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2016 Days



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# **EMPOWERING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AT RISK**

STOCKHOLM 4 – 7 APRIL 2016

# WELCOME

**WE WELCOME YOU TO THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, *DEFENDERS' DAYS – EMPOWERING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AT RISK*. THIS UNIQUE EVENT COMBINES INTERACTIVE TRAINING SESSIONS WITH INSPIRATIONAL FEATURES AND REMARKABLE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES.**

For four days, more than 150 human rights defenders representing a total of 35 countries will gather in Stockholm. Leading experts will provide customised training sessions on a wide variety of topics, such as digital security, leadership and psychosocial aspects of security. Prominent representatives from the UN and the international human rights community will attend in order to connect with the participants and present their analysis on current events as they relate to human rights.

On 7 April we celebrate the work and achievements of one of our brave colleagues by handing out the Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award. The ceremony is held during the Open Part of the Conference at the Clarion Sign Hotel in the city centre of Stockholm.

There will be plenty of time to network and exchange experiences. We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with fellow human rights defenders, media, security and human rights experts, as well as representatives from both Swedish and international human rights organisations throughout your stay.

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# AGENDA

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**Accommodation and location of the conference**

Djurönäset, Stockholm Archipelago ([www.djuronaset.com](http://www.djuronaset.com)).

The open part of the conference and Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award ceremony will take place at Clarion Sign Hotel located in the city centre of Stockholm.

Registration and info desk: 08.30 – 18.00, every day

**Languages**

The joint conference sessions (presentations and panel discussions) will be held in English with Russian interpretation. The languages of the workshops are noted in the programme.

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## ICT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Digital Security Clinic in collaboration with Tactical Tech**

This year the Digital Security Clinic will be staffed by Tactical Tech, a Berlin-based organisation working with activists globally to promote the secure, effective use of technology in the fight for human rights.

The Digital Security Clinic is a place where you can get:

- A short consultation on improving your digital security
- Hands-on assistance for solving problems with the digital security tools you're already using
- Information about safer alternatives for communicating and collaborating online
- Advice if you think something is wrong with your device but you're not sure what

Tactical Tech will also host some short informal workshops at the clinic on a range of key issues. Information about the timings of these will be available during the conference.

The clinic will be open 10.00 – 18.00 April 5 and 6.

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## MONDAY 4 APRIL – ARRIVAL DAY

We look forward to the arrival of our guests – transport from Stockholm Arlanda Airport to hotel

**12.00 –** Registration at the Hotel Front Desk

**18.30-21.30** Welcome Dinner at *Djurönäset Restaurant*

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## TUESDAY 5 APRIL – NETWORKING, TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

- 08.30 – 09.00** Registration at the Hotel Front Desk
- 09.00 – 09.25** **Welcome and Introduction: Robert Hårdh**, Executive Director, *Civil Rights Defenders* (Location: *Kongressen*)
- 09.25 – 10.00** Inspiring talk (Location: *Kongressen*)
- 10.00 – 10.30** Coffee break
- 10.30 – 12.00** Networking, regional and thematic meetings
- A. Asia** (Conference room 3E)
  - B. Africa** (Conference room 2A)
  - C. Eastern Europe and Central Asia** (*Kongressen*)
  - D. Western Balkans** (Conference room 5A)
  - E. Latin America** (Conference room 6A)
  - F. Sweden** (Conference room 1A)
  - G. Dialogue on interacting with the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders.** With **Jamshid Gaziye**v, Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (open for everyone) (Conference room 2E)
- 12.00 – 13.00** Lunch at *Djurönäset Restaurant*
- 13.00 – 15.30** **Training and Workshop Sessions 1 (including coffee breaks):**
- A.** Psychosocial Aspects of Security, Part 1(2) **Jolanta Cihanovica**, Mozaika (Russian) (Conference room 1A)
  - B.** How to Use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool Within the UN Human Rights System, Part 1(2) **Ben Leather**, ISHR (English) (Conference room 2A)
  - C.** Gender Perspectives on Human Rights, Part 1(2) **Inmaculada Barcia** (English) (Conference room 2E)
  - D.** Making your Voice Heard in the Media, Part 1(2) **Jonas Lindgren**, BRM Europe AB (English) (Conference room 3A)
  - E.** How to use UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights in Research and Advocacy, Part 1(2) **Théo Jaekel**, Swedwatch (English) (Conference room 3E)
  - F.** Learn & Practice New Leadership Skills, Part 1(2) **Alexander Holmberg** (Russian int.) (*Kongressen*)
  - G.** Using Images for Impact in Human Rights Campaigns: Workshop, **Rob Godden**, Rights Exposure (Russian int.) (Conference room 4A)
  - H.** Basics of Digital Security: Workshop, **Martin L. Fällman**, Civil Rights Defenders (English) (Conference room 5A)
  - I.** Coping with Informal Talks and Interrogations: Workshop, **Tora Candal** (Russian int.) (Conference room 6A)
  - J.** Apps and Devices as Tools in your Operational Security Work: Workshop, **Peter Öholm**, Civil Rights Defenders (English) (Conference room 7AKON)
- 15.30 – 16.00** Coffee Break
- 16.00 – 18.30** **Training and Workshop Sessions 2 (including coffee breaks):**
- A.** Psychosocial Aspects of Security, Part 2(2) **Jolanta Cihanovica**, Mozaika (Russian) (Conference room 1A)
  - B.** How to Use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool Within the UN Human Rights System, Part 2(2) **Ben Leather**, ISHR (English) (Conference room 2A)
  - C.** Gender Perspectives on Human Rights, Part 2(2) **Inmaculada Barcia** (English) (Conference room 2E)
  - D.** Making your Voice Heard in the Media, Part 2(2) **Jonas Lindgren**, BRM Europe AB, (English) (Conference room 3A)

