

## **Amnesty International Ireland – Annual Conference 2019**

### **Motion 1 - Operational Budget 2019**

Conference endorses the decision of the National Board to approve the organisational budget for 2019 as presented to conference.

**Proposed by: James Kelly**  
**Seconded by: Bríd Cannon**

*\*The budget will be included in Annual Conference 2019 Papers, which will be available to all delegates upon arrival.*

### **Motion 2 – Headline Operational Budget 2020**

Conference approves the high level outline budget for 2020, and mandates the National Board to finalise and approve an operational budget for 2020 in line with this overall budgetary framework.

**Proposed by: James Kelly**  
**Seconded by: Bríd Cannon**

### **Motion 3 - Sexual and Reproductive Rights**

**Conference commends the work of the Irish Section to secure constitutional and legislative change to better protect the sexual and reproductive rights of women, girls and pregnant people**

At our 2013 Annual Conference, we, the membership of Amnesty International Ireland mandated the Irish section to campaign to ensure that Irish law on access to abortion is fully compliant with international human rights law and AI's global policy on access to abortion. In the intervening years, AI at both the national and global level mounted a strong and enormously successful campaign that has now secured very significant advances in this area. Our work has contributed enormously to the repeal of the Eighth Amendment of Bunreacht na hÉireann, the passing of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 and the introduction of abortion services in Ireland on January 1, 2019.

However, despite these enormous wins, we still have work to do in this area if we are to secure a fully human rights compliant framework for abortion in Ireland. There are significant flaws and gaps in the legislation passed by the Oireachtas last December.

#### **Conference commits:**

That Amnesty International will continue to work to ensure that Irish law on access to abortion is fully compliant with international human rights law and in line with AI's global policy on access to abortion.

#### **Conference Commends:**

Amnesty members, local groups and college societies, the National Board and section staff for their courage and resilience in undertaking the campaign for sexual and reproductive rights.

#### **Conference Recommends:**

That Amnesty International Ireland continues to work to ensure that there is fully human rights compliant access to abortion in Ireland in both law, policy and practice.

**Proposed: Rema Hamid**  
**Seconded: Morgan Donaghy**

## **Motion 4 - Community Sponsorship**

### **Conference welcomes:**

The introduction in Ireland of a community sponsorship programme for refugees. Conference commends the work done by Amnesty International Ireland and other civil society organisations and partner organisations, in developing a community sponsorship programme in Ireland, and the decision of the Irish Government to launch such a programme.

### **Conference mandates:**

The Irish Section to continue to meaningfully contribute to the development and operationalisation of the community sponsorship programme in order to ensure the best possible human rights outcomes from the programme.

Conference further urges members, activists and local groups to engage with the community sponsorship programme as it is rolled out, including exploring opportunities to become sponsors themselves.

**Proposed: Giulia Vilone**

**Seconded: Catherine O'Shea**