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Dear Reader,

Looking back at 2016, it was a dramatic year in many ways. Not only was it full of political upheavals, but it also brought about a horrific escalation of hostilities in Syria, and an unprecedented crackdown on democratic freedoms in Turkey, Egypt, Russia and elsewhere in the world.

All our Laureates, but especially our ‘class of 2016’, are deeply affected by these developments. Eleven Cumhuriyet journalists and staff remain behind bars in Turkey. Our Egyptian Laureate Mozn Hassan could not attend the award ceremony due to a travel ban. The White Helmets have lost over 150 volunteers, mainly to double strikes that target civilians and rescue workers alike. And Svetlana Gannushkina’s organisation was labelled a ‘foreign agent’ by the Russian authorities.

The erosion of democracy was a recurring theme throughout the year for many of our Laureates. For the Foundation, it was the year when we experienced first-hand what shrinking space for civil society means in practice when the 30-year tradition of presenting the Right Livelihood Award in the Swedish Parliament was broken, single-handedly, by its Speaker.

But every crisis is also an opportunity. If not for the Speaker's decision, we may have never known the full extent of political and public support and appreciation that the Right Livelihood Award enjoys in Sweden and beyond. And the media interest in the work of our Laureates was higher than ever in 2016.

We remain convinced that civil society is at the heart of democracy. And, together with our Laureates, the Right Livelihood Award will continue to speak truth to power and bring solutions to the table.

We would like to thank all of you — our Laureates, our partners, our supporters — for your confidence and trust. We are indeed stronger together.

Monika Griefahn
Chair of the Board

Ole von Uexkull
Executive Director
The Right Livelihood Award at a Glance

Presented since 1980 in Stockholm

Laureates from 68 countries

Around 50% of these are men, 25% women and 25% organisations

One in five is under serious threat due to the nature of their work

Total prize money in 2016 was SEK 3 million shared equally among the four Laureates

The Foundation’s principal purpose is to bestow the Right Livelihood Award. But the presentation of the award is only the start of the life-long relationship between the Laureates and the Foundation.

The Foundation sees its role as being the megaphone and shield for the Laureates, and provides them with long-term support. It seeks to help protect those award recipients whose life and liberty are at risk.

The Right Livelihood College and other educational programmes help make the Laureates’ knowledge more accessible.

The Foundation also aims to make the Right Livelihood Award and its Laureates better known internationally through media, publications, films, exhibitions and public events.

Stockholm, photo © Right Livelihood Award
Our Governance

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation’s course is decided by its Board. Board members usually also serve as members of the international jury. In 2016, the international jury for the Right Livelihood Award consisted of 11 distinguished experts. Jury members come from different continents, professions and backgrounds. They have wide experience in international affairs and, in particular, in global justice and environment issues.

Our 2016 Laureates work in some of the most difficult circumstances. Hailing from Syria, Egypt, Russia and Turkey, they have witnessed some of the most turbulent events in modern times. Amid the failed coups and stalled peace negotiations, despite propaganda wars and persecution, they stand up for the fundamental rights to life, equality, education and freedom of expression, and are not afraid to speak truth to power.”

>> Jakob von Uexkull, Founder President, Right Livelihood Award
2016 Laureates

The Laureates of the 2016 Right Livelihood Award were announced on 22 September in Stockholm, Sweden, following the decision by the international jury that considered 125 nominations from 50 countries.

The 2016 Right Livelihood Award ceremony took place on 25 November at the Vasa Museum, a long-term partner of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation and Scandinavia’s most-visited museum.

The evening award ceremony for some 300 invited guests was staged next to the grand 17th century ship Vasa. The Right Livelihood Award Laureates share the privilege reserved for Heads of State, Nobel Laureates and other dignitaries to step aboard this historic vessel. The award ceremony in Stockholm was followed by a high-level political and public programme for Laureates in Berlin, Geneva and Zurich.
In 2013, the Syrian regime gave us a choice: leave or be killed. For most of our communities, leaving was not an option. But nor was waiting to be killed. Three years on we are over 3,000 volunteers working in 120 teams across Syria. It is not only on their behalf that I am with you today, but also on behalf of all the Syrian civilians that daily face indiscriminate bomb attacks and that live in fear.”

