

Chairperson of Cardiff Amnesty - Volunteer Role

About the organisation

As a global movement of over seven million people, Amnesty International is the world's largest grass-roots human rights organisation. We investigate and expose abuses, educate and mobilise the public, and help transform societies to create a safer, more just world.

Local groups carry out a wide range of activities from campaigning on individuals at risk to raising money for human rights. Most of the time groups work within their local area, engaging their communities in campaigns, but they also get together at annual Regional Conferences and at the AGM.

Cardiff Amnesty International is an award winning group, established thirty years ago we have campaigned on numerous human rights issues over the years including:

Letter writing and other forms of action on behalf of individuals whose rights have been abused.

Raising awareness about human rights through the local and national press

Organising events and stalls and getting involved in local activities

Lobbying MPs and MSs to hold the government to account on human rights

Campaigning on the issues that matter, including women's rights, torture, individuals at risk and the death penalty

Fundraising to support the work of the wider Amnesty movement

Recent high profile campaigns have centred on the plight of Iranian-British dual nationals detained in Iran such as Mehran Raoof, or campaigning to end excessive cellular confinement for UK prisoners. Each year the group organises Stand Up in the Park, a flagship human rights comedy night in co-operation with the Cardiff Open-air Theatre Festival.

In recent years the group has worked in partnership with other charities and organisations organising events including The Welsh Centre for International Affairs, Welsh National Opera and Cardiff University.

To learn more about the work of the Cardiff Amnesty International Group visit our website www.amnestycardiff.org or follow us on Twitter @AmnestyCardiff

The role will involve:

This role is suitable for a person interested in human rights, social justice, and grass-roots campaigning.

The chairperson presides over group meetings, making sure that they run effectively. They may also act as a spokesperson for the group. Working closely with the group secretary, the treasurer and other officers, the role of the chairperson is to organise and help motivate a team of 10-15 regular activists. The role typically includes:

Being a central point of communication; interacting with all members of the group and staying in contact with the regional representative, neighbouring Amnesty groups, the local trainer and other community groups.

Organising agendas and chairing meetings ensuring that everyone is given an opportunity to express their views

Planning; the chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the group makes an annual plan and implements it. Each group needs a plan of action to ensure limited resources (people, skills, time) are used as carefully and effectively as possible.

Creating publicity content for the group website and social media (Twitter and Facebook) and promoting the work of Amnesty International.

Skills required:

Well-organised/ punctual

Able to listen sensitively and be assertive in meetings

Enjoys getting the best out of people

Able to make decisions and has a sense of humour.

Organised, reliable, and able to deliver tasks to a set deadline.

Experience of writing blog posts / website and social media content for an organisation.

Excellent command of English.

Willingness to learn and improve your skills.

What you will gain:

The opportunity to develop and learn new skills.

The opportunity to improve your CV and enhance your employability.

Other group officers

Group Secretary

Treasurer

Communications Officer

Additional information:

Location: Working from home with some in-person meetings in Cardiff. **Start:** 01/04/2024 (3 month induction). **Hours:** Typically you are expected to commit three hours per week to the project for a minimum of 12 months.