



Sister Laola Hironaka Award 2010

Do you know of a **Local Group** of Amnesty International that did something amazing this past year? Maybe it is your own group, or another, well known to you. Has that group made breakthroughs in letter writing, human rights education, recruitment, retention, training or in some other way?

We encourage you to apply to the **Sister Laola Hironaka Award**, Amnesty International USA's award designed specifically to highlight the work of **Local Groups**. This award was formerly called the Humies.

Long-time AIUSA activist Sister Laola Hironaka passed away January 17, 2009 in San Antonio. An early supporter and activist in Amnesty International USA, among her many accomplishments Sister Laola organized the first Amnesty chapter at UC Berkeley in the late seventies, founded the section's Southeast Asia Coordination Group, and served as national Cambodia specialist, and San Antonio Area Coordinator. She was an early champion of the Vietnamese boat people, a long time supporter of torture survivors, and an active opponent of human trafficking. A tireless advocate with a ready smile, to hundreds of other activists Sister Laola was an inspiration, a mentor and a friend.

The award will be presented at AIUSA's Annual General Meeting in New Orleans, giving the selected Local Group national recognition. A place will be reserved for that group to present its work to the nation at the "Ideas Fair" at the AGM. It is also planned to share the ideas culled from *all* the applications with AI groups nationally so that we may all benefit from the innovations in group work generated in the past year.

No local group, however new, however small, should hesitate to apply.

Application

Group Number on whose behalf application is made _____

Name of person(s) preparing this application

Home address _____

Home phone and email _____

Position(s) in the Group, if any _____

Number of active members in nominated Group _____

Group Coordinator's contacts

Phone _____

Mailing address _____

Email address _____

Name of Amnesty International Area Coordinator for nominated group.

I/we hereby confirm that all the information which I/we have presented within this application is authentic.

Signature(s): _____

Date _____

Please answer the following questions about the group's work, focusing on the period **January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009**.

It will help our volunteer readers if you will limit your answers to one typed page but we encourage you to give as much detail as you think necessary to explain your answers.

1) What is the one most innovative or successful event, project or strategy that the group undertook between Jan 09 and Dec 09?

2) What challenges did the work you describe pose for the group? Please also explain how your group dealt with these challenges.

3) How did what you describe affect:

- a) the group itself?
- b) the community in which the group meets or from which it draws members?

This application is due by January 7, 2010

Emailed applications are preferred. Please address them to Carrol Pearson at bandcpearson@gmail.com or, if emailing is not possible, mail to Carrol Pearson, PO Box 655, Rociada NM 87742 to arrive prior to January 7, 2010.