Raed Al Saleh, Director of Syria Civil Defence
Popularly known as the *White Helmets, Syria Civil Defence* is a group of 3,000 volunteers, men and women, from local communities who have since 2013 risked their lives to save over 60,000 people — regardless of religious or political affiliation — from underneath the rubble of buildings destroyed during the Syrian civil war. Bakers, tailors, salespersons, teachers — they are now trained fire-fighters, search and rescue workers, and medics. A lifeline and a rare source of hope for the besieged civilian population, Syria Civil Defence also support the reconstruction of damaged public infrastructure and educate children and adults on preventative safety measures to take during an aerial attack.

Their deep commitment to humanitarian action has drawn international attention to the plight of civilians who have become victims of indiscriminate bombing in Syria, and they have been outspoken in calling for an end to the hostilities in the country. The White Helmets became the first Right Livelihood Award Laureate from Syria.

*The Right Livelihood Award Laureate Foundation Annual Report 2016*
MOZN HASSAN
AND NAZRA FOR FEMINIST STUDIES
(Egypt)

...for asserting the equality and rights of women in circumstances where they are subject to ongoing violence, abuse and discrimination.

Mozn Hassan is an Egyptian feminist and human rights defender. Nazra for Feminist Studies, the organisation she founded in 2007, has documented human rights violations and coordinated the response to the alarming number of sexual assaults on women participating in public protests during and after the Egyptian revolution of 2011, ensuring that survivors received medical, psychological and legal support.

Additionally, Nazra engaged in coalitions of women’s groups who successfully lobbied for the inclusion of women’s rights in Egypt’s 2014 Constitution and Penal Code. They successfully advocated for the creation of a special unit of the Egyptian police dedicated to combating violence against women. Through the Women Political Participation Academies, they mentor women to stand for elected positions — from professional unions to parliament.

Mozn Hassan was prevented from attending the 2016 award ceremony in Stockholm due to a travel ban imposed on her by the Egyptian authorities. Since then, her and Nazra’s assets have been frozen as part of an ongoing investigation into several Egyptian NGOs that had received foreign funding.

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation has successfully placed the issue of revoking Mozn’s travel ban on the international agenda. It advocated with UN Special Rapporteurs, diplomats and international organisations to condemn these arbitrary restrictions, and continues to campaign for all charges against Mozn and Nazra to be dropped.
The award is not only a recognition of Nazra’s work, it is a recognition of a century of feminist activism in this country that has inspired us. Back in 2011, when everything seemed possible, hundreds of thousands of young men and women were politicised and introduced to the public sphere. A new feminist wave is being formed in the aftermath of the 2011 revolution.”

>> Mozn Hassan, Founder of Nazra for Feminist Studies

Mozn Hassan plans to use the award money to establish a regional women’s fund for the Middle East and North Africa.
SVETLANA GANNUSHKINA
(Russia)

...for her decades-long commitment to promoting human rights and justice for refugees and forced migrants, and tolerance among different ethnic groups.

Svetlana Gannushkina is one of the most accomplished leaders of the human rights movement in Russia today. Through the organisation that she founded and heads – the Civic Assistance Committee – she has provided free legal support, humanitarian aid and education to over 50,000 migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons since 1990.

Her personal courage and successful advocacy in the Russian courts and the European Court of Human Rights has prevented the forced repatriation of migrants from Russia to Central Asian countries where they would have almost certainly been subject to imprisonment and torture. As a member of the Russian Presidential Human Rights Council from 2002-2012, Gannushkina successfully advocated for the law on refugees to be amended allowing for over two million persons to be granted Russian citizenship.

Passionate about the transformative power of education, Gannushkina has brought repeated challenges to the Russian Supreme Court to grant all children in Russia, including migrants and refugees, the right to attend public schools. She has been outspoken in drawing public attention to human rights violations in the conflict regions, notably the Caucasus.
Right-wing political forces are becoming stronger around the world. The rhetoric of their leaders is built upon anti-immigration sloganeering, as they posit themselves as the defenders of the people in their countries. Radicalism has become a serious challenge to civil society.”