- E. How to use UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights in Research and Advocacy, Part 2(2) **Théo Jaekel**, Swedwatch, (English) (Conference room 3E)
- F. Learn & Practice New Leadership Skills, Part 1(2) **Alexander Holmberg** (Russian int.) (Kongressen)
- G. Persuasive Photos: Winning human rights campaigns through the creative use of images: Workshop, **Rob Godden**, Rights Exposure (Russian int.) (Conference room 4A)
- H. Arming against online Threats: Workshop, **Justin Kosslyn** and **Santiago Andriago**, Jigsaw (Russian int.) (Conference room 5A)
- I. Coping with Informal talks and interrogations: Workshop, **Tora Candal**, (English) (Conference room 6A)
- J. Apps and Devices as Tools in your Operational Security Work: Workshop, **Peter Öholm**, Civil Rights )

**19.30 – 21.00** Dinner at *Djurönäset Restaurant*

Conversation with and music by **Sofia Jannok**, Swedish-Sami artist, singer, songwriter

## WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL – TRAINING AND WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### 09.00 – 10.00 **Successful Human Rights Campaigns (Location: Kongressen)**

Human rights campaigns have different scopes, methods and aims. During this session, we will hear about three highly successful campaigns, which differ in three ways. Three human rights defenders will share experiences with you to provide inspiration to your future strategic discussions.

**Shui-Meng Ng**, *The Sombath Initiative*  
**Rodrigo Diamanti**, *Un mundo sin Mordaza*  
**Maria Starck**, *Madder*

Moderated by: **Ena Bavcic**, *Civil Rights Defenders*

**10.00 – 10.30** Coffee break (Location: *Main building*)

### 10.30 – 13.00 **Training and Workshop Sessions 3 (including coffee breaks):**

- A. Psychosocial Aspects of Security, Part 1(2) **Jolanta Cihanovica**, Mozaika (English) (Conference room 1A)
- B. How to Use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool Within the UN Human Rights System, Part 1(2) **Ben Leather**, ISHR (English) (Conference room 2A)
- C. Gender Perspectives on Human Rights, Part 1(2), **Inmaculada Barcia** (Russian int.) (Conference room 2E)
- D. Making your voice heard in the Media, Part 1(2) **Jonas Lindgren**, BRM Europe AB (Russian int.) (Kongressen)
- E. How to use UN guiding principles on business and human rights in Research and Advocacy, Part 1(2) **Théo Jaekel**, Swedwatch (Russian int.) (Conference room 3E)
- F. Fights against Discrimination: Theory and Best Practice in Advocacy and Lobbying Part 1(2) **Ana Furtuna** and **Goran Miletic**, Civil Rights Defenders (English) (Conference room 6A)
- G. Using images for impact in human rights campaigns: Workshop, **Rob Godden**, Rights Exposure (English) (Conference room 4A)
- H. Basics of Digital Security: Workshop, **Martin L. Fällman**, Civil Rights Defenders (English) (Conference room 5A)
- I. Security Precautions in Relations with Journalists: Workshop, **Martin Schibbye**, Blank Spot project, and **Magdalena Lind**, Metis Services (Russian int.) (Conference room 9A)
- J. Fundraising Strategies (Trainer TBC) (Conference room 7AKON)

**13.00 – 14.30** Lunch at *Djurönäset Restaurant*

- 14.30 – 17.00**      **Training and Workshop Sessions 4 (including coffee breaks):**
- A.**    Psychosocial Aspects of Security, Part 2(2) **Jolanta Cihanovica**, Mozaika (English) (Conference room 1A)
  - B.**    How to Use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool Within the UN Human Rights System, Part 2(2) **Ben Leather**, ISHR (English) (Conference room 2A)
  - C.**    Gender Perspective on Human Rights, Part 2(2), **Inmaculada Barcia** (Russian int.) (Conference room 2E)
  - D.**    Making Your Voice Heard in the Media, Part 2(2) **Jonas Lindgren**, BRM Europe AB (Russian int.) (Kongressen)
  - E.**    How to use UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in Research and Advocacy, Part 2(2) **Théo Jaekel**, Swedwatch (Russian int.) (Conference room 3E)
  - F.**    Fight against Discrimination: Theory and Practice in Advocacy and lobbying Part 2(2) **Ana Furtuna** and **Goran Miletic**, Civil Rights Defenders (English) (Conference room 6A)
  - G.**    Persuasive Photos: Winning Human Rights Campaigns Through the Creative Use of Images: Workshop, **Rob Godden**, Rights Exposure (English) (Conference room 4A)
  - H.**    Arming against online Threats: Workshop, **Justin Kosslyn** and **Santiago Andrigo**, Jigsaw (English) (Conference room 5A)
  - I.**    Operational Security: Security Precautions in Relations with Journalists: Workshop, **Martin Schibbye**, Blank Spot project, and **Magdalena Lind**, Metis Services (English) (Conference room 9A)
  - J.**    Fundraising Strategies (Trainer TBC) (Conference room 7AKON)
- 17.00 – 17.30**      Coffee break
- 17.30 – 18.00**      **Censorship, Propaganda and Mass Surveillance (Location: Kongressen)**  
Presentation and conversation about how today's Internet is a battleground for human rights. What are the threats and challenges? And how can we overcome them?  
**Geoffrey Wokulira Ssebagala**, *Unwanted Witness Uganda*  
**Erka Koivunen**, *F-Secure*
- 19.00 – 20.30**      Dinner at *Djurönäset Restaurant*
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## THURSDAY 7 APRIL – JOINT SESSIONS AND NETWORKING

- 08.30 – 10.00**     **Side Event Programme (including coffee breaks)**  
Including sessions – see separate sheet
- 10.15 – 11.15**     **Protection Strategies and Mechanisms for Human Rights Defenders. New and effective resources and good practices to protect and support defenders. (Location: Kongressen)**  
This panel will reflect on the current protection mechanisms for human rights defenders and present some concrete examples of available initiatives and resources. These in turn, can increase the security for human rights defenders and the chances for continued human rights work.  
**Michel Forst**, *Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders*  
**Joan Audierne**, *ProtectDefenders.eu*  
**Inmaculada Barcia**, *AWID's Women Human Rights Defenders Initiative and independent consultant*  
**Kamau Ngugi**, *National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders – Kenya*  
  
