

# Defenders' Stockholm 2018 Days

Agenda

Stockholm  
9-12 April 2018



# Welcome

We welcome you to the fifth *Defenders' Days – Empowering Human Rights Defenders at Risk*. This unique event combines interactive workshops with inspirational features and remarkable networking opportunities.

For four days, hundreds of human rights defenders from five continents will gather in Stockholm. Leading experts will provide customised workshops on a wide variety of topics, such as security, advocacy and organisational development. Prominent representatives from the international human rights community will attend in order to connect with the participants and present their analyses of current events and how they relate to human rights.

On 12 April, we celebrate the work and achievements of one of our brave colleagues by handing out the Civil Rights Defenders of the Year Award 2018. The ceremony takes place at the open part of the conference at Nalen in the city centre of Stockholm.

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

## **Accommodation and location of the conference**

- Djurönäset, Stockholm archipelago.
- The open part of the conference, and the Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award Ceremony, will take place at Nalen located in the city centre of Stockholm.
- Registration and info desk, opening hours: 08.30 – 18.00, all days.

## **Languages**

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

# Human Rights Campaign Corner

This is a place where you will be able to become inspired by human rights campaigns from all across the world. Civil Rights Defenders has prepared a space where you can contribute by bringing your own campaign material, or simply spend some time to look at campaigns by other human rights defenders. If you have brought with you your own campaign material, please feel free to display it here during the entire Defenders' Days.

You will find the Human Rights Campaign Corner next to the entrance of the main building at Djurönäset. All participants are welcome to display different types of material, such as publications, flyers, banners, digital campaigns, and similar.

If you need any assistance, or have any questions with regards to the Human Rights Campaign Corner, please direct them to Beatrice Liliegren who will be at the campaign corner at most times.

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 **On Facebook:** @civilrightsdefenders

 **On Instagram:** @crdefenders

### ***#defendersdays***

Due to privacy concerns for many of the participants, we expect everyone to obtain positive and express consent before photographing anyone at or around the closed part of the conference. This includes persons in the background of pictures! Likewise, you are required to obtain consent before tagging someone in a post, picture or video referring to the conference.

# Agenda

## Defenders' Days – Empowering Human Rights Defenders at Risk 9-12 April 2018, Stockholm

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### MONDAY 9 APRIL – ARRIVAL DAY

- 12.00 –** Registration at the Hotel Front Desk
- 18.30 – 21.30** Welcome Dinner at *Djurönäset Restaurant*
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### TUESDAY 10 APRIL – NETWORKING & WORKSHOPS

- 08.30 – 09.00** Registration at the Hotel Front Desk
- 09.00 – 09.30** **Welcome and Introduction**  
John Stauffer, *Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders*  
Peter Öholm, *Protection Officer, Civil Rights Defenders*  
Location: *Kongressen - 9A*
- 09.30 – 10.00** Coffee Break
- 10.00 – 10.55** **Thematic Meetings**  
Room nr:  
**1A.** Vulnerable Populations  
**2A.** LGBT Rights  
**3A.** Operating in Restrictive Environments  
**4A.** Freedom of Expression/Independent Media  
**4E.** Political Imprisonment: Strategies of Sustainability
- \* Please note that each number represents the house in which the workshop is located, and each letter represents the room in that house. Please see the map for an overview.*
- 11.00 – 12.00** **Keynote**  
Mikko Hyppönen, *Security and Privacy Expert, F-Secure*  
Location: *Kongressen - 9A*
- 12.00 – 13.30** Lunch at *Djurönäset Restaurant*
- 13.30 – 16.00** **Workshop Sessions 1**  
Room nr:  
**4A:** Psychosocial Aspects of Security 1(2), English  
**6E:** Street Medic Skills 1(2), Russian int.  
**4E:** Coping with Informal Talks and Interrogations 1(1), Russian int.  
**2A:** Fact-Checking Social Media Sources 1(2), English  
**1A:** Video for Human Rights Clinic 1(2), Russian int.  
**3A:** Making Your Case – Step by Step to Better Fundraising 1(1), English  
**5A:** Human Rights Lab 1(4), English + Russian int.  
**3E:** Defenders' Database (DiDi) 1(2), English  
**6A:** Strategic Use of the International Human Rights System 1(2), Russian int.
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**16.00 – 16.30** Coffee Break

