rukuki, come out of prison even more committed to defending human rights."

FREED FROM DEATH ROW

Magai Matiop Ngong was a schoolboy in South Sudan when he was sentenced to death on 14 November 2017 for murder. Magai recounted how he told the judge the death was an accident and that he was only 15 years old; despite this, Magai faced trial for capital murder without any access to a lawyer. Over 700,000 actions were taken for Magai during Write for Rights 2019, and in March 2022 the High Court agreed that as a child at the time, he should be released. Magai is now safely out of the country and determined more than ever to help people like him.



HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER FREE



Bernardo Caal Xol, a Guatemalan teacher and father, worked tirelessly to defend communities affected by hydroelectric projects on the Cahabón river, in northern Guatemala. In November 2018 he was sentenced to over seven years in prison on bogus charges aimed at preventing his human rights work. During Write for Rights 2021 over half a million actions were taken for Bernardo and in March 2022 he was released.

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