Moderated by: **Marie Månson**, *Civil Rights Defenders*
- 11.15 – 11.45**     Coffee break (Location: *Main building*)
- 11.45 – 12.30**     **High-tech and Human Rights Documentation – How to do it? (Location: Kongressen)**  
The session seeks to present and discuss useful tools and techniques to document human rights abuses, hi-tech & lo-tech options, and to discuss how human rights defenders can take advantage of new technologies in the course of their work. It will explore how the tech community learns from human rights defenders when developing new tools for advancing human rights and reflect on the advantages and disadvantages in using hi-tech solutions when advocating for human rights.  
**Alfredo Romero**, *Foro Penal*  
**Justin Kosslyn**, *Jigsaw*  
**Eleanor Farrow**, *eyeWitness to atrocities*  
  
Moderated by: **Erik Jennische**, *Civil Rights Defenders*
- 12.30 – 13.30**     Lunch at *Djurönäset Restaurant*
- 13.00, 13.15**     Transportation to the open part of the conference  
(Location: *Clarion Sign Hotel*)
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- 14.15**            **OPEN PART, AWARD CEREMONY**  
– moderated by **Nathalie Besèr**  
Welcome and introduction to the open part of the conference by **Robert Hårdh**,  
Executive Director, *Civil Rights Defenders*
- 14.30 – 15.30**    **Human Rights and Terrorism**  
This panel will discuss and explore the status of human rights today. It will reflect on global terrorist movements that are threatening a range of rights and the extent to which the responses have changed the legal landscape in countries around the world. Ignoring lessons from the past, countries have rushed into hasty responses such as introducing counter-terror policies that undermine values and the international legal framework that has been developed since World War II. This leads to severe implications on the work of human rights defenders around the world.  
**Aryeh Neier**, *Open Society Foundations*  
**Olga Sadovskaya**, *Committee to Prevent Torture*  
**Imam Muhammad al-Yaqoubi**  
**Mona Sahlin**, *the National Coordinator for Protecting Democracy against Violent Extremism*
- 15.30 – 16.15**    **Human Rights in the Panoptic Present**  
This panel will explore the ways in which mass surveillance affects human rights defenders, members of disadvantaged groups and minorities, the relationship between mass surveillance and human rights as well as the ways in which resistance against mass surveillance can be realized.  
**Robert Hårdh**, *Civil Rights Defenders*  
**Emma Holten**, *Friktion*  
**David Mothander**, *Google*
- 16.15 – 16.45**    **Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award Ceremony**  
Moderated by: **Benedicte Berner**, Chairperson of the Board, *Civil Rights Defenders*  
Music by Swedish artist  
Interview with the recipient of the Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award
- 16.45 – 17.45**    Mingle
- 17.45**            Transportation back to the Hotel
- 20.00**            Dinner and continued celebration at Djurönäset

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## FRIDAY 8 APRIL – DEPARTURE DAY

### All day

Transport from Djurönäset to Stockholm Arlanda Airport. For more information, please consult your designated conference staff. The latest check out time from the hotel is 11.00.

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## DEFENDERS' DAYS – PANELISTS AND TRAINERS

- Alexander N.H Holmberg** Alexander N.H Holmberg is an experienced and acclaimed trainer in communication and leadership, specialised in interpersonal communication. Alexander, with a background in journalism, is recognised as one of the top leadership trainers in Sweden, and a renowned expert in a leading leadership magazine and in Swedish television.
- Alfredo Romero** Alfredo Romero is Executive Director of Foro Penal Venezolano (FPV), one of the most prominent human rights organisations in Venezuela, which provides assistance to victims of state repression. Alfredo Romero is Professor of Public Law at the Universidad Central de Venezuela, visiting scholar at the Carr Center for Human Rights policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the author of various articles and books about public and constitutional law, human rights and crimes against humanity. Alfredo holds a law degree from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Caracas, an MA from Georgetown University and an LLM from The London School of Economics.
- Ana Furtuna** Ana Furtuna is Programme Officer within the Eurasia Department at Civil Rights Defenders. She holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations from the State University of Moldova and a master's degree in Political Science from the Academy of Public Administration. Previously, she worked as Executive Director of the Non-Discrimination Coalition (CND), a non-governmental organisation dedicated to strengthening equality and combatting discrimination within the Moldavian society. Since 2011, she has been part of the CND team tasked to lobby for the adoption of an equality law and the creation of a council for the prevention and elimination of discrimination and the ensurance of equality.
- Aryeh Neier** Aryeh Neier is President Emeritus of the Open Society Foundations. He was President from 1993 to 2012. Prior to that, as a co-founder of Human Rights Watch he served for 12 years as Executive Director. He worked 15 years at the American Civil Liberties Union and has served as Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University for more than 12 years. He is the author of seven books and has contributed to more than 300 op-ed articles in newspapers including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe* and *The International Herald Tribune*.
- Ben Leather** Ben Leather is Advocacy and Communications Manager at International Service for Human Rights – ISHR. He joined the organisation in January 2014 after five years working for the protection of at-risk human rights defenders with Peace Brigades International (PBI) in Mexico. As PBI Mexico's Advocacy Coordinator, he was involved in drafting the law for the protection of human rights defenders and journalists, as well as designing PBI's first advocacy training programme for activists. At ISHR, Ben carries out advocacy at the UN Human Rights Council, coordinates training courses in international advocacy for human rights defenders and is jointly responsible for all communications.
- Benedicte Berner** Benedicte Berner is Chairperson of the Board at Civil Rights Defenders. She is a media analyst and a consultant working with media projects in Russia. She also trains journalists in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA region). She formerly worked for the International Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in Moscow. Benedicte has also been Director of International Issues at the European Institute for the Media in Düsseldorf, Germany.