**16.30 – 19.00**

Room nr:

**Workshop Sessions 2**

**4A:** Psychosocial Aspects of Security 1(2), Russian

**6E:** Street Medic Skills 2(2), Russian int.

**4E:** Coping with Informal Talks and Interrogations 1(1), English

**2A:** Fact-Checking Social Media Sources 2(2), English

**1A:** Video for Human Rights Clinic 2(2), Russian int.

**3A:** Making Your Case – Step by Step to Better Fundraising 1(1), Russian int.

**5A:** Human Rights Lab 2(4), English + Russian int.

**3E:** Defenders' Database (DiDi) 2(2), English

**6A:** Strategic Use of the International Human Rights System 2(2), Russian int.

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**19.30 – 22.00**

**Dinner at Djurönäset Restaurant**

Conversation with and music by Ramy Essam, *Activist and Artist, Singer, Songwriter*

Moderated by: Mesfin Negash, *Programme Director for East and Horn of Africa, Civil Rights Defenders*

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**WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL – NETWORKING & WORKSHOPS**

**08.30 – 09.00**

Registration at the Hotel Front Desk

**09.30 – 12.00**

Room nr:

**Workshop Sessions 3**

**4A:** Psychosocial Aspects of Security 2(2), English

**6E:** Street Medic Skills 1(2), English

**3A:** Digital Security 1(1), Russian int.

**2A:** Fact-Checking Social Media Sources 1(2), Russian int.

**1A:** Video for Human Rights Clinic 1(2), English

**4E:** Campaigning with Limited Characters 1(1), Russian int.

**5A:** Human Rights Lab 3(4), English + Russian int.

**3E:** Defenders' Database (DiDi) 1(2), Russian int.

**6A:** Strategic Use of the International Human Rights System 1(2), English

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**12.00 – 13.30**

Lunch at *Djurönäset Restaurant*

**13.30 – 16.00**

Room nr:

**Workshop Sessions 4**

**4A:** Psychosocial Aspects of Security 2(2), Russian

**6E:** Street Medic Skills 2(2), English

**3A:** Digital Security 1(1), English

**2A:** Fact-Checking Social Media Sources 2(2), Russian int.

**1A:** Video for Human Rights Clinic 2(2), English

**4E:** Campaigning with Limited Characters 1(1), English

**5A:** Human Rights Lab 4(4), English + Russian int.

**3E:** Defenders' Database (DiDi) 2(2), Russian int.

**6A:** Strategic Use of the International Human Rights System 2(2), English

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**16.00 – 16.30**

Coffee Break

**18.00**

Transport to *Stockholm City Hall*

**19.00 – 21.00**      **Reception at Stockholm City Hall**  
Margareta Björk, *First Vice President, Stockholm City Council*  
John Stauffer, *Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders*

The reception is hosted by the City of Stockholm

**21.00**              Transport to *Djurönäset*

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## THURSDAY 12 APRIL – JOINT SESSIONS

**08.30 – 09.00**      Registration at the Hotel Front Desk

### **08.30 – 11.00**      **Parallel Events**

#### **6A. Monitoring Closed Institutions (open session)**

Annika Åkerberg, *Senior Legal Adviser, Civil Rights Defenders*  
Alban Muriqi, *Project Manager, Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims*  
Jonas Ruškus, *Expert Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of United Nations*  
Klejda Ngjela, *Project Manager, Albanian Helsinki Committee*

#### **6E. Human Rights Innovation Initiative (closed session)**

Mathias Antonsson, *Project Manager Human Rights Innovation Initiative,*  
Civil Rights Defenders

#### **3A. Breakout Digital Security Masterclass (closed session)**

Martin L. Fällman, *Protection Officer, Civil Rights Defenders*

#### **5A. Reopening Space for Civil Society: A Conversation about Effective Responses**

Stefánia Kapronczay, *Executive Director, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union*  
Debbie Gild-Hayo, *Policy Advocacy Director, Association for Civil Rights in Israel*  
Pavel Chikov, *Executive Director, International Human Rights Group Agora*  
Aditi Saxena, *Law Officer, Human Rights Law Network*  
César Rodríguez Garavito, *Executive Director, Dejusticia*  
Davis M. Malombe, *Deputy Executive Director and Director of Programmes,*  
*Kenya Human Rights Commission*  
Krizna Gomez, *Research Coordinator, Dejusticia*