Svetlana Gannushkina, Chairperson, Civic Assistance Committee

Svetlana Gannushkina decided to use the award money to provide food, clothing and shelter for refugees and migrants in Russia, as well as legal support to protect their rights.
Cumhuriyet represents the enlightened and the contemporary face of Turkey. The only force that can defeat darkness, oppression, violence and non-existent justice is the unconditional defence of freedom and secularism. The ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’ that we receive during these very crucial days is therefore a light of hope and solidarity that is so essential for us.”

Orhan Erinç
Chairman of Cumhuriyet Foundation
**CUMHURIYET**  
(Turkey)

...for their fearless investigative journalism and commitment to freedom of expression in the face of oppression, censorship, imprisonment and death threats.

*Cumhuriyet* is the most important independent public interest newspaper in contemporary Turkey. Since 1924, it has been committed to upholding the principle of freedom of the press against all odds; its staff have taken immense personal risks and have suffered assassinations and imprisonment to remain outspoken in reporting on issues of human rights, gender equality, secularism and protection of the environment.

Cumhuriyet’s stellar investigative journalism has brought many truths to public scrutiny. At a time when the freedom of expression in Turkey is under increasing threat, Cumhuriyet proves that the voice of democracy will not be silenced.

Since the failed July coup, 11 Cumhuriyet journalists and staff — Hakan Kara, Hacı Musa Kart, Bülent Utku, Mustafa Kemal Güngör, Murat Sabuncu, Turhan Günay, Kadri Gürsel, Önder Çelik, Güray Tekin Öz, Ahmet Şık and Akin Atalay — have been detained and remain under arrest in Turkey.

As a result of a campaign by the Right Livelihood Award Foundation, the Laureates’ situation has received attention from UN Special Rapporteurs.

In November, David Kaye, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, visited several jailed Cumhuriyet journalists and called for their immediate release. He cited police raids against Cumhuriyet as an example of how the state of emergency in Turkey has been deployed against critical journalism.

Orhan Erinç, Chairman of Cumhuriyet Foundation, was prevented from travelling to Stockholm. Nonetheless, Cumhuriyet was represented at the award ceremony by Zeynep Oral, Cumhuriyet columnist and President of PEN-Turkey, and columnist Özgür Mumcu participated in the award programme in Berlin and Geneva.

*Cumhuriyet* used the award money to improve and expand the online version of the paper, upgrade security at their offices, and recruit three new editors.
In 2016, the Right Livelihood Award continued its long-standing connection with the Swedish Parliament through the Association for the Right Livelihood Award in the Parliament (SÄRLA), a group of parliamentarians from all seven established political parties.

Although the Speaker of the Swedish Parliament had blocked the award ceremony from being held at Riksdagen, thus breaking a 30-year tradition, SÄRLA members presented the 2016 awards at the Vasa Museum and hosted the Laureates for an informal discussion at the Swedish Parliament.

“It is of utmost importance that we now work hard to keep the Parliament doors open to the Right Livelihood Award Laureates and other parts of the global civil society.”

SÄRLA Chair Eva-Lena Jansson
After the ceremony in Stockholm, 2016 Laureates were invited to the German Bundestag where they met with the newly established parliamentary group for the Right Livelihood Award. They were also received by the then German President Joachim Gauck and First Lady Daniela Schadt.
The award week continued in Geneva with the annual debate at Maison de la Paix organised in partnership with The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. While in Geneva, the Laureates also met with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein.

To cap off an intense week, Can Dündar, former Editor-in-Chief of Cumhuriyet, gave the annual Right Livelihood Award lecture in the famous aula of the University of Zurich, in conversation with Roger de Weck, Director-General of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation. The event was organised by the Right Livelihood Award Foundation Switzerland.
The year 2016 was full of nuclear hopes and fears, breakthroughs and setbacks. Some of these were shared during the first-ever webinar organised by the Right Livelihood Award Foundation on the topic of nuclear abolition.

From July to October, civil society around the world created a chain reaction to promote nuclear disarmament, launched by UNFOLD ZERO and 2009 Laureate Alyn Ware, who is actively involved in designing a future legal framework to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world.

In July, 1997 Laureate Mycle Schneider and contributing author Tadahiro Katsuta released the annual *World Nuclear Industry Status Report*, which showed that although no new reactors had been built in 2016, old reactors pose an ever-present danger.