- David Mothander** David Mothander joined Google in 2010 and leads the company's government relations in the Nordics, Estonia and Latvia. David focuses on the impact of the Internet and the economic, cultural, social and the regulatory framework around this issue. Prior to Google David worked for the mobile operator 3, the Swedish NRA (National Research Agenda) and held different positions in the sphere of law. David holds an LLM from the University of Stockholm.
- Eleanor Farrow** Eleanor Farrow is Project Coordinator for eyeWitness to Atrocities. Eleanor engages with a worldwide network of human rights and media activists, journalists, photographers and NGOs using photos and video to document human rights violations. Her publications include 'Verifying Eyewitness Media: Increasing Impact,' in the MediaShift Idea Lab, February 2016. Eleanor has an LLB in Law, as well as an LLM in International Human Rights Law and Practice. As part of her LLM, she conducted fieldwork in Malaysia, research on Tunisia's revolution and the Arab Spring and specialised in transitional justice, humanitarian intervention, asylum migration, human trafficking, public policy and activism.
- Emma Holten** Emma Holten is a feminist and human rights activist. Her political activism was initiated when she became a victim of non-consensual pornography in 2011. In 2014 she created the photo series CONSENTS along with photographer Cecilie Bødker to highlight the issue of online sexual violations. Emma is a co-founder and editor of the standard critical magazine Friktion and also a student at the University of Copenhagen. She speaks in both national and global contexts of feminism, digital activism and why privacy on the internet is crucial to a dynamic democracy where every person has equal rights regardless of gender, race and sexual orientation.
- Ena Bavic** Ena Bavic is Programme Officer at Civil Rights Defenders office in Sarajevo. She started working in April 2014 as an administrative assistant. Ena holds a master's degree in Human Rights and Democracy and a bachelor's degree in Social Work. As a human rights defender, she has worked and acted within numerous NGO's both in Bosnia & Herzegovina and abroad. Ena is also the author of several documentary films.
- Erik Jennische** Erik Jennische is Programme Director for the Latin America Department at Civil Rights Defenders. He holds an MA in Sociology, specialising in democratisation processes. He has also worked with democracy promotion in Latin America as well as the Balkans and Eastern Europe. From 2010 – 2013 he worked as a journalist in Brazil.
- Erka Koivunen** Erka Koivunen is Cyber Security Advisor at F-Secure. He is a former head of the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) in Finland. Companies, governments and a variety of other organisations consult with Erka extensively on everything from risk assessment to incident response. He has also testified as an expert witness for the EU, Finnish, and British Parliaments. Erka's willingness to cut through media hype and jargon to get his message across is why he's become one of the world's foremost cyber security advisors.
- Geoffrey Wokulira Ssebagala** Geoffrey Wokulira Ssebagala is a journalist, technologist and a human rights defender. Between 2001 and 2008 he worked as a radio journalist at Radio Sapientia. In 2008 he joined the Human Rights Network for Journalists-Uganda (HRNJ) as National Coordinator, which he headed for six years. After that he joined the Unwanted Witness – an ICT organisation that monitors, documents and investigates online attacks, offers legal support and representation to victims of online attacks and builds online platforms for vulnerable communities, NGOs and self-help groups. In 2013 Geoffrey was awarded the European Union Human Rights Defender Award.

- Goran Miletic** Goran Miletic is Programme Director for the Western Balkans at Civil Rights Defenders. He holds a master's of Law from Belgrade University together with a European Regional MA in Democracy and Human Rights. He has previously worked for the Humanitarian Law Centre in Belgrade where his focus was on minority rights. He started working for Civil Rights Defenders in 2004 as Programme Officer and later as a human rights lawyer for the Western Balkans. Goran's work includes co-operation and support for different human rights and minority NGOs throughout the Western Balkans.
- Hannah Smith** Hannah Smith works with digital security training, curriculum and methodology and has been with Tactical Tech since 2013. Most recently her focus has been on the Holistic Security Project, which seeks to integrate digital, physical and psycho-social approaches to security for the protection of human rights defenders.
- Inmaculada Barcia** Inmaculada Barcia is a human rights lawyer with more than 20-year track record working with academic institutions, NGOs, and international organisations, in the capacity of overseeing the development and implementation of capacity-building and advocacy activities in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. As Head of International Service for Human Rights Regional and National Human Rights Defenders Program, she worked with NGO partners and national human rights institutions on how to work with the United Nations Human Rights Council, the special procedures, the UPR, and the treaty bodies. She has also worked as a consultant with different NGOs and international organizations such as OHCHR, UNICEF and the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), where she is currently conducting research on the impact of the mining industry on the work and security of women human rights defenders.
- Joan Audierne** Joan Audierne is Head of Secretariat for ProtectDefenders.eu, the new EU Human Rights Defenders mechanism implemented by international civil society, since its launch in October 2015. Before taking this position, she worked for nine years for NGOs and for the International Committee of the Red Cross, where she held management positions in conflict and post-conflict areas in Africa and former Soviet states. Joan holds two master's degrees, one in international relations from Paris Institute for Political Sciences and one in development and projects evaluation from La Sorbonne University.
- Jolanta Cihanovica** Jolanta Cihanovica is a human rights activist from Latvia and co-founder of "Mozaika", the only Latvian LGBT organisation as well as "Dia+Logs", a resource centre for people affected by HIV/AIDS. She is also a clinical psychologist, as well as an internationally acclaimed organisational consultant.
- Jonas Lindgren** Jonas Lindgren has been a correspondent and foreign editor for the Swedish news agency, *Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå*. Jonas Lindgren has also a wide range of experience working with Swedish Television and Reuters. He is Senior Advisor who specialises in media relations and crisis management.
- Justin Kosslyn** Justin Kosslyn is Lead Product Manager at Jigsaw, designing and launching tools against oppression. Among other projects, he led the strategy, development and launch of Password Alert and the Global Human Trafficking Hotline Network. Prior to Jigsaw, he led improvements to Google News, Google AdSense for TV, and Google Docs. Justin holds a BS in Computer Science from Yale. He recently returned to Yale to teach a full-credit seminar on "Technology Design for Global Challenges" through the Global Affairs program. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and serves as Open Technology Fellow at New America.
- Kamau Ngugi** Kamau Ngugi is Executive Coordinator of the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders in Kenya. He founded the Secretariat of the national organisation in 2011 to work towards a safe working space for human rights defenders in the country. The Human Rights Defenders Coalition has become a dependable support mechanism

for activists in Kenya, particularly those at remote areas, and marginalised and discriminated groups where human rights violations are routinely carried out. He has also worked with other human rights organisations, such as Amnesty International.

