

Amnesty International Sacramento Group 283 --2021 Activities



- January 2021
- We participated in the International Day of Action to stop the war in Yemen.
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing book The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border
 - We set our priorities for 2021. Supporting: immigrants and refugees in our community; climate justice; individuals at risk around the world. Working to abolish: the death penalty; police violence
- February 2021
- We tweeted at Turkish officials ahead appeal hearing for conviction of Rights Defender Eren Keskin.
 - We sponsored speakers: Susan Lange from Faithful Friends and Javier, a detainee currently detained by ICE at Yuba County Jail (he spoke through Susan's phone).
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing book The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives
- March 2021
- Working together with Amnesty groups in Bay Area, we wrote dozens of letters to ICE officials, Yuba County Jail officials, CA governor and President Biden against continuing immigrant detention.
 - We took action to support Turkish Human Rights Defender Eren Keskin with virtual signs, encouraging letters and social media postings.
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing Speak Up! Speeches by young people to empower & inspire
 - Some members attended workshops and speakers at a National Amnesty International weekend.
- April 2021
- We partnered with California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice to support immigrants in our community and wrote our support for Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act in Congress. We published a page online to highlight why climate justice is a human right.
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing Climate Justice: Hope and the Fight for a Sustainable Future
 - We communicated solidarity with protesters in Myanmar facing lethal police reactions.
 - We helped pack the courts for immigrant detainee hearings, resulting in two releases this month.
- May 2021
- We co-sponsored a film about a WWII U.S. program of kidnapping and indefinite incarceration of over 2,200 citizens of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries
 - We had a speaker at our monthly meeting about persecution of Uyghur people in China.
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing the book This American Muslim Life
- June 2021
- We supported rallies and actions to stop deportations of Vietnamese immigrant Lam Hong Le and Iraqi immigrant Omar Ameen.
 - We presented a webinar for the California community on refugees and human rights with author Jessica Goudeau and California IRC
- July - Aug 2021
- We advocated for immigrants detained by ICE in the Yuba County Jail, packing the online court for some of their hearings. We wrote to President Biden and Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas.
- September 2021
- We had a presenter at our meeting; heard about labor camps/surveillance in Uyghur region of China.
 - Our Human Rights Book Club read "Made in China" by Amelia Pang.
- October 2021
- We partnered with refugee resettlement agencies to support the new influx of Afghan refugees
- November 2021
- We advocated for Afghan refugees and asked our government to treat Cameroonian and Haitian refugees fairly.
 - We advocated for a push to get vaccines to countries who are being shortchanged.
- December 2021
- We held a Write for Rights event on International Human Rights Day