



Amnesty International Sacramento Group

2018 Activities

- January 2018** ♦ We participated in the Sacramento Women’s March with a contingent.
- February 2018** ♦ Some members attended the national AIUSA Conference in Washington DC which also included lobbying Congress and Senate. Our local group received an award based on our 2017 work for immigrants and refugees.
- March 2018** ♦ We wrote letters on behalf of an Individual at Risk in Vietnam.
♦ Some members attended a speech by Andrew Gilmour, UN Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights., Take-away: He said that one of the most important things we can do right now is to support the courageous people who are defending human rights in their home country.
- April 2018** ♦ Our local group received a Lobbying Training.
♦ We began planning our autumn movie and expert panel event and wrote a grant to fund it.
- May 2018** ♦ Some members attended a Northern California Amnesty International gathering and met other inspiring leaders.
♦ We lobbied senators and congresspeople about humanitarian aid for refugees and immigrants.
- June 2018** ♦ We wrote an official letter to the County Board of Supervisors asking them not to renew the I.C.E. contract with the county jail.
♦ We had a contingent at Sacramento rally against ICE policies “Families Belong Together” Rally.
- July 2018** ♦ We wrote letters on behalf of a Human Rights Defender who is in jail in Sudan.
- August 2018** ♦ We advocated for SB 1421, a police accountability bill.
♦ We wrote letters on behalf of an Individual at Risk in Egypt.
- September 2018** ♦ Some of our members gave a human rights lesson at a school in Truckee and gave follow-up lesson ideas to the teachers.
- October 2018** ♦ We presented a community event about refugees in partnership with International Rescue Committee and Doctors Without Borders. The event included a movie (*Frontline Doctors: Winter Migrant Crisis*), an expert panel, and a reception with ideas for action. Over 150 people attended.
- November 2018** ♦ We previewed a presentation about human rights abuses in Turkey’s jails.
♦ We wrote letters on behalf of an Individual at Risk in Vietnam.
- December 2018** ♦ Our community *Write for Rights* event produced 105 letters, emails and tweets for Individuals at Risk around the world.