- Karen White** Karen White is Senior Public Policy Manager for Europe at Twitter. She joined the company in 2014 having worked in government affairs for a number of years in Brussels and Ireland. Karen also worked as a political and economic researcher in Trinity College Dublin and holds a BA in European Studies and an MSc. in European Economics and Public Affairs from University College Dublin. She is @karenwhite on Twitter.
- Magdalena Lind** Magdalena Lind is a political scientist who specialises in democratisation processes and conflict studies. Magdalena is also the co-founder of Metis Services AB, an organisation dedicated to providing intelligence driven strategies, enabling security solutions and capacity building programmes within the business community, media, NGOs and governmental agencies. Magdalena draws on more than ten years of field experience from her service with the Swedish Armed Forces.
- Maria Starck** Maria Starck is a feminist communications strategist and the co-founder of communications bureau Madder. She received Sweden's most prestigious communications award in 2015 for her role as a digital strategist for the political party, Feminist Initiative, ahead of the 2014 elections where she was central in devising the party's successful social media campaign. Prior to that, Maria worked as a social media expert at ActionAid and Amnesty International's Swedish section.
- Marie Månson** Marie Månson is Programme Director for the Human Rights Defenders at Risk Department at Civil Rights Defenders. She began working for the organisation in 1997, as a Programme Officer for the Western Balkans and then as Office Manager. Marie has also held the position Programme Director for the Western Balkans. Previously, she worked for the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. Marie holds an MA in International Relations.
- Martin L. Fällman** Martin L. Fällman is an experienced Internet activist. He has worked with the Telecomix activist network during the Arab Spring to reinstate Internet connectivity in Egypt and reveal the surveillance equipment that was used in Tunisia and Syria. As a freelance trainer, he has also provided digital security training to journalists and activists from many parts of the world. Up until recently he coordinated an anti-censorship project for the Swedish NGO, Juliagruppen. Today Martin works as Protection Officer for the Human Rights Defenders at Risk Department at Civil Rights Defenders.
- Martin Schibbye** Martin Schibbye is a well-renowned freelance journalist from Sweden. Schibbye has contracted for a number of media outlets including leading newspapers and magazines in Scandinavia, such as *Svenska Dagbladet*, *Aftenposten*, *Fokus* and *Dagbladet*, as well as publications in Austria, Belgium, France and the UK. He received the Freelance Award in 2012, the 2012 Anna Politkovskaya Memorial Award, and the Reporters Without Borders' 2013 Press Freedom Prize. Today he works as Editor-in-Chief for Blank Spot Project, a crowdfunded initiative that covers stories outside of the media's attention.
- Michel Forst** In 2014, Michel Forst was appointed as the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders. Michael has extensive experience with human rights issues, including human rights defenders, the rights of children with disabilities, extreme poverty and the elderly. He has held a number of leading positions within the field of human rights, including the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights, Cimade (Comité inter-mouvements auprès des évacués), UNESCO and Amnesty International in France. From 2008–2013, he was the UN Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti. From 2012–2013 he served as Chair of the Coordination Committee of the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council. Michel is also a former member of the board of the International Service for Human Rights and a founding member of Front Line Defenders.

- Mona Sahlin** Mona Sahlin is a Swedish politician and the first female leader of the Swedish Social Democratic Party. She held the position as Party Chair between 2007 and 2011. Mona was also a Member of Parliament, representing Stockholm County, and has held various ministerial posts during her career, such as Minister for Sustainable Development, Energy, Housing; Minister for Justice Democracy, Integration, Human Rights, Sports, Metropolitan Affairs and Gender Equality and Minister for Industry Employment, Integration, Metropolitan Affairs IT and Telecommunications. Throughout her political life, Mona has been working for tolerance and democratic values. In 2014 she became Sweden's official coordinator for protecting democracy against violent extremism, working to improve cooperation between government agencies, municipalities and organisations at national, regional and local level to protect democracy against violent extremism. Mona is also responsible for increasing knowledge about violent extremism and promotion of the development of preventive methods.
- Nathalie Besèr** Nathalie Besèr is Foreign Policy Adviser to the Swedish Parliament and a Middle East expert. Over 18 years she has been working as a journalist, focusing mainly on the Middle East and North Africa. She has been employed by Swedish Radio, Dagens Nyheter and the news agency TT. She is a founder of the news platform middleeastobserver.org covering the events in the Middle East. Her latest publication is "The Rise and Fall of the Muslim Brotherhood", published at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. Nathalie is also regularly moderating international discussions and seminars.
- Olga Sadovskaya** Olga Sadovskaya is Vice Chair of the Russian NGO the Committee to Prevent Torture, formerly known as the Committee Against Torture, which was the first human rights organisation to specialise in monitoring the issues of torture in Russia, in particular torture claims and the medical rehabilitation of torture victims. The organisation has many years of experience in dealing with torture claims and as a result has been able to comprehensively analyse the prevalence of torture and other forms of ill treatment, the reasons for it and therefore develop methods to prevent it. CAT has received numerous awards: PACE Human Rights Award 2011, Frontline Award 2011 and the Martin Annals Award for its investigation activities in Chechnya. In 2015 CAT was liquidated after being registered as a Foreign Agent and since then has operated under a consortium of several NGO's. Olga has been working with human rights issues since 2001 and joined CAT in 2002 as International Protection Lawyer.
- Peter Öholm** Peter Öholm works as Protection Officer for the Human Rights Defenders at Risk Department at Civil Rights Defenders. Before joining the organisation, Peter worked as a journalist during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina and was stationed in Makarska and Tuzla. He has also worked as a Reporter at *Arbetaren*, *Aftonbladet*, TV4, Ekot SR and Stockholm News. Peter started working for Civil Rights Defenders in 2004, first as Programme Officer for the Western Balkans and then for Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- Robert Godden** Robert Godden is a human rights campaigner and photographer who uses visual media for positive social change. Previously, he was with Amnesty International for 15 years and from 2004 the organisation's Asia-Pacific Campaign Coordinator based in London, Kathmandu, and Hong Kong. He holds an MA in South Asian Area Studies from SOAS, University of London, and is an alumnus of New York University Tisch School of the Arts/Magnum Foundation Photography & Human Rights programme.
- Robert Hårdh** Robert Hårdh is Executive Director of Civil Rights Defenders. He began working for the organisation as a human rights lawyer in 1999 and was appointed Executive Director in 2000. Robert holds a Master of Laws degree from Uppsala University, specialising in human rights. His past experience in human rights includes Amnesty International where he was as an active member in the organisation's lawyers group in Sweden and a member of the board in the Swedish section from 1998–2000. He is a member of the board of the Expo Foundation, which is a privately-owned research foundation established in 1995 with the aim of studying and mapping anti-democratic, right-wing extremist and racist tendencies in society.

