



Amnesty International Sacramento Group

2019 Activities

- January 2019** ◆ Our group participated in the Sacramento Women’s March.
- February 2019** ◆ Four members attended the northern California Amnesty International conference in Oakland.
◆ We started a Twitter account to share human rights news and speak out on issues @AmnestySac
◆ We lobbied Senators and Congresspeople to advocate for an end to arm sales to Saudi Arabia and to stop locking up families and kids at the US border.
◆ We wrote letters on behalf of an Individual at Risk in Thailand.
- March 2019** ◆ We officially “adopted” an Individual at Risk; Eren Keskin a lawyer in Turkey who defends those who need human rights protection and faces government reprisal for her work.
◆ We participated in the Sacramento International Women’s Day events with a marching contingent and a speaker from our group.
◆ We advocated for investigations into Missing & Murdered indigenous women and for ensuring rape kits in tribal health clinics
◆ A representative from our group attended the F.U.E.L meeting (a partnership of government and community groups working to help immigrants in the Sacramento area)
- April 2019** ◆ Our emails to our 450+ mailing list became a monthly newsletter and we featured the many local events for Stephon Clark on the newsletter.
◆ We advocated for AB392, Police Use of Force bill, writing letters and calling.
◆ We advocated for the immigrant detainees at the Yuba County Jail in Marysville, CA.
◆ We held a community event about women and children in Turkish jails, with Turkish food, an expert speaker, and a writing action that generated 40 letters to Turkish officials.
◆ We started a petition drive for Eren Keskin, our Turkish “adoptee”.
◆ Our members helped a high school class create projects about health and human rights.
- May 2019** ◆ We wrote an official letter to our mayor, asking him to look into updating the police use of force standards in Sacramento.
◆ We joined a partnership with the NorCal Campaign for Immigrant Detention Reform and Faithful Friends with the intention of working for immigrants detained in Yuba County Jail.
◆ We wrote letters on behalf of Filipino human rights defenders who are being harassed.
◆ Some of our members helped create planting beds at a refugee community garden.
- June 2019** ◆ We tabled at the World Refugee Day event with refugee support materials.
◆ We participated in a rally and press conference at the immigrant detention center of Yuba County Jail, providing speakers and “Immigrant Rights are Human Rights” signs.
◆ We wrote letters to Turkish officials on behalf of human rights lawyer Eren Keskin.
- July 2019** ◆ Together with the International Rescue Committee, we held a “Longer Table Dinner” with 14 refugees invited; we shared a meal and conversation with new neighbors from Afghanistan and Nigeria. Mayor Steinberg and a representative of Senator Harris joined us.
◆ A representative from our group attended a meeting with the Mexican Consulate.
◆ We wrote letters to protest harassment targeting immigrant shelters in Mexico

August 2019

- ◆ Some of our members volunteered at the New Roots Farm, run by former refugees.
- ◆ We supported the Artistic Expression of Compassion for Immigrants
- ◆ We lobbied for Senate and Congressional support of Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act and the Expanded Background Checks for Guns Bill. We asked Senator Harris' office to follow up on problems for immigrants detained at the Yuba County Jail.
- ◆ We co-sponsored the film "Hold These Truths" about the fight against Japanese-Americans being put into camps during World War 2. We had an information table there.
- ◆ We wrote letters on behalf of Individuals at Risk in China, detained without charges for organizing to help people with disabilities.

September 2019

- ◆ Some of our members gave a human rights presentation for students at a school in Truckee and gave follow-up ideas and materials to the teachers.
- ◆ We sent out a newsletter that included 5 ways to help asylum-seekers
- ◆ We co-sponsored the film and expert panel discussion "The Lies of Executive Order 9066" discussing the Japanese-American experience in WW2 and what it means for today's struggles.
- ◆ We co-sponsored a letter along with others in the Sacramento Immigration Coalition, protesting the Yuba County Jail immigrant detentions.

October 2019

- ◆ We co-sponsored the showing of the film "Unafraid" about DACA students trying to go to college. We contributed to the DACA scholarship program of Los Rios Community Colleges.
- ◆ We had an Art-Create evening to make decorations for the upcoming human rights Altar.
- ◆ Some of our members supported workshops for former refugees on how to share their story to advocate for themselves and their community.
- ◆ We supported student high school Amnesty International clubs in Folsom and Rocklin.
- ◆ We wrote letters on behalf of Egyptian adults and children who were tortured and detained.

November 2019

- ◆ We created and displayed an Altar to honor those who have died in immigration detention in the US in the past 2 years. This was a part of the Latino Center for Art and Culture event. Hundreds visited the Altar. Pictures can be viewed at www.amnestysacramento.org
- ◆ We sent 5 members to the Western Region Amnesty International Conference in Seattle.
- ◆ We wrote letters to try to stop the harassment of Eren Keskin, Turkish human rights lawyer.
- ◆ Together with UC Davis students, we raised a banner and shared a display about immigrant children in detention centers at the Davis Farmers Market.
- ◆ We tweeted human rights question suggestions to the Democratic debate moderators.

December 2019

- ◆ We held a Write for Rights event at a cafe to generate community letters supporting those in the world who have been harassed, jailed or hurt due to their beliefs or peaceful actions.



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