

The Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement
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HUMAN RIGHTS RECOGNITION AWARDS

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The Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue:

The Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement & Global Dialogue (GCHRAGD) is an independent, human rights think-tank and advocacy institution, established in 2013 with its headquarters in Geneva. The Centre is dedicated to promoting a universal, value-driven human rights system anchored in the principles of equity, non-discrimination, inclusiveness, and solidarity. The Centre was granted special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2017.

Introduction:

The International Human Rights Day is observed annually across the world on 10 December to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly. The Geneva Centre has chosen this day to celebrate individuals with distinctive work in the field of human rights advancement, through its Human Rights Recognition Awards.

The Geneva Centre's Human Rights Recognition Awards & its objectives:

The Geneva Centre's Awards for Human Rights recognition will be given to individuals who work for the protection, promotion and advancement of human rights. The Geneva Centre trusts that the awards are not only an opportunity to acknowledge and increase the visibility of the significant work of such individuals but are also a chance to celebrate human rights achievements. Certainly, this is the first time that the Geneva Centre has taken the initiative, yet assuredly this initiative falls within the framework of the Centre's mandate to promote human rights and encourage fieldwork in this regard.





Awardee selection considerations:

The awards recipients will be selected by the selection committee of the Geneva Centre's Board which will make its selection taking into account the following criteria and considerations:

- The nominee has taken human rights initiatives having a direct impact on the local community.
- The nominee's work is related or relatively close to the Geneva Centre's focus areas (Religion and interfaith dialogue, equality, access to justice women's rights, rights of children and young people, migration, environment and human rights, education for peace, multilateralism and promotion of human rights).
- The nominee must be active in a non-governmental organization or institution (even if local or small-size) engaged closely with the beneficiaries.
- Geographic and gender balance representation.

The Awards:

The awards are given in recognition of the commendable services of the nominees in human rights defence and promotion.

- The Awards consist of two types. The first is to reward three individuals with a financial contribution (within the framework of the GC's annual activity of granting such contributions). The second is an Award of honour to reward one individual, with no financial aspect to it.
- A certificate of recognition will be delivered to the awardees after the ceremony, via mail courier.

The Awards recipients will enjoy the benefits of:

- Increased visibility of the recipients' work, as the awards ceremony will be widely broadcast on all the Centre's social media platforms.
- Exploring potential avenues of collaboration for the recipients, as Geneva is a world hub of international organizations and NGOs in human rights.
- Extending potential network (contacts and exchanges between the recipients and people interested in their work).
- Future participation in the Geneva Centre's online events and different activities such as trainings, panels, conferences, and publications.
- Producing joint videos on the recipients' work.

References, and support materials:

- The Geneva Centre will contact the short-listed nominees.
- The short-listed nominees, if interested in continuing with the selection process, will need to fill in the Nomination form (which includes a brief question about how the financial contribution received will be invested for advancing the ongoing initiative or project), and provide external documentation, including references, and support materials issued by their partners, beneficiaries, media or any external stakeholder, attesting the impact of their work.
- The nominees receiving the award shall be informed in December 2021, followed by an awards ceremony.

The Award Ceremony:

The Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue will hold an online ceremony on 10 December 2021, to reward the selected awardees. This virtual event is expected to be attended by – not limited to but including – Geneva-based and international partners, Permanent Mission representatives, international organizations, academic institutions, NGOs, and the general public.
