

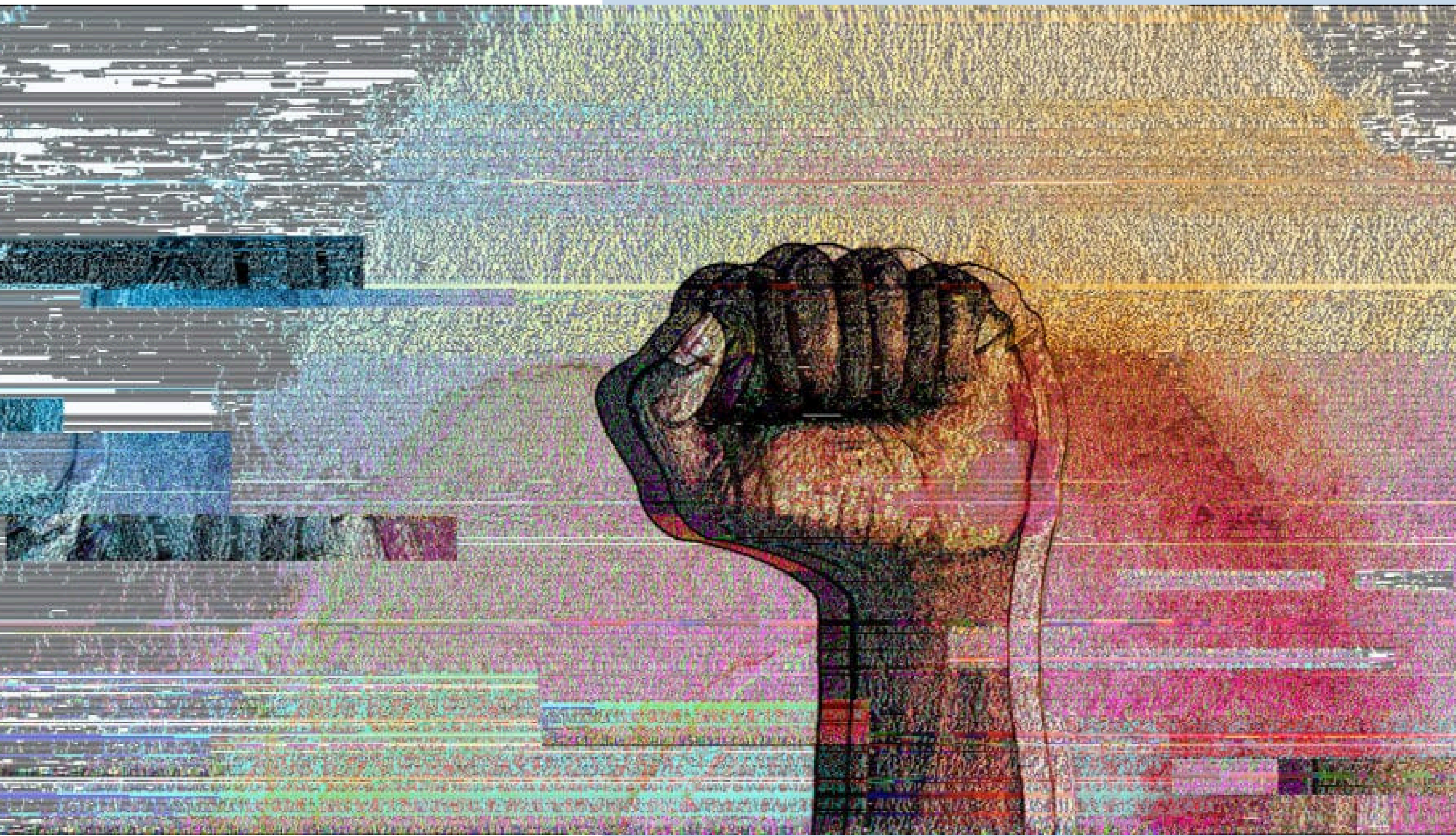


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RECOGNITION
AWARDS

2025



Human Rights Recognition Awards 2025

Celebrating Human Rights in the Digital Age:
Accountability, Freedom, Respect

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HUMAN RIGHTS RECOGNITION AWARDS