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**11.00 – 12.00**      Lunch at *Djurönäset Restaurant*

**12.00**              Transport to *Nalen*

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## THURSDAY 12 APRIL – OPEN PART & AWARD CEREMONY

**13.00**              **Registration**  
Venue: *Nalen, Regeringsgatan 74, Stockholm*

**13.30 – 13.40**      **Welcome and introduction**  
John Stauffer, *Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders*

**13.40 – 16.30**      **The Future of Democracy and Human Rights**  
*See separate agenda for details*

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<b>16.30 – 17.30</b>	<b>Mingle &amp; Refreshments</b>
<b>17.30 – 19.00</b>	<b>Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award Ceremony</b> <i>See separate agenda for details</i>
<b>19.00</b>	Transport to <i>Djurönäset</i>
<b>20.00</b>	<b>Dinner and Celebrations at Djurönäset Restaurant</b>

Please note that the Open Part and Award Ceremony take place in an open setting where the general public is invited to attend. There will be guards at the venue, and we will have a registration desk in order to ensure that we know who is attending. However, since there will be a much broader audience here than at the rest of the conference, please consult with your contact person if you have questions about your attendance and/or security.



# Panellists and Trainers



**Aditi Saxena**

*Law Officer, Human Rights Law Network*



**Alban Muriqi**

*Project Manager, Kosova Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (KRCT)*



**Alexander Lange**

*International Development Officer, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Alfredo Romero**

*President, Foro Penal Venezolano*



**Ameha Mekonnen**

*Lawyer and Board Deputy Chairperson, Ethiopian Human Rights Council*



**Anna Magnard**

*Development Director, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Annika Åkerberg**

*Senior Legal Adviser, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Ben Leather**

*Campaigner, Global Witness*



**Benedicte Berner**

*Chairperson of the Board, Civil Rights Defenders*



**César Rodríguez Garavito**  
*Executive Director, Dejusticia*



**Claus Hesselning**  
*Director of Journalism Programs, Interlink Academy*



**Davis M. Malombe**  
*Deputy Executive Director and Director of Programmes, Kenya Human Rights Commission*



**Debbie Gild-Hayo**  
*Policy Advocacy Director, Association for Civil Rights in Israel*



**Eang Vuthy**  
*Executive Director, Equitable Cambodia*



**Elle Armageddon**

*Writer, Activist and Street Medic*



**Erik Jennische**

*Programme Director for Latin America, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Gabrielle Gunneberg**

*Institutional Development Officer, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Goran Miletic**

*Director for Europe, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Jamila Raqib**

*Executive Director, Albert Einstein Institution*



**John Stauffer**

*Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Jolanta Cihanovica**

*Co-founder, Mozaika. Co-founder, Dia+Logs*



**Jonas Ruškus**

*Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations*



**Klejda Ngjela**

*Project Manager, Albanian Helsinki Committee*



**Krizna Gomez**

*Research Coordinator, Dejusticia*



**Maina Kiai**

*Co-director, InformAction*



**Marcin de Kaminski**

*Programme Director for Human Rights Defenders at Risk,  
Civil Rights Defenders*



**Margareta Björk**

*First Vice President, Stockholm City Council*



**Martin L. Fällman**

*Protection Officer, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Mathias Antonsson**

