


Candidate	Statement
<p data-bbox="154 261 385 373">Fiona Bachmann</p> 	<p data-bbox="454 256 2033 336">Every time I think the world can't get any crazier, it does! After several years of completing weekly urgent actions, I feel it's time to lean in further.</p> <p data-bbox="454 395 2040 475">Much darkness and conflict in the world requires Amnesty's light. Action starts at the grassroots level with support from an Activism Leadership Committee (ALC).</p> <p data-bbox="454 533 2107 612">The best contribution I can make to Amnesty is to lend my professional skills in business analysis, strategy, and planning as an ALC member.</p> <p data-bbox="454 670 2130 798">I am a long time Amnesty member. Firstly, in South Australia. Then, in Western Australia, as the only dial in Business Group participant. In NSW, I was co-convener of the Business Group for two years. I participated in the Lane Cove, former Demand Dignity/Redfern, Newtown and Nunawading Groups.</p> <p data-bbox="454 855 2130 1023">I have five years' experience on the NSW Branch Committee, including as Secretary and Vice President, and two years with the Victorian ALC; being co-Vice President. I have contributed to public presentations, meetings, training, improvements in process, communications, the Rethinking Governance Initiative and many grassroots activities and protests.</p> <p data-bbox="454 1080 1576 1118">I have the skills, experience and drive to be an effective ALC team member.</p>

<p>Mairead Halpin</p>	<p>My involvement with Amnesty International includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guest NSW ALC - 2025- present - Co-convene NSW Rainbow Network 2018 – present <p>Activities: Annual Mardi Gras, Fair Day, Write for Rights, Stalls - Governance Committee, Australia 2017 - Queensland Branch Committee, Brisbane, Australia 2016-2017 Participated at he National Annual General Meeting - Australian National Youth Advisory Group - Australia March 2016-Present (2 year term)</p> <p>Activities: National Youth Consultancy, ran sessions regarding National Youth Consultancy; chaired and took meeting minutes, assisted in the writing of the report, spoke at BAG and spoke at the National Annual General Meeting on behalf of the group. - International Issues Committee, Australia 2016 - 2017 - University of Oxford, Amnesty International Group, Oxford, United Kingdom - 2015 Activities: Campaigning, Rallies, Letter Writing, talks at Oxford Colleges, Trivia Nights, Fundraising Concerts - Interned on Afghani Women's Rights Campaign Brisbane Australia January 2013 - July 2013 Activities: Wrote report regarding Women in Afghanistan, Attended International Women's Day Breakfast, Held stalls, Liaised with other University Groups - Established Griffith University Amnesty International Club Brisbane, 2012. Griffith University Convenor from 2012-2015 Activities: Chaired Meetings, grew group membership and established groups presence on campus; organised petitions, organised and ran stalls, organised talks and presentations, organised and ran training sessions - Sneek Group, Friesland, the Netherlands - 2010 Activities: Community Campaigning, Letter Writing, Growing Youth Membership within Sneek - Townsville, Australia, Amnesty International Group 2005-2009 Activities: Community Campaigning, Letter Writing, Petitions, Speaking at Events - such as Make Poverty History, Assisting in running stalls</p>
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Chris Holley



I have been a member of the NSW ALC since 2021. Previously I have worked for Amnesty International Australia as Head of Activism and for Amnesty's International Secretariat as a Senior Advisor on strategic campaigning and global movement building. I am currently the activist lead for the campaign for a Human Rights Act for NSW.

Needeya Islam



I have been active in the NSW ALC for a number of years and have been the Gaza rep since 2024.

**Penelope
McKinley-
Rodgers**



As convenor of the Port Macquarie group, I've spent the past year and a half building a community of people who care about human rights, in a regional area that can often feel far removed from the frontlines of global action.

Together, our group has hosted film nights, rallies, and vigils, and we've worked in solidarity with other local groups to raise awareness about the genocide in Palestine, while also amplifying broader human rights issues both locally and globally.

Smaller groups outside major cities don't always have access to the same resources, networks, or spontaneous momentum that larger urban chapters do, and having representation on the ALC will hopefully deepen our sense of connection and purpose, so we can continue motivating our community here on the Mid North Coast.

**Ahmad Roman
Abasy**



I am deeply committed to human rights and have actively supported refugee and migrant communities in Australia through sports and community programs. Since resettling from Afghanistan, I have worked to create safe, inclusive spaces where young people from diverse backgrounds can connect, build confidence, and develop leadership skills. My experience includes running multicultural sports programs, mentoring youth, and advocating for social justice. I am passionate about amplifying marginalized voices and contributing to Amnesty International's mission of promoting human rights and equality for all.