

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 the campaign features people from around the world, all connected because their human rights have been violated. Some by their governments, others by the police, or even by big corporations. All because of who they are and what they do. Together, we can fight for their rights.

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

TAKE ACTION TODAY

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails. Write a letter using the template letter. Print off a solidarity letter template and write a message of support. We will make sure all your petitions and letters reach the people who need to hear your message

To have your letters and petitions counted as part of our handover event in March 2024, make sure you post everything to us by 31 January 2024 at:

Amnesty International Australia,
Locked Bag 23,
Broadway NSW 2007
Australia

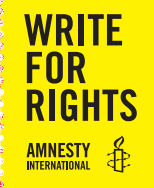
Read about the people we're fighting for and how you can take action at amnesty.org.au/w4r

Take action for all ten cases here

Tweet your support to [@AmnestyOz](https://twitter.com/AmnestyOz) using the hashtag #W4R23

Contact the Amnesty team: 1300 300 920
or supporter@amnesty.org.au

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YOUR WORDS

CHANGE LIVES





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SIGN A PETITION,
SEND A TWEET**

HOW IT WORKS

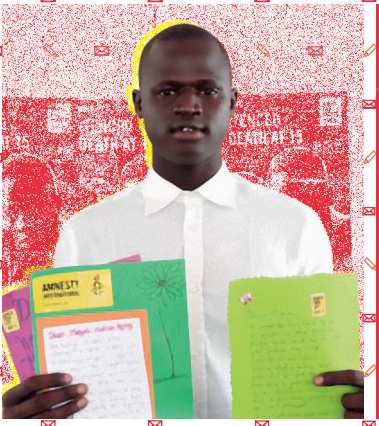
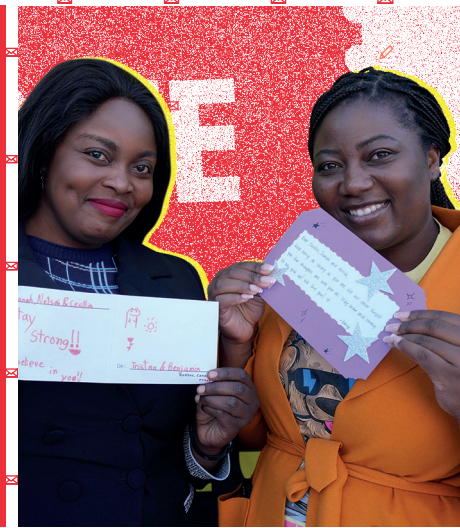
- 1** People in **more than 200 countries** and territories take part in all kinds of **events**
- 2** **Writing** millions of letters, emails and tweets, and signing petitions
- 3** **Supporting people** who've been harassed, threatened and jailed just for who they are and what they do
- 4** **Putting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



YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL

ACTIVISTS ACQUITTED

After leading an anti-government protest in May 2020, Cecilia Chimbari, Joanah Mamombe and Netsai Marova were arrested, taken to a police station, forced into an unmarked car, and driven out of the city of Harare, Zimbabwe. They were subsequently beaten, tortured, and dumped on the side of the road. While hospitalized, the women were charged with criminal offences relating to the protest. Later they were also charged with communicating falsehoods and obstructing the course of justice, for speaking about their abduction. Netsai fled Zimbabwe following the attack. After featuring in Write for Rights 2022, where over half a million actions were taken on their behalf, Cecilia and Joanah were acquitted by the High Court on 4 July 2023.



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.