*Project Manager Human Rights Innovation Initiative,  
Civil Rights Defenders*



**Maxida Mäarak**  
*Sámi Activist and Musician*



**Meltem Aslan**  
*Executive Director, Anadolu Kultur. Co-director, Hafiza Merkezi.*



**Mesfin Negash**  
*Programme Director for East and Horn of Africa,  
Civil Rights Defenders*



**Mikael Ehrlington**  
*Development Officer, Civil Rights Defenders*



**Mikko Hyppönen**  
*Security and Privacy Expert, F-Secure*



**Murat Çelikkan**

*Co-director, Hafiza Merkezi*



**Nadin Yamaui**

*Systems Manager, Foro Penal Venezolano*



**Olle Segerdahl**

*Principal security consultant, F-Secure*



**Pavel Chikov**

*Executive Director, International Human Rights Group Agora*



**Peter Öholm**

*Protection Officer, Civil Rights Defenders*





**Ramy Essam**

*Activist and Artist, Singer, Songwriter*



**Ronan Costello**

*Third-Party Outreach & Government Partnerships EMEA, Twitter*



**Sam Gregory**

*Program Director, WITNESS*



**Stefan Mikaelsson**

*Activist and Member of the Sámi Parliament*



**Stefánia Kapronczay**

*Executive Director, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union*



**Tania Bruguera**  
*Performance Artist*



**Tora Candal**  
*Interrogator, Interpreter and Lawyer*

# Workshops 2018

## **DEFENDERS' DATABASE (DiDi)**

**Trainers:** Erik Jennische, Alfredo Romero and Nadin Yamaui

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In 2016, Civil Rights Defenders initiated the Defenders' Database (DiDi). DiDi is an IT-tool where human rights defenders (HRDs) can register, upload and analyse violations committed against HRDs. The system can be used both online and offline, and the records of the violations can be uploaded in different formats. The database is already working on two continents, and the information will soon be spread globally through a public web page which can be accessed by anyone. The tool is great for HRDs who are monitoring and reporting on human rights violations, and want to save and keep track of their information in a safe and encrypted storage. During the workshop we will work with the tool, upload different violations and analyse all the different possibilities that DiDi can open up for.

## **FACT-CHECKING SOCIAL MEDIA SOURCES**

**Trainer:** Claus Hesseling

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False information and fake photos or videos on social networks are becoming a problem for societies all over the world. It becomes harder and harder for journalists and human rights defenders to fact-check the content from social media sources. In this hands-on workshop, investigative journalist and media trainer Claus Hesseling will show strategies and tools which help to debunk false information on the internet. He will show how photos, videos and social media accounts can be manipulated by a range of actors in a short period of time in order to spread false facts or misleading information.

## **MAKING YOUR CASE – STEP BY STEP TO BETTER FUNDRAISING**

**Trainers:** Alexander Lange, Anna Magnard, Mikael Ehrlington and Gabrielle Gunneberg

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Everyone needs more funds and every day new fundraising tools pop up. In order to figure out which tools are the right ones for you, and how to use them to their full potential, you need a process that starts and ends with the potential donor. This training will explore the full donor journey and how understanding your donor can improve your fundraising process, no matter what the context. For each step, there will be interactive sessions where context specific challenges will be discussed before moving on. The training aims to provide the participants with the conceptual framework of a "know-your-donor" approach, as well as hands on tips and tricks relevant to their specific context.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS LAB**

**Trainers:** César Rodríguez Garavito and Krizna Gomez

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Information and communication technologies are creating both new challenges and new opportunities for human rights advocacy in the world. With an increasing number of both human rights issues and groups, there is a need for new strategies, frames and collaborations. However, the recent spike in nationalist-populist governments and movements (and the anti-rights rhetoric and policies that they embrace), as well as the shrinking of space for civil society across the world,

create new challenges for implementing that vision. The participants in the Human Rights Lab will go through a process of reflection, innovative thinking and exploration of proposals and action pathways that will support them and other human rights defenders in the difficult context they work in.

## **COPING WITH INFORMAL TALKS AND INTERROGATIONS**

**Trainer:** Tora Candal

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Being called to informal talks at the police station is common for human rights defenders in certain countries, just as interrogations at border controls or checkpoints. Interrogation techniques can be tough and include psychological manipulation. Even the thought of being interrogated can be stressful to many of us. The most important protection is to be well prepared and trust your own abilities. What should I say? How do I behave? This training will focus on the most important ways to protect yourself and your information in an interrogation. The workshop is built around active exercises rather than lecturing. Participants will get practical tools for interrogations and the opportunity to share their own experiences if they wish to.

## **PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

**Trainer:** Jolanta Cihanovica

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Your security situation is to a large extent influenced and formed by the psychosocial domain. If you or your staff are under constant stress or on the edge of burnout, it affects how, and what, decisions you make. When planning security measures, it is important that the psychosocial context, and the wellbeing of the staff, is considered in the risk assessment and the corresponding strategy. In this workshop, the trainer will discuss psychosocial aspects of security, as well as give hands-on advice on how it can be dealt with in an organisation. The first part of this workshop concentrates on issues/factors that affect activists' personal wellbeing and what they personally can do to take care of themselves. The second part addresses specific measures that the organisations could introduce/develop to support activists' wellbeing. This includes sharing already existing practices and experiences of those.

