

Cetana Das



Member for 21 years

Dedicated to safeguarding human rights globally, my journey with Amnesty International spans two decades, beginning as a volunteer on the local refugee team in Canberra. Expanding my contributions, I later served as Vice President on the ACT/SNSW Branch Committee.

Over the last decade, my focus has centred on strengthening governance and grassroots activism. Holding pivotal roles, including Chair of the Activism and Membership Committee (AMC) of the National Board, and membership on the National Board, Governance Committee, and the Grassroots Working Group, I made a significant contribution to AIA at the national level, including establishing the AMC and developing its foundational work program during my tenure on the National Board.

Internationally, my contributions at the 2011, 2013, and 2015 International Council Meetings, coupled with my role in the Global Governance Working Group, have significantly shaped AIA's involvement in Global Governance Reforms. Beyond Amnesty, my professional experience as a management consultant at Accenture (a global professional services firm), combined with my background as a former public servant for the Federal and NSW State Government.

Reason for nominating:

I'm nominating again as a GMV because I care deeply about safeguarding Amnesty's values, integrity, and member-led governance. I bring long-term experience in activism and national governance roles, and I stepped back in recently out of a commitment to principled decision-making and collective accountability. I believe in a movement that is inclusive, independent, and focused on defending human rights.

Chelsea Francis



Member for 10 years

Chelsea Francis is a lawyer and most recently the Director of the Human Rights Legal Group of Western Australia (HRLG WA). Chelsea has been involved in Amnesty International in a leadership capacity since 2016. Previously, she was a Human Rights Observer (HRO), a GMV for four years, and on the committee of the University of Western Australia branch for four years, including as President in 2017 and 2018. Since relocating from Perth to Canberra this year, she has been involved with the ACT Human Rights Act Committee.

Chelsea's interests have continued to be in the areas of international law, law reform, and public policy. She has served in international humanitarian outreaches in refugee affairs and is passionate about her work in the human rights sector. Additionally, she has been involved in organisations including Teach for Australia, the Aurora Education Foundation, and the WA Youth Parliament.

Chelsea has also developed a particular interest in technology law. She wants to see an expansion of Amnesty International's digital rights initiatives, particularly considering the human rights implications and the importance of such rights in the contemporary digitalised world.

Reason for nominating:

I care deeply about the maintenance of good governance practices within Amnesty International Australia, as an organisation. I would like to utilise my passion and expertise to serve AIA in this capacity.

Ronnie Gori



Member for 33 years

I started my Amnesty volunteer life in 1980, when I joined a support group in England. I have stayed involved ever since, having been active for maybe 35 years during this time. I have served in multiple roles: leading groups, both at the local and national level, having multiple stints and roles on ALCs and BCs, including as Regional President during the Covid years and have also served a term on the National Board.

Reason for nominating:

I have significant knowledge and experience, derived from filling multiple roles within AIA, both nationally and locally. I have attended multiple NAGMs and AGMs, as a Board member, member of the ACT/SNSW BC/ALC and as a GMV. I therefore feel that I have a great deal to contribute, to the AGM as a GMV, and I am keen to make that contribution.

I have been absent from AIA, for the last couple of years, for family reasons, but I'm keen to be involved with AIA again. As I've said, I believe that, with my experience, I can make a significant contribution to this year's AGM.

Jay Moran



Member for more than 10 years

I'm a non-binary person from Canberra, who has been involved in Amnesty International Australia as a volunteer for over 10 years. I have been on the ACT/SNSW Activism Leadership Committee for a few years, and spent about a year as ACT/SNSW Regional co-president. I have organised rallies, written submissions, met with MPs, run fundraising events, and participated in just about every activity that Amnesty does to support human rights.

I am passionate about all human rights, but particularly social and political rights. I also have over 10 years experience in federal government relations (political engagement) and public policy. I have experience in human rights work across the Middle East and South and South/East Asia, and board governance experience with not-for-profits in international development and mental health.

Reason for nominating:

As a long-term Amnesty volunteer, I want Amnesty to be the best it can possibly be. That means participating in setting the strategic direction for the organisation, and being a GMV is the way to do that.

As an ALC member and volunteer, I understand what the grassroots groups need in order to thrive, whilst my professional experiences in political engagement means I understand the (many) effective avenues for change.

Stephen Rowe



Member for 10 years

I've been either a supporter, donor, activist or letter-writer with Amnesty for well over 10 years now and came on board with formal role with the Activism Leadership Committee in 2021. As Regional President I've worked with a small group of committed individuals to leverage their strengths and interests to work towards the cause we all care so much about.

I otherwise have a career in philanthropic fundraising at universities in Australian and New Zealand.

Reason for nominating:

I would like to continue to help make sound decisions on matters so important to our movement. This is one way to keep us organised and focused, so I hope I can help.

Pablo Rozas Larraondo



Member for 2 years

I am a supporter of human rights around the world. I am from Spain, but have spent over 12 years living in Canberra, with my Australian wife and kids. We are all involved in Amnesty and have attended many Amnesty events over the years. I worked at the CSIRO, ANU, GeoScience Australia, and now run my own company focused on earth data analytics. I am particularly interested in human rights issues arising out of climate change due to my scientific background. I was a GMV in 2024.

Reason for nominating:

I was a GMV in 2024. I want to see the governance of Amnesty taken seriously, and the decisions taken at AGMs to focus on strengthening and uniting the organisation around its core mission in the long term.

Madeleine Waterford



Member for 1 year

I grew up in Canberra and have established my family here. I have a long-term commitment to human rights and Amnesty International Australia. I am a public servant currently working in education. Although I support the work that Amnesty does generally around the world, I am particularly passionate about the rights of women and children, and civil and political rights.

Reason for nominating:

I am strongly committed to good governance and the proper administration and oversight of Amnesty as an organisation and movement. I would listen carefully to the issues, evidence and information at hand and apply considered, careful judgement. I believe that it is very important that not-for-profit organisations like Amnesty are led well, and led responsibly. This is more important than ever in the current geopolitical environment.