



AMNESTY IRELAND

ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM 2026

Ormond Building, 31 – 36 Ormond Quay Upper Dublin 7, D07 N5YH
Saturday 10th October 2026



AGENDA

- 10:30** **Registration & Coffee**
- 11:00** **Conference Opening**
Welcome from the National Board & to our International Guests
Adoption of Conference Agenda Committee's Report & Board Elections
- 11:20** **Annual General Meeting Business No. 1**
The Year in Review: A look back at our work since AC 2025
Global Movement – Global Update
Report back from the Global Assembly

Followed by Questions & Answers
- 12:45** **Lunch with the Cardboard Warriors**
Taking down the system of Oppression
1 piece of cardboard at a time ...
- 1:30** **Spotlight** on Write 4 Rights 2026: 25 Years of Action
- 1:45** **Keynote Address**
Human Rights Perspective from One of Our Sibling Sections

Followed by Questions & Answers
- 2:15** **Action**
- 2:45** **Human Rights & the Global Disorder**
The Authoritarian Playbook and the Role of Amnesty International
4 Interactive Human Rights Workshops
Followed by Feedback to Plenary
- 3:45** **Annual General Meeting Business No. 2**
Honorary Treasurers Report with Q&A
Voting on Finance Motion
- 4:15** **Next Steps for Team Amnesty Ireland**
AC & AGM 2027 Date – The Big Reveal
- 4:30** **The Republic of Conscience 2026**
- 5:00** **Conference Closes**

Decamp to the Black Sheep, Capel St for Light Refreshments

Conference Agenda Committee Report to 2026 Annual Conference

a) Motions

Having examined the motions submitted for debate at the Annual Conference, the Conference Agenda Committee (CAC) finds those listed in the Order of Business to be appropriate matters for consideration by the Conference.

b) Order of Business

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends the order of business as set out in the above agenda.

c) Rights of Speakers

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends that during the appropriate plenary sessions of the Conference:

- i) Movers of motions and amendments be limited to a maximum of five minutes with persons seconding motions and any subsequent speakers limited to two minutes;
- ii) If in the course of the meeting it appears that the business may not be completed by the stipulated time, the Chairperson may recommend further restrictions on the time allowed to speakers for approval by the Annual Conference;
- iii) Speakers are allowed to make one contribution only on each item on the agenda, except for the mover of a motion who may exercise a right of reply limited to five minutes.

d) Election of Conference Agenda Committee 2027

Noting that:

Three candidates have been nominated for the three seats for ordinary members on the Conference Agenda Committee (CAC). Namely: Mary Quinn, David White, and Sadhbh Sheeran (the outgoing CAC). As the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies, no ballot is required. All will, therefore, be deemed to be elected. The CAC further recommend that qualifying members put themselves forward as alternate members of the CAC so as to address any vacancies which might occur before AC **2027**.

e) National Board

The National Board consists of twelve elected members – six of whom are elected in alternate years to serve a two-year term.

The AI Ireland Constitution sets out the procedure for the election of the twelve ordinary members of the National Board as follows:

Article 13 (3) the twelve other positions on the National Board shall be filled by election to two panels containing six positions each. Elections to the panels shall take place in alternate years with elected members holding office for a two-year term. Elected members shall be eligible for re-election except that no elected member shall hold office for more than three terms consecutively.



As the number of candidates is less than the number of vacancies no ballot is required. All candidates will, therefore, be deemed to be elected. The Constitution provides that any vacancies that may arise before the next Annual Conference shall be filled by co-option to the National Board.

Standing for Election having been co-opted to the National Board since our last AGM

Francesca Monteduro

Nominated by Graham Roe, Seconded by Lorraine Smyth

Loni Duremord

Nominated by Fiona O'Connor, Seconded by Eavan O'Halloran

Amnesty Ireland National Board Biographies

Francesca Monteduro

Francesca is a fundraising leader with over 15 years of experience across marketing, fundraising and strategic communications in major international organisations, including Oxfam International and ActionAid. She currently serves as Head of Digital Engagement at the British Red Cross, where she leads the organisation's digital strategy and long-term digital ambition.

Francesca holds a master's degree in international relations from the University of Milan, specialising in international law, global history and political sciences. Her career in the charity sector began as a young volunteer and activist in Italy and abroad, shaping a lifelong commitment to social justice, human rights and international development.