Meanwhile, 2001 Laureate Trident Ploughshares condemned the 18 July vote in the UK Parliament to renew Britain’s Trident nuclear weapons system as “dangerous, undemocratic and self-serving” and launched a public interest case against Trident, supported by 28 Right Livelihood Award Laureates.

On the eve of the Rio Olympic Games, 2006 Laureate Chico Whitaker and several others supported the call by the Mayor of Hiroshima to hold a minute of silence during the opening ceremony in memory of the victims of the atomic bomb.

In October, the International Court of Justice declared that it does not have jurisdiction in the Marshall Islands’ nuclear disarmament cases against India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom. This unprecedented lawsuit was led by Tony de Brum, former Foreign Minister of the Marshall Islands and 2015 Laureate. In recognition of his efforts, de Brum was also named the ‘2016 Arms Control Person of the Year’.
Laureates Gather to Make Nepal Green

In February, Asian Laureates came together to share their expertise in support of the ‘Make Nepal Green’ initiative launched by 2010 Laureate Shrikrishna Upadhyay and his organisation SAPPROS in the aftermath of the April 2015 earthquake.

Solar energy entrepreneur Huang Ming from China, Lobzang Tsultim of India’s Ladakh Ecological Development Group and representatives of the Seikatsu Club Consumers’ Co-operative Union from Japan joined forces in realising a vision of a ‘Green Nepal’; one that combines rural rejuvenation with renewable energy. Laureates also visited local renewable energy, eco-tourism, and organic farming projects, and discussed ways in which they can be promoted.

Vandana Shiva and Raúl Montenegro Fight for Seeds

During her visit to Argentina, 1993 Laureate Vandana Shiva lent support to her fellow Laureate Raúl Montenegro’s fight against GMOs. They visited the municipality of Malvinas Argentinas where activists have been protesting against Monsanto’s plans to build the world’s largest plant for genetically modified maize seeds. Together with local activists and the citizens’ assembly, Laureates chanted “No To Pesticides” and “Monsanto Out”.

Outcomes of this meeting included the Kathmandu Declaration, which was presented to the Prime Minister of Nepal Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli by the Right Livelihood Award Foundation Board Chair Monika Griefahn.
In Memoriam: The ‘Father of Permaculture’ Bill Mollison

The Right Livelihood Award family is deeply saddened by the loss of Bruce Charles “Bill” Mollison, who passed away in his native Tasmania on 24 September 2016, aged 88. He received the Right Livelihood Award in 1981 “for developing and promoting the theory and practice of permaculture”. He dedicated his life to “working with, rather than against nature” when producing food, and the seeds of his approach have been sown all around the world, including in the Foundation’s own permaculture garden in Stockholm.

Jamila Raqib Talks Non-Violence in Sweden

On the occasion of International Women’s Day, 8 March, Jamila Raqib, Executive Director of the Albert Einstein Institution founded by the 2012 Right Livelihood Award Laureate Gene Sharp, visited Sweden. Her talks at the Swedish Parliament and the Uppsala Peace House highlighted the important roles of women and the international community in non-violent action.

Laureates Rally Behind Peace in Colombia

Twenty-nine Right Livelihood Award Laureates from Colombia and around the world have supported the peace deal in Colombia, which has earned the country’s President Juan Manuel Santos the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize. However, the deal is not the end but rather a starting point on the journey towards lasting peace, stressed the Laureates, many of whom have championed non-violent opposition to the armed conflict in the country.

For more than 30 years we have demonstrated that wars and conflicts can only be resolved through negotiation. The Nobel Peace Prize urges Colombia not to give up,”

>>> Cristina Serna, Asociación de Trabajadores Campesinos del Carare (ATCC), 1990 Right Livelihood Award Laureate
For the Laureates, the network is one of the biggest advantages of the Right Livelihood Award. The Foundation seeks to strengthen this network through events, advocacy and cooperation activities. During the year, we were able to focus more on improving contacts and general support to our Laureates, reaching 120 of them. In cases where Laureates have passed away, we aim to connect with those who continue their work.

