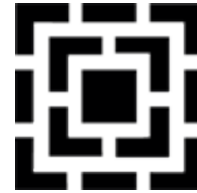


# Samfundsmøte 18.11.09

## Death Row



## Beslutningsprotokoll

1. Call to order
2. From the Board's Journal
3. Introduction by John Peder Egenæs
  - General Secretary for Amnesty Norway introduced Kerry Cook.
1. Introduction by Kerry Cook

Kerry Cook told his story about 22 years on death row. He told how he got in, how he struggled, how he survived and what he learnt from the years behind bars.
2. Break
3. Panel discussion

*Leiv-Erik Ødegaard*: How is the response in other parts of the world when you travel around and tell your story?  
*LEØ*: 2/3 of the people in the USA are pro death penalty. In Norway we are against. Why is there such a big difference?  
*Rohullah*: How is George W. Bush going to make justice for Afghanistan? What is your comment on Guantanamo?  
*Eivind Rindal*: The same people are pro-life and pro-death penalty. Why?  
*LEØ*: How was your life situation before this happened? And also, while sitting here now, many years later, how did you *react* on the radical change in your life?  
*Christie Ringrose*: How was it to come back to real life after 22 years on death row? What is the treasure about being free?  
*Svein Halvor Halvorsen*: Hearing your story make me ashamed.  
*Kerry Cook*: Don't be! Be proud! You have been affected by my story, not everybody do.  
*Eirik Vikum*: What is the most interesting question you get?  
*LEØ*: How do you change peoples life?  
*Nina Aarskog*: Your lawyer – why didn't he/she support you more?  
How did you cope your life on the outside? People who have spent time in prison, often come back.  
*Anne Sofie Engeltson*: What was the motivation of the people who got you convicted?

*Kerry Cook*:  
Die is easy. Living is hard.

My story is about believing in dreams and never let go.

4. Speakers corner

*John Peder Egenæs*: You can buy Cooks book from Amnesty. Today's lesson: you can beat the system.

*Eivind Rindal*: Women have to seek opportunities.

5. Any other business

*Svein Halvor Halvorsen*: Evaluationform at the back of today's agenda. Both member and nonmember can answer.

6. Criticism of the meeting

7. Meeting adjourned