She brings to the board a strong track record in digital transformation, supporter engagement and mission-driven leadership, alongside deep experience navigating complex global organisations and building high-performing teams.

Loni Duremord

Loni is a French law student completing a dual degree in International and European Law, specialising in Fundamental Rights at Toulouse and a Bachelor of Civil Law at UCD.

Loni first became involved with Amnesty International as a student in France and is now a Youth Delegate with Amnesty International Ireland, having taken part in Amnesty's work at both national and international level, including the Global Assembly.

He sees human rights not simply as legal protections, but as part of a wider struggle over power, equality and justice. For him, activism means questioning who holds power, challenging the systems that reproduce inequality, and refusing to take the status quo for granted. Activism should not just fight the symptoms of injustice, but confront the structures that make it possible.

Before deciding to study law, Loni trained and competed in modern jazz dance in France, winning the French national competition several times.

Please see Appendix II for All National Board Member Biographies

**Minutes of Annual Conference/AGM 2024**

Conference was held in person in Sean MacBride House with some attendees joining via Zoom. Conference was chaired by Mary Quinn, Conference Agenda Committee Chair.

The delegates were updated on the work of the Section and the wider Amnesty International movement by the outgoing National Board Chair, Bríd Cannon and incoming Chair, Graham Roe and our Executive Director, Stephen Bowen.

Seán Mulligan, Our Honorary Treasurer (Acting), delivered a presentation on our finances and presented Headline Budget Parameters 2025-2026.

Elections

Conference also elected three members of the Conference Agenda Committee (CAC) 2026, which will oversee Annual Conference 2026. They are **Mary Quinn, David White, and Sadhbh Sheeran**. Delegates were encouraged to put themselves forward as alternate CAC members to address any vacancies which could arise. Qualifying members of six months or more in good standing can email an expression of interest to annualconference@amnesty.ie or bmorris@amnesty.ie

Conference elected two new National Board Members, Eavan O'Halloran and Mary Michelle O'Connor, and re-elected Graham Roe, Lorraine Smyth, Seán Mulligan, Fiona O'Connor, Maille Brady Bates. All were elected to stand for a two-year term. Conference also bade farewell to our outgoing Chair, Bríd Cannon, Honorary Secretary, Razan Ibraheem and former Youth Secretary, Katie O'Houlihan.

Motions and Constitutional Amendments

Conference considered a range of motions that had been put forward by membership. Conference decided as follows:

Motion 1 – Notice for Annual Conference

That this conference resolves that the Annual Conference be held every October on a date agreed and announced at the preceding annual conference. That all documents and paperwork relevant to the annual conference, including the annual report and annual financial report, be made available to all members at least 14 days before the Annual Conference.

Proposed by: Corry Cashman Seconded by: Richard Gem

This motion was passed by consensus

Motion 2 – Headline Operational Budget 2026

Conference approves the high-level outline budget for 2026 and mandates the National Board to finalise and approve an operational budget for 2026 in line with this overall budgetary framework, noting the audited Directors Report & Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2024, **(See Appendix I for Headline Budget Parameters 2026 & 2027)**,

Proposed by: Seán Mulligan Seconded by: Fiona O'Connor

This motion was passed by consensus



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APPENDIX I

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**APPENDIX II****National Board Biographies****Graham Roe - Chairperson**

Graham is a passionate believer in human rights, the power of people to bring about societal and structural change, and a long time Amnesty International supporter. Graham has held multiple leadership roles nationally and internationally in the area of integrated fundraising, communications, advocacy and campaigns. These have included executive and non-executive roles with Oxfam Ireland and Oxfam International, Concern Worldwide, Action Aid, and with Amnesty International Irish section at the outset of his career in the not for profit sector. Graham is currently the Director for Marketing, Communications and Fundraising for Special Olympics Ireland, and believes in an inclusive society where sport and all other areas of society are open to all to thrive within, and contribute to.

Graham holds an undergraduate degree from Trinity College in History. As a leading practitioner for many years nationally and internationally, Graham he has been involved for many years with Fundraising Ireland – now Charities Institute Ireland – contributing on evolving fundraising regulation, and helping to develop and deliver modules for CII's education courses.

He holds a Diploma in Fundraising Management (honours) from Charities Institute Ireland, a Certificate in Charity Law, Trusteeship and Governance (with distinction) from the Law Society of Ireland, and an MA (honours) in Law.