The Right Livelihood House in Stockholm and the Foundation’s office in Maison de la Paix in Geneva have brought much added value to our work in supporting the Laureates. In 2016, 13 Laureates visited Sweden and 27 came through the Geneva office, which also hosts three Laureate organisations: Asian Human Rights Commission, Dr Denis Mukwege Foundation, and Hans Herren’s Biovision Foundation.
Regional Conference Convenes in Europe

From 28 October - 1 November, the Right Livelihood Award Foundation, in cooperation with Church of Sweden, organised a regional conference in Geneva — this time for Laureates from Europe. This was the fourth in a series of regional conferences, following those held in Bogota, Colombia in 2013, Cairo, Egypt in 2014 and Mumbai, India in 2015.

Nineteen Laureates from 15 countries took part in the European regional conference. Besides two days of intense networking and sharing of experiences and strategies, Laureates also participated in five different public events organised jointly with prominent international organisations and academic institutions in Geneva.

At the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, two Laureates examined questions of nuclear disarmament and security.

Laureates from Croatia and Russia shared their experiences working on memorialisation and transitional justice in authoritarian and post-conflict societies with students at the Geneva Academy.

The gendered challenges facing medical professionals and activists operating in conflict zones were the focus of a discussion with two Laureates at The Graduate Institute’s Gender Centre.

Five Laureates brought their perspectives — from Hungary to the Gaza Strip — on the seminal struggle to advance human rights, peace and justice at an event co-hosted by the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches.
Protection

In 2016, the Right Livelihood Award Foundation supported a number of Laureates at risk through tailor-made security grants. Grant recipients included Somali peace activist Asha Hagi Elmi (2008), Ugandan LGBTI rights advocate Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera (2015) and Sima Samar (2012), Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

During the year, we also improved and updated emergency protocols, which detail how the Foundation responds when a Laureate’s life and liberty is in serious danger. We have also added a protocol for when a Laureate who is not usually at risk comes under sudden threat, with a list of relevant contacts ranging from diplomatic missions to international human rights organisations, in order to provide an immediate and effective response.
In March, we received credible intelligence that our 2014 Laureate from Pakistan, Asma Jahangir, was at risk of assassination from a terrorist group. The Foundation submitted an urgent appeal to Michel Forst, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, who then urged the Government of Pakistan to provide enhanced security for Jahangir.

Together with our 2014 Laureate Asian Human Rights Commission, we made the same request directly to the Government of Pakistan at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

A few weeks later, Asma Jahangir informed us that these interventions have had a positive effect in enhancing government security provided to her.

Laureate Helen Mack Chang (Guatemala, 1992) raised the alarm about the increasing use of hate speech against human rights defenders in Central America. In March, Honduran environmental activist Berta Cáceres became the latest addition to a long list of victims, including journalists, legal professionals, and other civil society actors, who had spoken out against human rights violations and paid the ultimate price. Hate speech is not a new phenomenon; however, in the age of social media, it spreads ever-faster and often fuels physical violence.

In March 2016, we co-organised panel discussions at the United Nations and the Right Livelihood Award Geneva office that enabled Helen Mack Chang to bring the issue of hate speech to the attention of UN officials, diplomats and civil society.

The use of hate speech against Right Livelihood Award Laureates also became the topic of an applied research study project conducted by students from the Graduate Institute as part of our growing cooperation.
In June, the 2004 Russian Laureate Memorial hosted the first in a series of Right Livelihood lectures in Moscow. 2002 Laureate Martín Almada delivered his lecture “In search of the secret service archives of Paraguay” to a packed audience of activists, students and journalists at the Dostoyevsky Library. The objective of the lecture series is to expose a broader Russian audience to the concepts of universal human rights.

Since the late 1980s, Memorial has worked painstakingly to engage thousands of ordinary Russians to co-create a historical memory about human rights violations committed during the Soviet era and build a public consciousness based on the values of democracy and rule of law.

Nonetheless, in October, Russia's Ministry of Justice placed Memorial International on its list of organisations acting in a capacity of a ‘foreign agent’ — a phrase that essentially equates to ‘spy’ in Russian. This listing not only implies being subjected to onerous reporting requirements, but also means being compelled to use this dubious distinction in all public communications. The Right Livelihood Award Foundation unequivocally condemned this decision.
Right Livelihood College

Education is central to promoting the Right Livelihood Award’s vision of a just, peaceful and sustainable world. In 2016, the Right Livelihood College added an eighth campus to its global network, while the Foundation extended its educational activities to schools and reached over 16,000 people through its travelling exhibition.

