

# YOUR WORDS CHANGE LIVES

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FOR  
RIGHTS

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# WRITE A LETTER, SIGN A PETITION, SEND A TWEET



## HOW IT WORKS

1

People in **more than 200 countries** and territories take part in all kinds of **events**

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Writing millions of letters, emails and tweets, and signing petitions

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**Supporting people** who've been harassed, threatened and jailed just for who they are and what they do

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**Putting pressure** on governments, leaders and decision makers

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Showing **love and support** for people and their families

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And making **change** happen – releasing activists, securing justice for those whose rights have been wronged and protecting people who advocate for change

# YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER ACQUITTED

Rita is a human rights defender and expert in civic governance. For over a decade she dedicated her life to providing independent legal advice, helping people whose rights had been violated by a corrupt and unreliable legal system. Alongside 26 others, Rita was arrested for opposing a new border agreement giving control of a freshwater reservoir to Uzbekistan. Charged with attempting to “violently overthrow the government”, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years’ imprisonment, Rita and at least 21 other defendants were acquitted on 14 June 2024.



*“I would like to express my huge, huge gratitude... Your timely actions – these letters, petitions, signatures, and the huge number of letters that went to the court, that went to the prosecutor’s office – it was all very powerful. In fact, it was very empowering to us all... Of course, the acquittal was totally unexpected. I don’t even know how to process it in my head. We had been playing with all sorts of scenarios, different outcomes in our heads, but we didn’t think we would all be acquitted!... I thank you all.”*

Rita Karasartova from Kyrgyzstan

*“I feel so relieved, and I thank you for the amazing Write for Rights campaign. I am forever indebted. It is like a huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders. Reading all the letters and cards made me feel so loved and appreciated.”*

Cecillia Chimбири from Zimbabwe

## OPPOSITION ACTIVISTS FREED

Opposition activists Cecillia Chimбири, Joanah Mamombe and Netsai Marova were abducted, tortured and imprisoned after attending a protest. They were charged with “communicating falsehoods” and “obstructing the course of justice”. Following their participation in Write for Rights 2022, on 4 July 2023 Cecillia and Joanah were acquitted by the High Court.



# WRITE A LETTER, CHANGE A LIFE

For over 20 years, Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights campaign has transformed the lives of people whose rights have been wronged. Using the power of their words, Write for Rights supporters have united behind a common purpose: together, we can change lives for the better.

This year the campaign features people from around the world, all connected because their human rights have been violated. Some by their governments, others by the police, or even by big corporations. All because of who they are and what they do. Together, we can fight for their rights.

Join in today. Write a letter, change a life.

## HOW TO JOIN

1. Read about the people we're fighting for:  
[www.amnesty.org/WriteForRights](http://www.amnesty.org/WriteForRights)
2. Contact the Amnesty team in your country:  
[www.amnesty.org/countries](http://www.amnesty.org/countries)
3. Tweet your support, tagging **@Amnesty** and using the hashtag **#W4R24**

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