



#WithTheRohingya Campaign Announcement

25 August 2021 is the 4-year anniversary of the brutal military crackdown against the Rohingya in Myanmar that resulted in mass human rights violations and caused over 700,000 Rohingya to flee to save their lives and be given shelter by Bangladesh. Today, approximately 1 million Rohingya live in overcrowded refugee camps in Cox's Bazar. Meanwhile, in Myanmar, hundreds of thousands remain internally displaced, and the country as a whole is in a state of crisis due to the military coup. And yet, despite the difficulties and uncertainty they face, the Rohingya demonstrate, on a daily basis, their resilience and strength.

Since 2019, Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR) and the Liberation War Museum (LWM) have been working with refugees in the camps and have witnessed their determination first hand. Carrying the trauma of the past and the uncertainty of the future, the refugees persist, tirelessly seeking out new ways to improve their circumstances while continuing to honor their culture and faith.

We invite you to stand **#WithTheRohingya**. AJAR, together with LWM, Sisters To Sisters, and other partners, will be hosting a 14-day campaign to highlight the resilience of the Rohingya and amplify their calls for justice and inclusion. **The campaign will run from 12 August (International Youth Day) to 25 August.**

Activities

The campaign will consist of several activities, including:

- **Rohingya Youth Statement, 12 August 2021:** A statement by Rohingya youth working with AJAR and LWM for International Youth Day.
- **Briefing Papers, 20 August 2021:** The publication of a series of briefing papers developed from AJAR and LWM's participatory action research with Rohingya refugees.
- **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) App Launch, 24 August 2021:** A virtual event to launch a new application containing an animated video about the UDHR and interactive cards on its articles.
- **25 August Statement, 25 August 2021:** A statement by AJAR to commemorate the events of 25 August 2017 and honor the resilience and calls for justice of The Rohingya.
- **Note Writing Initiative, 12-25 August 2021:** An open call, issued in conjunction with Sisters To Sisters, for messages from people around the world to the Rohingya. Please send notes to speakupformyanmar@protonmail.com.
- **Art Competition, 12-25 August 2021:** An open call for *original* art pieces inspired by #WithTheRohingya. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Please send digital images of the art pieces to WithTheRohingya@protonmail.com.

In addition, the campaign will include a series of social media posts, the "Voices Series," consisting of quotes, artwork, and photographs by Rohingya refugees. Videos and learning materials related to international justice concepts and mechanisms will also be part of the campaign.

Please join us in showing solidarity #WithTheRohingya! Write a personal note. Create a piece of art. Follow the campaign on AJAR's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/asiajusticeandrights/>) and Instagram account (@asiajusticerights).

**Those who stand for democracy, gender justice, and peace
stand #WithTheRohingya!**