In April, the Right Livelihood College celebrated the opening of its eighth campus at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina’s oldest higher education institution. The new campus will serve as a hub for exchange between academics and activists on questions of human rights, environmental protection, and social justice. Its activities will be led by 2004 Laureate Raúl Montenegro, a Professor of Evolutionary Biology at the University since 1985.

The Right Livelihood College Córdoba Campus was officially inaugurated on 19 April 2016 in the presence of Laureates and representatives of the Right Livelihood College and the Right Livelihood Award Foundation.
In September, two Laureates from Malaysia — Anwar Fazal (1982) and Glorene Das (2005) — held a public lecture “Human Rights and the Empowerment for Change” at the Old City Hall of Bonn. They also engaged with 20 PhD students from Africa and Asia, 10 German development experts and other scholars who participated at a workshop co-organised by Campus Bonn, the City of Bonn and the Association of German Development Services.

Meanwhile, a PhD student at Campus Bonn started his work on “Marginality at the Interface of Development Processes in Urban India”, cooperating with 1991 Laureate Medha Patkar and Right Livelihood College Campus Mumbai.
In December, Campus Valdivia at Universidad Austral de Chile hosted a conference in cooperation with the Right Livelihood College Global Secretariat, which was attended by Chico Whitaker (Brazil, 2006), Gabriel Jaime Franco from the Poetry Festival of Medellín (Colombia, 2006), Evaristo Nugkuag Ikanan (Peru, 1986) and Manfred Max-Neef (Chile, 1983).

Campus Valdivia also decided to finance two new master students focusing on development on a human scale and ecological economics. A PhD student from Campus Bonn started his field research on human scale development and fundamental human needs in Valdivia, collaborating with Max-Neef.

The Right Livelihood College became an affiliated member of the UNESCO-based worldwide association of higher education institutions, the International Association of Universities (IAU). The IAU recognises the key role higher education plays in the overall process of achieving sustainable development, by pursuing the creation, dissemination and application of knowledge.
In 2016, the Right Livelihood Award extended its educational activities to schools, initiating cooperation with the Technical College Fyrisskolan in Uppsala, Sweden and the German Evangelische Schule Berlin Zentrum. In Switzerland, our Laureates visited the Geneva International School established in 1924 as the first-ever international school.

The exhibition “Who Cares!”, produced in cooperation with Church of Sweden, portraying a selection of Right Livelihood Award Laureates, was shown at a variety of venues across Sweden, reaching more than 16,000 — mainly young — people.

Shown on a stand-alone basis as well as in connection with workshops, the exhibition allows participants to further deepen their understanding of the challenges, driving forces and solutions that the Right Livelihood Award Laureates encounter in their efforts to bring about change.
Students from Fyrisskolan in Uppsala interested in technology and natural sciences will now have the chance to focus their one-year research papers on the Right Livelihood Award Laureates and their work. This pilot project stems from a collaboration with Teknikcollege, a Swedish national network for technical education, mostly active in secondary schools.

"With a quite simple method, it became possible to discuss complex and important issues of sustainable development in a really great way."

Linnéa Jour, 22, participant at the Right Livelihood Award Summer Academy
The total number of media articles mentioning the Right Livelihood Award around the world doubled from 5,100 (2015) to 10,200 (2016). For the first time in recent years, English has narrowly overtaken German as the top language of media reporting, followed by Spanish and Swedish. Most of the media coverage (8,400) was earned during the ‘award season’ between September and December.

The Foundation aims to make the Award and its Laureates better known internationally. In 2016, our communications efforts focused on increasing media impact and embracing new technologies in communicating about the Award and its Laureates.

www.rightlivelihoodaward.org is currently being transformed into a modern and multilingual platform for the Right Livelihood Award online.
Cooperation with Deutsche Welle

Deutsche Welle (DW) is Germany’s international broadcaster. Broadcasting in 30 different languages, DW reaches over 118 million people weekly worldwide. Since 2015, DW has been producing, pro bono, short video portraits of the Right Livelihood Award Laureates of the year screened during the award ceremony. The Foundation and the Right Livelihood College also participate in the annual DW Global Media Forum, which brings together some 2,000 experts to discuss the role of media in politics and civil society.