<b>Rodrigo Diamanti</b>	Rodrigo Diamanti is a well-known human rights defender from Venezuela, currently at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, USA. He holds degrees in Economics and Political Studies. In 2007 Rodrigo co-created the historical Students Movement and two years later he founded the NGO Un Mundo Sin Mordaza (A world without censorship) to promote and defend human rights worldwide. Based in Caracas, Venezuela, the organization has been able to successfully go abroad and has volunteers in more than 100 cities around the globe. With Un Mundo Sin Mordaza, Rodrigo has created art movements to promote human rights.
<b>Santiago Andrigo</b>	Santiago Andrigo leads Jigsaw's newest product initiatives to protect the highest-risk users facing oppression in the world. Prior to joining Jigsaw, he worked on Google Shopping, internationalising the product to 11 new markets, launching optimisation features to thousands of merchant partners and crafting the new generation mobile transactions platform. Born and raised in Argentina, Santiago, he holds a BS in Business Administration from the University of Buenos Aires, and an MBA from the Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley. While there, he conducted field research and a business plan for the launch of a new agribusiness related MBA program in Mozambique, serving Sub-Saharan Africa.
<b>Shaykh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi</b>	Shaykh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi is a world-renowned Islamic scholar of theology, jurisprudence, Prophetic tradition and a spiritual leader to thousands of Muslims across the globe. Shaykh Al-Yaqoubi was one of the first scholars to speak up against the Assad regime and subsequently against the rise of ISIS. To this end, he has delivered numerous lectures, penned articles, and given several TV and paper interviews to media agencies such as CNN, BBC and PBS. In 2015, he published his book, "Refuting ISIS".
<b>Shui-Meng Ng</b>	Shui-Meng Ng works with the Sombath Initiative, and has lived in Laos since 1986 but originally comes from Singapore. She has a PhD in Sociology from the University of Hawaii and also has a long history of involvement in aid and development issues. From 1976 to 1986, Shui- Meng was Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. She worked with UNICEF in Laos, China and Timor-Leste from 1986 to 2008 and has also served as a UNICEF representative in Timor-Leste from 2004 to 2008.
<b>Sofia Jannok</b>	Jannok is a Swedish-Sami artist, singer, songwriter. This spring, four years after her latest album, she released her third record - "Áhpi – wide as oceans", in which she presents a strong message about people's struggle for freedom and origin. With a dynamic and atmospheric sound Sofia reveals the struggle of the indigenous people for acceptance and equal rights. Nerve and unrestrained forces of nature are mixed with lyrics in northern Sami and English, with a starting point in Jannok's own life. "Music is my way of trying to make a change. I would like to share my world with people in Europe. Music has no borders; it brings us together. I want to see a world where everyone has the same rightful place regardless if you are indigenous, immigrant, woman or man".
<b>Théo Jaekel</b>	Théo Jaekel holds an LLM in Human Rights Law and works as a researcher at Swedwatch, where he also serves as Head of Advisory and Training Services. His areas of expertise are in extractive industries, conflict minerals, electronics and public procurement. Theo is also an expert on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and works as a lecturer of Law at Stockholm University.
<b>Tora Candal</b>	Tora Candal is an interpreter and interrogator and has worked with the Swedish Armed forces since 2009. In 2011 she began working as a hostage situation survival instructor for the Swedish Armed Forces Survival School and the Folke Bernadotte Academy. Tora is currently finishing her law degree at Stockholm University.

# WORKSHOPS 2016

*Please note that the workshops comprise 10 parallel tracks over two days, covering different topics. That means you can choose the topic that best suits you or your organisation. The first six tracks in the agenda (A-F) involve longer training sessions and each consists of two parts given the same day. The final tracks (G-J) are single workshops. The language is specified for each of the workshops so you have the option to participate in English, English with Russian translation or Russian.*

## **BASICS OF DIGITAL SECURITY (WORKSHOP)**

*Trainer: Martin L. Fällman, Civil Rights Defenders*

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In the digital sphere, defenders of human rights are at risk from government surveillance and hacking as well as cybercrime. This workshop will focus on daily digital security practices for human rights defenders in order to improve the safety and security for both individuals and organizations. It will cover broad topics such as computers, mobile phones and social media as well as highlight the risks for “data at rest” and “data in transit”. The session will also cover password management and protection.