Seán Mulligan - Honorary Treasurer (Acting)

Seán has significant experience in leadership and governance roles and has been Finance Director with Tayto Snacks since 2014 having previously held similar positions with PepsiCo Ireland and Valeo Foods. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, a Chartered Director and holds a degree in International Business and Languages from TU Dublin. Seán has a keen interest in social justice and the defence of human rights.

Lorraine Smyth

Lorraine Smyth is an e-Enablement and Digital Solutions Manager within Corporate HSE. Lorraine holds an MSc of Science from UL and a Professional Diploma in Human right and equality IPA. Lorraine has a long history as a human rights defender first joining Amnesty at 16.

Lorraine is now a member of the Wexford branch of Amnesty where she has worked on many campaigns including both Yes campaigns, the Ibrahim Halawa and the Stardust campaign. Lorraine is a public servant for the last 21 years and has worked to change culture in the HSE working on the Anti-Bullying task force. The Steering group for the National Staff Engagement Forum and the Women in Leadership Forum. Lorraine is a member of the LGBTQI+ Allies.

Lorraine has an interest in patient centred care and was project lead on the Covid Patient Monitoring App, allowing patients remain at home while monitored during the Covid Pandemic. Lorraine was also the Covid Laboratories Logistic Lead during Covid facilitating testing nationally and enabling forecasting on Lab capacity. Lorraine has an interest in Sociotechnological, using technology for good.

Lorraine won Women in IT, Digital Leader of the Year and Innovator of the Year in 2021, she was also awarded Student Project of the Year at the Irish Healthcare Awards for her MSc Project Covid Patient Remote Monitoring.

**Máille Brady Bates**

Máille is an experienced solicitor specialising in Employment Law. In addition to her employment law practice, Máille carries out public interest legal work with a number of charitable organisations on a voluntary and pro-bono basis. Máille has a keen interest in human rights and public interest law and has worked with NGO's such as FLAC, PILA, Human Rights Defenders, the Red Cross and the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre. Máille is a member of the Amnesty HR Sub-Committee and sits as a Board Trustee on the Board of Voluntary Services International.

Fiona O'Connor

Fiona is a Director at Tom Smyth & Associates HR Consultancy where she provides legal advice and business risk support to both private and public sector industries. With over 15 years of experience specialising in employment law, HR and industrial relations, she has a deep understanding of workplace relations and the application of employment law.

She has advocated before the Equality Tribunal, EAT, Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) as well as the Labour Court. While working with the Citizens Information Service she provided information, advice and advocacy on a broad range of public and social services and is committed to improving equality & social justice in all aspects of society. Fiona is a graduate of the Law Society of Ireland (Employment Law) and UCC (Government & Public Policy and later Human Resource Management). She is a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) where she was a member of the Southern Regional Committee.

Eavan O'Halloran

Eavan is an economist and international development specialist who worked for nearly 30 years at the World Bank, where she focuses on inclusive and sustainable policies and programs that target the poorest and most marginalized people. She has worked in a diverse set of countries across Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. She has deep expertise in analysing countries' socio-political-economic contexts, designing and implementing sustainable growth strategies, and advocating for policies that have a strong focus on equitable development and poverty alleviation. She has worked closely with governments, international organizations, the private sector, NGOs and stakeholders across many cultures and contexts.

Born and raised in Dublin, and an emigrant for 30 years, Eavan returned to Ireland in 2022 and is committed to advancing human rights and social equity. She holds a Masters in International Economics and Relations from Johns Hopkins University, a Masters in Business Studies and a Bachelor of Commerce from University College Dublin, and a Diploma in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors. She is a Fulbright Scholar and speaks fluent French and Italian, with professional-level Spanish.

Mary-Michelle O'Connor

Mary-Michelle is a qualified solicitor, having practised as general counsel in the financial services sector for many years. She has vast experience in advising boards and management teams through periods of structural change, disruption, take-overs and investigations. She has advised on corporate transactions, corporate governance, contracts, data protection, employment law, litigation, property law and regulatory matters.

She has a keen interest in international and humanitarian law and has recently completed a Masters in International and Comparative Law from Trinity with a focus on international criminal law, humanitarian law, human rights law and refugee law.

Mary-Michelle is a member of the Amnesty Ireland Property Sub-Group.