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# Why the Human Rights Recognitions Awards was initiated

International Human Rights Day is celebrated annually to commemorate the adoption of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948. To contribute to the celebration of this commemorative day, in 2021, the Geneva Centre initiated its Human Rights Recognition Awards (HRRA), which received widespread attention upon its inauguration. The Awards provide a unique opportunity for collaboration, greater visibility, and professional growth for their recipients. The awardees, who strive day after day to enhance the lives of others, thus benefit from the awards.

# Theme for 2022: Youth in Human Rights Advancement

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, speaking at the "about Youth 2030: Achieving the SDGs" event in April 2022 said:

"Young people are...at the forefront of our efforts to secure a more inclusive, peaceful, and prosperous future for all".

In honor of Youth 2030 and in support of the UN's special focus on Youth, the 2022 Human Rights Recognition Award (HRRA) is dedicated to identify and acknowledge outstanding contributions and innovative projects undertaken by youth in their communities on the community level, where they have made a significant positive impact.











#### **Selection Process and Criteria**

The HRRA accepts applications in two ways: through public calls and through invitations. All applicants must fill out the application form via the given website.

Award recipients are selected by a renowned and impartial international jury. Jury members include international experts and actors with extensive experience in human rights, together with one former HRRA awardee. The jury receives the nominations and makes its selection of finalists based on the following criteria:

**1.** Nominee's work is consistent with this year's theme, Youth in Human Rights Advancement and having participated in the activities they have been nominated for, at least for two years.

2. Evidence-based proof that the nominee's work is beneficial to the local community. Nominees will complete a Selection Form that requests external documentation by reference and support material (issued by partners, beneficiaries, media, or any external stakeholder) attesting to the impact of their work. Additionally, the nominee will be asked to provide information about how the financial contribution would be used to advance their ongoing initiative or project.

3. The nominee actively participates in affiliated initiatives and develops synergies.

4. The Geneva Centre seeks balanced geographic and gender representation among the selected awardees.

# **Nomination Process**

A shortlist of nominees will be submitted to the Awards jury on the basis of a pre-selection by the Geneva Centre. After the application deadline is over, the jury will review this shortlist and select the four awardees. From there onwards, the process will consist of:

1. Contacting the shortlisted nominees.

2. Those selected to receive the 2022 HRRA will be informed at the beginning of December latest, followed by an online award ceremony on Friday 9 December 2022.

















#### **Award Categories**

 Award of Youth Human Rights Champion: A financial award of 1000 USD will be presented to each of the three finalists.
Award of Honor: The Honorary Award will be presented to one finalist (no monetary award included).

A Certificate of recognition will be sent to all awardees following the Award Ceremony.

#### **Key Dates**

- Selection of Nominees: November 2022
- Finalists Announced: 1 December 2022
- Awards Ceremony: 9 December 2022

#### **Award Ceremony**

The HRRA awards ceremony will be held online on Friday 9 December. A guest of honor will be invited to the ceremony. The ceremony is expected to be attended by the following: Former HRRA 2021 awardees, Permanent Mission representatives, Geneva-based and international partners, various international organizations, academic institutions, NGOs, and the general public.

#### **About the Geneva Centre**

The Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement & Global Dialogue (GCHRAGD) strives to promote a universal, value-driven human rights system anchored in equity, non-discrimination, inclusiveness, and solidarity. The Centre was established in Geneva in 2013 and was granted special consultative status in 2017 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The Centre is an independent human rights think-tank and advocacy institution whose mission is to identify human rights needs and challenges and actively promote and encourage those working in the field.