## **STREET MEDIC SKILLS**

**Trainer:** Elle Armageddon

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This introduction to Street Medic Skills workshop will combine lecture and hands-on exercises to teach several critical skills for protest medicine. We will cover various police repression tactics, discuss the injuries most likely to result from them, best practices for treatment and aftercare, tools and supplies necessary for a well-stocked first aid kit and proper use of them, and differentiating between several different conditions which seem similar but require different treatment. We will also briefly discuss some basic medic-specific operational security strategies, in order to ensure maximum safety for ourselves and our patients while we provide care.

## **CAMPAIGNING WITH LIMITED CHARACTERS**

**Trainer:** Ronan Costello

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In collaboration with Twitter, working from Twitter's NGO Handbook, this workshop will cover everything from how to find your organisation's voice on the platform to how nonprofits and NGOs have run successful campaigns that delivered important messages to specific audiences. The

workshop will also cover trends, such as live-streaming, and how Twitter's product developments can help you/your organisation to succeed on these new mediums. Finally, the workshop will look at Twitter's ad products and how these can be leveraged to inexpensively boost campaign messages. The session is intended to be as discursive as possible, with participants invited to ask questions or make comments at any point.

## **VIDEO FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC**

**Trainer:** Sam Gregory

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WITNESS works to enable anyone, anywhere to use video and technology to defend their rights. The workshop will focus on how human rights defenders, marginalised communities and citizen witnesses can maximise the potential of video and related ICTs. The focus will be on how to think smartly about strategy, key concepts of how to shoot, produce or curate powerful footage and encourage others to do the same, how to distribute material so it creates a difference and amplifies their voice and power, as well as how to work safely and ethically to protect everyone involved. This will include how to maximise the potential of interaction, creation and advocacy between a growing number of citizen creators, movements and organised NGOs, as well as how to integrate footage shot by perpetrators.

## **DIGITAL SECURITY**

**Trainers:** Martin L. Fällman and Olle Segerdahl

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In the digital sphere, those defending 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, to improve the safety and security of both individuals and organisations. It will cover broad topics such as computers, mobile phones, and social media and highlight what risks there are for data at rest and data in transit. The session will also cover password management and protection.

## **STRATEGIC USE OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM**

**Trainers:** Ben Leather

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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 with the UN in a strategic manner. It focuses on interacting with Special Procedures and the Universal Periodic Review. Through presentations, exercises, group work and peer learning, participants will explore:

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the UN Special Procedures and the Universal Periodic Review? How can human rights defenders interact with these mechanisms?
- What practical and strategic actions and tools can be used to ensure that this input has an impact?
- Where can additional information and support be found and what concrete opportunities are coming up in 2018?
- How is shadow/parallel reporting to these mechanisms built into a broader international advocacy strategy alongside other potential avenues such as the Human Rights Council or Treaty Bodies?

# Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award

On 12 April, Civil Rights Defenders hands out the annual Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award to one prominent human rights defender. The winner is a person who, despite the risks to their own safety, strives to ensure that other people's civil and political rights are recognised and respected.



**The recipient of the 2018 Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award is Murat Çelikkan, a Turkish journalist and human rights defender.**

## NOMINATION PROCESS

The recipient of the award is appointed by the Civil Rights Defenders Board, which chooses between three candidates presented by the organisation's secretariat. The secretariat makes their choices 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.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

**2013**, Nataša Kandić, *Humanitarian Law Center, Serbia*

**2014**, Ales Bialiatski, *Human Rights Centre Viasna, Belarus*

**2015**, Nguyễn Ngọc Như Quỳnh, *Vietnamese Bloggers Network, Vietnam*

**2016**, Intigam Aliyev, *Human rights lawyer, Azerbaijan*

**2017**, Edmund Yakani, *Community Empowerment for Progress Organization, South Sudan*





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Civil Rights Defenders is an independent expert organisation founded in Stockholm in 1982 with the aim of defending human rights, in particular people's civil and political rights. We also support and empower human rights defenders at risk on four continents. We work in some of the world's most repressive regions, partnering with local organisations and human rights defenders to achieve long-term sustainable change. Civil Rights Defenders is also active in Sweden, taking its responsibility seriously for the protection and preservation of human rights at home.