1. Why HRRA 2025?

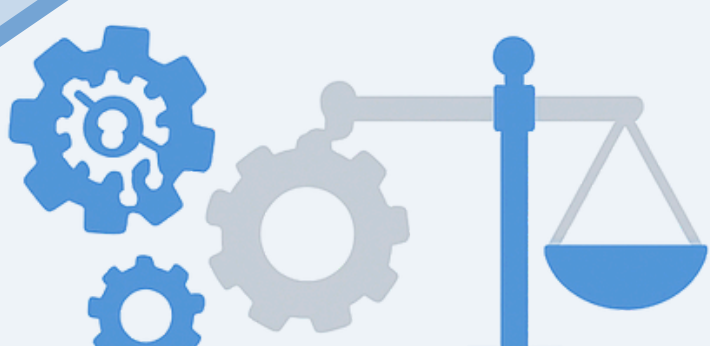
The Human Rights Recognition Awards (HRRA) 2025, organized by the Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue, will focus on how technology affects people’s human rights and freedoms.


It celebrates institutions and individuals who:

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Defend digital rights and online freedoms.
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Safeguard freedom of expression in digital spaces.
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Promote the ethical use of AI
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Advance responsible technology governance
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Strengthen accountability and respect for human rights in the digital age.

2. Objectives

The HRRA 2025 aims to recognize outstanding contributions that address today’s most pressing digital human rights challenges. By awarding both institutions and individuals, the Geneva Centre underscores its mission to support human rights protection through new ideas, practical action and real results that help people stay safe, free and respected online.

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Highlight contributions that address urgent digital human rights challenges
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Honour institutions and individuals delivering practical solutions and measurable results
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Support actions that protect rights, freedom and dignity in the online sphere

3. Award Categories



Institutional Award

A. Institutional Award:

Title: Institutional Award for Safeguarding Digital Human Rights

- **Eligibility:** NGOs, research centres, policy bodies, or networks that have advanced digital human rights protection.
- **Focus:** Work may include defending privacy, fighting surveillance abuse, strengthening data protection, and ensuring online accountability and transparency.
- **Prize:** 1000 CHF



Individual Awards

B. Individual Awards:

Title: Individual Award for Defending Freedom of Expression Online

- **Eligibility:** Journalists, digital rights advocates and legal defenders protecting freedom of speech and civic space in digital contexts.
- **Focus:** Resisting censorship and repression, supporting safe digital journalism, or securing access to truthful information.
- **Prize:** 1000 CHF

C. Individual Award:

Title: Individual Award for Ethical AI & Human Rights Protection

- **Eligibility:** Researchers, technologists, or rights defenders working to ensure AI systems uphold human rights.
- **Focus:** Preventing algorithmic discrimination, promoting transparency, and influencing responsible AI governance frameworks.
- **Prize:** 1000 CHF



Honorary Award

Title: Honorary Award for Ethical Technology & Human Rights Impact

- **Eligibility:** An individual or institution with a long-term, proven contribution to shaping ethical technology standards or digital human rights frameworks.
- **Candidates for this award are identified from nominations submitted to the main award categories, including those received via open call, invitations or self-nominations.**
- **Prize:** Honorary (non-monetary)

4. Key Criteria

For Institutions



Clear results shown by reports or policy changes.



New ways to solve digital human rights problems (innovation).



Ability to keep going in difficult conditions.



For Individuals



Personal courage in protecting freedoms online.



Proof that their work helps real people (impact).



Ideas and actions that inspire others to defend rights.

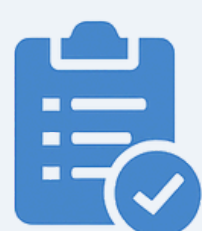
5. Nomination Process



Open to anyone worldwide, whether you are:
A colleague or peer. A member of the public or nominating yourself.



Any person or organization may submit nominations.



Submissions must include: a detailed statement of achievements (max. 2 pages), supporting evidence, and references.



6. Timeline



July – September 2025: Call for nominations open.



October 2025: Shortlist of finalists.



November 2025: Submissions review and final selection.



December 2025: Winners will be announced during the online Awards ceremony held on International Human Rights Day.

SUBMIT



Please send all nomination submission by 1 October 2025 to: AFares@gchragd.org

7. Awards Benefits



Money prize for winners in main categories to help continue their work.



Global visibility through the Geneva Centre's platforms, networks, and media partnerships.



Opportunity to showcase work and connect with other human rights defenders.

The HRRA 2025 will recognize brave, practical work that protects people's human rights online. By shining a light on those who stand up for freedom, privacy and fairness in the digital age.