Beijing Olympics

Mismatch with human rights
No lasting positive legacy for human rights

- Forced evictions
- Games took place against backdrop of human rights violations
- Restrictions on journalists
- Activists prevented from peaceful expression of views
Activists imprisoned

- Ye Guozhu
  - Sentenced in 2004 for peacefully demonstrating against forced evictions.
  - Due for release in July 2008, held until October 2008
Violations in context of Games

- Three 'Protest Parks'
- Officially designated places for demonstrations
- Unused and empty. People who applied for permission to demonstrate detained and put under surveillance.
Beijing and IOC failed to deliver

- IOC also has responsibility for how Games are conducted
- AI wants measurable human rights impact indicators at future Games; bid/host cities should have to show benefits to human rights
- Fourth Pillar
Amnesty Action on Games

- 1.5 million people took action
- Sport, Olympics or China?
- Engage with IOC and beyond
Human Rights standards in Sport

- How do sports bodies promote and defend human rights values?
- How do they enforce standards within sport?
- What redress mechanisms do they have?