



International Day of Solidarity for Troy Davis

Please Organize an Activity in Your Community

Who: Organize an event that is open to all. Reach out to groups that support human rights.

What: An activity that shows support in communities around the world, including yours, for clemency for Troy Davis and raises visibility for death penalty abolition. The time to organize the event will likely be very short; so organize on a scale that is feasible for your group. Large events are great, but even a handful of participants doing a smaller activity would be meaningful to the larger campaign.

Event examples:

a) Vigil

This could be held at a place of worship or in a visible location in your community (e.g. a community square, in front of a courthouse or public building). Candles and signs could be included. You could combine periods of silence for meditation or prayer with a couple of people speaking about the occasion. If organized with a faith community, prayers could be offered. An image of Troy Davis could be printed out for participants to hold up in front of their own faces for a couple minutes in silence as a way to visually represent the idea "I am Troy Davis." (Note: great photo opportunity).

b) Street Corner Demonstration

Choose an intersection with a good flow of pedestrian and/or street traffic. Hold signs for half to three-quarters of the time for onlookers to read. Make Troy Davis signs and also bring your AI banner. Designate a few individuals to pass out fact sheets and collect petition signatures. Chanting may help bring up the energy with the group ("I AM ... TROY DAVIS ... I AM... TROY DAVIS", "JUSTICE...MATTERS; FAIRNESS...MATTERS"; "TOO MUCH DOUBT... DON'T EXECUTE!")

c) Tabling

Set up a table with fact sheets, petitions and other visually appealing and informative materials. Ask passers-by to sign the petition, give them information about the case and issue and look for new members/volunteers.

(Possible sign slogans: "I am Troy Davis", "No Room for Doubt: Stop the Execution of Troy Davis!", "Georgia: the world is watching you. Don't execute Troy Davis!", "Execute Justice, Not People!")

If you are collecting petitions please fax them to the Parole Board immediately after your event: 404-651-8502

When: Amnesty International will announce the solidarity day date once it is known when Davis' clemency hearing is set. This will likely be very close to the execution date. Stay tuned to our webpage: www.amnestyusa.org/troy

Where: Choose a visible location – a place where your presence will be noticed and where people can stop to join you, get more information, sign petitions, and learn how to get involved.

Why : To demonstrate to Georgia authorities - *before* they make the clemency decision - widespread awareness of Troy Davis' case and overwhelming support for clemency. To engage your community in death penalty education and recruit new people to become members of AI and to support abolition work for the long haul.

IMPORTANT:

Please let us know if you will organize an activity! It will have maximum impact if we are able to publicize the number and scope of activities happening across the country and world. Send an email to dpac@aiusa.org to let us know when and where your event will be held, what type of event it will be, if it is open to the public and the name and contact information of someone organizing the event.

Resources:

For tips on organizing and publicizing events, please read our guide: <http://tinyurl.com/dpawkit> Troy Davis materials: justicefortroy.org
Questions can be directed to Brian in the Death Penalty Abolition Campaign – bevans@aiusa.org | 202-509-8135