## **ARMING AGAINST ONLINE THREATS (WORKSHOP)**

*Trainers: Justin Kosslyn and Santiago Andriago, Google Ideas*

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Achieving digital security requires three areas to be protected: your server, your connection and your device. This interactive workshop provides a summary of the main digital threats you face in each of those three areas. It examines specific case studies that illustrate the risks and techniques used by attackers. Depending on the interest of the participants, the workshop can provide training in up to four different areas: Protecting your website; Protecting your Gmail account; Protecting your devices (laptops and mobile); and Encryption and private communication. In each area, we will discuss, demo, and actually deploy a range of free, open-source, or built-in tools that enable you to protect yourself.

## **COPING WITH INFORMAL TALKS AND INTERROGATIONS (WORKSHOP)**

*Trainer: Tora Candal*

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Being called to informal talks at the police station and interrogated at border controls and checkpoints is common for human rights defenders in certain countries. Interrogation techniques can be harsh and include psychological manipulation. Most people are badly equipped to cope with such pressure. In stressful situations we react instinctively and irrationally, which makes us more vulnerable to manipulation and pressure. This training will highlight the most pertinent questions surrounding the psychological aspects of security. It will look at strategies for how to resist attempts of psychological pressure and manipulation by the police or other agents.

## **GENDER PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS (TRAINING: PART 1–2)**

*Trainer: Inmaculada Barcia*

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UN bodies and other human rights mechanisms have become increasingly sensitized to the need to analyse human rights of all categories from a gender perspective. Human rights violations – especially in the field of civil and political rights – affect men and women; boys and girls; in different ways. Since human rights violations often are gendered, the response must be gender-sensitive as well as tailored to the different needs of men, women and transgendered individuals. The training will explore how we can become more effective human rights advocates by integrating a gender perspective into our work. Participants will explore how human rights violations impact women human rights defenders (WHRDs) differently. Participants will reflect on and be presented with gendered approaches to documenting these violations along with WHRDs' specific protection needs. The sessions will provide a space to reflect on how we integrate gender in the work of our organisations and movements. This training is intended to benefit all participants who are interested in developing and refining their expertise and methods. All are welcome, although in particular, we welcome those in management positions responsible for strategic planning, development and human resources.

## **MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD IN THE MEDIA (TRAINING: PART 1–2)**

*Trainer: Jonas Lindgren, BRM Europe AB*

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This training clinic combines theoretical background and practical exercise. In the first session, we focus on theory, which includes the logic and rationale behind the media's actions and how this affects you and your organisation when dealing with journalists. The second session is more practical. We create strong messages and conduct realistic interview exercises in front of a camera. The purpose of the seminar is to give greater knowledge about the media in general and to strengthen your ability to handle both challenges and opportunities in relation to the media and other external stakeholders. This training is intended to benefit all participants who are interested in increasing their skills in outreach. All are welcome, although in particular, we welcome spokespersons.

## **SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN RELATIONS WITH JOURNALISTS (WORKSHOP)**

*Trainers: Martin Schibbye, Blank Spot project, and Magdalena Lind, Metis Services*

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This workshop will focus on the relations between the human rights defender and the reporter or news organization. Often this relationship is of mutual interest – but sometimes it can be the opposite. When the story becomes too important and the security of the human rights defender is less prioritized, the consequences can be very serious. The workshop will try to provide concrete recommendations on what is important to keep in mind when in contact with journalists, what you can demand and how to protect yourself and your sources.

## **PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF SECURITY (TRAINING: PART 1–2)**

*Trainer: Jolanta Cihanovica, Mozaika*

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Psychosocial aspects influence your security situation greatly. If your staff or you are under constant stress or on the verge to burnout, the way decisions are made and what type of decisions are made are certainly affected. It is important that the wellbeing of staff and the psychosocial context are taken into consideration in the risk assessment and the corresponding strategy when planning security measures. In this workshop the trainer will discuss the psychosocial aspects of security and give hands-on advice on how it can be dealt with in an organisation. The first part of this workshop will concentrate on the issues/factors affecting personal wellbeing of activists. The second part will address specific measures the organisations could consider introducing/developing to support activists' wellbeing and including sharing existing practices and their experiences.



## **HOW TO USE UN GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY (TRAINING: PART 1–2)**

*Trainer: Théo Jaekel, Swedwatch*

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In an increasingly globalised world the impact of corporations on human rights is a pressing issue. In order to clarify the responsibility of companies, the UN Human Rights Council endorsed the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) in 2011. The first part of the training sessions will give an introduction to the UNGPs, discussing both what states are expected to do in order to protect against corporate human rights abuses, as well as how corporations need to act in order to live up to their responsibility to respect. Participants will discuss how the impact of business on human rights is relevant for their work, which rights might be impacted and reflect upon how this fits into the UNGPs. The second part will be more practical where the participants apply what they have learned in case exercises and try to establish the responsibility of a company and the state, as well as propose remediation. We will reflect on how the UNGPs can be used in advocacy work, emphasizing what message is most effective depending on the desired outcome.

## **VISUAL STORYTELLING FOR ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS (WORKSHOPS, 2)**

*Trainer: Rob Godden, Rights Exposure*

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These workshops can be taken as single workshops or together as a 2-part training.

### **Visual Strategies: Using images for impact in human rights campaigns, Workshop:**

Since the inception of photography and the moving image, visual media has been used to advocate for human rights. Now, with visual communication increasing exponentially, it is more important than ever for organizations working on human rights to understand the impact images can have. And then – how to incorporate them effectively into their work. This workshop will focus on how to incorporate images into strategies for change. It will explore the visual tools available and how to select the right approach for your work. It will also explore ethical approaches in the use of images, including how people and issues are represented and the use of participatory methodology.