The 2016 DW Global Media Forum, held in Bonn, Germany from 13-15 June, took the theme of “Media. Freedom. Values”. Speaking in the wake of the Orlando massacre in the US, Laureate Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera (Uganda, 2015) called for stepping up global efforts to uphold LGBTI rights. She was joined by the Vice President of the German Bundestag Claudia Roth, Syrian LGBTI activist and journalist Mahmoud Hassino, and Editor-in-Chief of MÄNNER Magazine Kriss Rudolph.
Influencing Public Debate in Sweden

According to a survey conducted in early 2016, the connection between the Right Livelihood Award and Sweden was ‘very’ or ‘quite’ important to 69% of the respondents. A generous private donation enabled the Foundation to employ a full-time communications manager based in Stockholm.

The visibility of the award in the Swedish media grew by nearly 50%. The Speaker’s decision regarding award presentation raised serious concern among Swedish parliamentarians, opinion leaders, the Swedish civil society and Right Livelihood Award Laureates. Ten op-ed articles that stressed the importance of keeping the Right Livelihood Award in the Swedish Parliament were published in national and local media across the country. One of them was signed by 14 parliamentarians from seven political parties, and another one by 13 Right Livelihood Award Laureates.

Every summer, Visby, a small town on the island of Gotland in southern Sweden, plays host to a week-long political festival with 4,000 different events and over 30,000 participants, known as Almedalen. In 2016, the Right Livelihood Award Foundation organised a seminar on the rehabilitation of torture victims, together with Laureate organisations International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (Denmark, 1988) and Kvinna till Kvinna (Sweden, 2002).
The Almedalen week is characterised by an openness that is typical for Swedish politics. All events are free, and the many meetings and chance encounters provide for some real political dialogue, mutual learning and new perspectives. And although Almedalen is mainly about Swedish domestic politics, we see an enormous interest in the work of our Laureates near and far from Sweden.”

Ole von Uexkull, Executive Director
The Right Livelihood Award Foundation is charitable and tax-exempt under the Swedish Income Tax Law. The Foundation is under the supervision of the County Authority of Stockholm and the Swedish Fundraising Control, and is a member of the Swedish Fundraising Council (FRII). Its auditor is Deloitte.

The Foundation is financed mainly by donations from private individuals. It has a support account within the German charity GLS Treuhand and there is also a support foundation for the Right Livelihood Award in Switzerland. German GLS Bank and GLS Treuhand, which only offer investments approved by the bank’s social and ecological criteria, manage a significant part of the Foundation’s capital.

In 2016, the Foundation’s expenditure was SEK 16,750,000 compared to SEK 14,632,000 in 2015. Donations received were SEK 14,955,000 compared to SEK 13,302,000 in 2015, and the financial result was SEK 2,391,000 compared to SEK 203,000 SEK in 2015. The result of the year was SEK 596,000 compared to SEK -1,127,000 in 2015.

During the year, three capital donations were received, aimed at building up the capital to a level that would enable the Foundation to carry out a broader programme in support of its Laureates. Mainly because of capital donations, the equity increased by 12% from SEK 46,833,000 to SEK 52,682,000 during 2016.

### OUR FINANCES

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| **Equity**               |              |              |              |
| At Opening of the Year   | 46,833,000   | 43,389,000   | 38,717,000   |
| Result of the Year       | 596,000      | -1,127,000   | 1,680,000    |
| Capital Donations        | 5,039,000    | 4,745,000    | 3,092,000    |
| Change in Earmarked Reserves | 215,000     | -174,000     | -101,000     |
| At Closing of the Year   | 52,682,000   | 46,833,000   | 43,389,000   |
The Foundation’s reporting currency is Swedish kronor (SEK). For ease of reference, the figures are also presented in Euro (EUR) and Swiss francs (CHF). As only one currency exchange rate is used per year, there are apparent discrepancies, in EUR and CHF, between the amount of equity at the closing of the year and at the opening of the following year.

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