### **Persuasive Photos: Winning human rights campaigns through the creative use of images, Workshop:**

Photography and film have long been powerful tools for communicating human rights. Today, it is easier than ever to produce and distribute visual campaigns. This gives you the potential to get your message out to thousands, if not millions, of people. Yet, in a world increasingly saturated with images how do you ensure your images speak effectively to those who matter? This workshop focuses on how to produce creative visuals for human rights campaigns that will both engage the right audience and compel them to take action. Drawing on real life examples, participants will explore how to develop a creative concept that will speak effectively to a target audience, manage 'creative risk' and how to ensure your campaign gets seen by the right people.

## **LEARN & PRACTICE NEW LEADERSHIP SKILLS - WHY THE UNDERSTANDING OF INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION DIFFERENCES CAN CHANGE THE WORLD (TRAINING: PART 1–2)**

*Trainer: Alexander Holmberg*

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Change can happen, one person at a time. In our daily lives we interact, communicate and influence others. In order to create more power, strength and influence, the development of our communication skills is crucial. What could happen if you mastered the skills to communicate better? The training begins with an introduction to key concepts and a theoretical overview by the trainer. The second part is practical and discussion-based. It includes practice in effective and flexible communication, identifying

individual patterns and influencing results. The third and final part is more reflective; the participants apply what they have learned during the exercises and discuss how to use the gained skills in future performance. The participant can expect insight and new reflections on their communicative challenges and inspiration on how to become more flexible and precise in dialogue and interaction with others. You will benefit from this training if you are in a management position and want to develop your skills for your personal communication and a better understanding for others. When you are in a position to influence and lead others, the tool of verbal and nonverbal communication is important to succeed in your daily work. If this is the case, then this training can give you some tools to develop your performance.

## **HOW TO USE SHADOW REPORTING AS A STRATEGIC TOOL WITHIN THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM (TRAINING: PART 1–2)**

*Trainer:* **Ben Leather**, ISHR

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The UN human rights system offers a range of opportunities for human rights defenders to shine a light on the situation in their country and build pressure upon their states to change. This training will examine how to interact in a UN strategic manner. It focuses on reporting to treaty bodies and the Universal Periodic Review. Through presentations, exercises, group work and peer learning, participants will explore:

- What are treaty bodies and the Universal Periodic Review;
- How can human rights defenders contribute to these processes;
- What practical and strategic actions and tools can be used to ensure that this input has an impact;
- What do high quality NGO reports look like;
- Where can additional information and support be found;
- How is shadow reporting to these mechanisms built into a broader international advocacy strategy alongside other potential avenues such as Human Rights Council advocacy or Special Procedures.

## **APPS AND DEVICES AS TOOLS IN YOUR OPERATIONAL SECURITY WORK (WORKSHOP)**

*Trainer:* **Peter Öholm**, Civil Rights Defenders

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In recent years there has been an enormous development in useful, cheap and high-quality tools that can be useful for HRDs in their operational security work. With many different projects, apps and devices introduced every month it can be hard to figure out what could actually be useful for your own organization. This workshop is an introduction to some of the apps and devices that can help you in your operational security work, the way you integrate them into your security routines, and the mistakes can you avoid making. The workshop will also reflect on the risk of putting too much trust on gadgets and technical solutions and highlight the necessity of having a plan B.

## **FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION: THEORY AND BEST PRACTICE IN ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING (TRAINING: PART 1–2)**

*Trainers:* **Ana Furtuna and Goran Miletic**, Civil Rights Defenders

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The right to non-discrimination is one of the core principles of human rights law, and is enshrined in all international and regional human rights treaties. Discrimination on different grounds affects people in every corner of the world. Many of the significant human rights violations that we fight have a discriminatory component as well. In this training the participants will discuss and reflect on different grounds for discrimination and the many forms in which discrimination expresses itself (e.g. direct, indirect, and structural discrimination) and train the participants in how to use legal and advocacy strategies to counter it. The training will provide an overview of the international standards related to prohibition of discrimination, while the focus will be on best practice in advocacy and lobbying that human rights organising are using in order to have international standards implemented locally.

# **CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENDER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**The Civil Rights Defender of the Year is a person who, despite the risk to his or her own safety, strives at length to ensure that other people's civil and political rights are recognised and protected. The recipient's work has been carried out without the use of violence and within an independent human rights organisation.**

Civil Rights Defenders has dedicated more than 30 years to defend people's civil and political rights. One of our main missions is to empower our partners – human rights defenders working in repressive societies around the world. Our hope is that the prize will draw attention towards the efforts of the courageous laureate and enable the long-term strengthening of his or her organisation's important work for human rights.

## **ESTABLISHED IN 2013**

The first Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award was handed out on 4 April 2013 to one of the world's most prominent human rights defenders. Ms Nataša Kandic from the Humanitarian Law Center in Serbia received the award for her persistent and fearless work in documenting war crimes and serious human rights abuses in the former Yugoslavia and for supporting war crimes trials by supplying evidence and witnesses to the courts.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

The recipient of the prize is appointed by the board of the Civil Rights Defenders. The board selected the laureate among the three candidates presented by the organisation's secretariat. The secretariat provides their recommendations based on nominations submitted by Civil Rights Defenders' worldwide network of human rights defenders and human rights organisations. Nomination for the Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award is by invitation only.

The winner will receive the award on 7 April in the presence of some of the world's leading human rights defenders. The ceremony is held during the Open Part of the conference "Defenders' Days – Empowering Human Rights Defenders at Risk". Our aim with the conference is to draw attention to the work of courageous human rights defenders and to provide a forum for training, discussion, networking and capacity building.

## **THE PRIZE**

The prize consists of a specially designed statuette (design by Johan Pihl, RBK), a diploma and a cash award of EUR 50,000. The winner receives the statuette and the diploma, while the prize money is donated to the recipient's organisation to enable long-term strengthening of its important work for human rights.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL  
OF YOU WHO MADE DEFENDERS' DAYS POSSIBLE:**

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And all speakers and participants at Defenders' Days.