

Defenders'
Stockholm
2015 Days



**CIVIL
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Empowering Human Rights
Defenders at Risk

Stockholm 7 – 10 April 2015

Welcome

We welcome you to Stockholm for the third annual conference, *Defenders' Days – Empowering Human Rights Defenders at Risk*. Defenders' Days is a unique event where interactive training sessions are accompanied by inspirational elements and remarkable networking opportunities. For four days, over 160 human rights defenders from a few of the world's most repressive regimes will be gathered in Stockholm.

Leading experts will provide customised training sessions in digital security, video campaigning, and human rights lobbying, only to mention a few. Prominent representatives from the UN and the international human rights community will attend to connect with the participants.

On 10 April we will celebrate the work and achievements of one of our brave colleagues by handing out Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award during the Open Part of the Conference, held at the Eric Ericsonhallen 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

Accommodation and location of the conference

Djurönäset, Stockholm archipelago (www.djuronaset.com)

The open part of the conference and the Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award Ceremony will take place at Eric Ericsonhallen located in the city centre of Stockholm (www.ericericsonhallen.se)

Registration and info desk, opening hours: 08.30 – 19.00, 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.

ICT and Human Rights

Civil Rights Defenders Digital Security Clinic

A place to meet digital security experts.

- A brief consultation on how you can improve your digital security right now.
- Hands-on assistance on how to solve issues with security technology you are already using.
- Advice on software, tools and methods to stay safe when communicating online.
- Let an expert take a look at your computer if you suspect there is a virus or malware on it.

Social Media Campaign Corner

Next to the Digital Security Clinic you will find the Social Media Campaign Corner, where you can join online campaigns for human rights and Human Rights Defenders all over the world.

Natalia Project

Come find out more about the Natalia Project, the world's first alarm system for Human Rights Defenders at risk.

Opening hours: 08.00 – 09.00, 17.00 – 19.00 and during all coffee breaks.

Tuesday, April 7 – Arrival Day

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

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| 15.00 – | Registration at the hotel front desk |
| 18.00 – 20.00 | Welcome dinner at Djurönäset Restaurant |
| 20.00 – 20.30 | Presentation: “ <i>Movements.org – Marketplace where Dissidents in Closed Societies Can Connect to Experts</i> ”
David Keyes , Executive Director, Advancing Human Rights (Location: Kongressen) |
| 20.30 | Film screening: “ <i>Watching the Moon at Night</i> ”, by Bo Persson & Joanna Helander , with an introduction by Carl Gershman , President of the National Endowment for Democracy (Location: Kongressen) |

Wednesday, April 8 – Trainings & Workshops, International Roma Day

- 08.30 – 09.00** Registration at the hotel front desk
- 09.00 – 09.30** Welcome and Introduction
Robert Hårdh, Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders (Location: Kongressen)
- 09.30 – 10.15** **Panel Discussion: “Repressive Trends for Human Rights Defenders Worldwide: Regional Perspectives”** (Location: Kongressen)
Moderated by: Marie Månson, Programme Director, Civil Rights Defenders
Alfredo Romero, Executive Director, Foro Penal Venezuela
Khalid Ibrahim, Co-Director, Gulf Center for Human Rights
Pornpen Khongkachonkiet, Director of the Cross Cultural Foundation in Thailand
Tabitha Netuwa, Protection and Security Management Manager, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project
Jamshid Gaziyeu, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 10.15 – 10.45** Coffee break (Location: Main building)
- 10.45 – 13.00** **Training and Workshops Sessions 1:**
- A. Dealing with Meetings and Arrests: Part 1(2) **Rory Byrne**, Security First (English) (Conference room 1A)
 - B. Digital Security: Part 1(2) **Eric S Johnson** (English) (Conference room 2A)
 - C. Psychosocial Aspects of Security: Part 1(2) **Jolanta Cihanovica**, Mozaika (Russian) (Conference room 3A)
 - D. Video Campaigning: Part 1(2) **Sam Gregory**, Witness (English) (Conference room 4A)
 - E. How to Use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool within the UN Human Rights System: Part 1(2), **Ben Leather**, ISHR (Russian interpretation) (Kongressen)
 - F. Making your Voice Heard in the Media: Part 1(2), **Jonas Lindgren**, Nordic Public Affairs (English) (Conference room 5A)
 - G. Corruption Research: Workshop, **Miranda Patrucic**, Investigative Dashboard (English) (Conference room 3K)
 - H. How to Integrate a Gender Perspective on Human Rights Work: Workshop, **Eva Zillén**, Kvinna till Kvinna (Russian Interpretation) (Conference room 6A)
- 13.00 – 14.00** Lunch (Location: Hotel restaurant)
- 14.00 – 17.00** **Training and Workshops Sessions 2:**
- A. Dealing with Meetings and Arrests: Part 2(2) **Rory Byrne**, Security First (English) (Conference room 1A)
 - B. Digital Security: Part 2(2) **Eric S Johnson** (English) (Conference room 2A)
 - C. Psychosocial Aspects of Security: Part 2(2) **Jolanta Cihanovica**, Mozaika (Russian) (Conference room 3A)
 - D. Video Campaigning: Part 2(2) **Sam Gregory**, Witness (English) (Conference room 4A)
 - E. How to Use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool Within the UN Human Rights System, Part 2(2), **Ben Leather**, ISHR (Russian interpretation) (Kongressen)
 - F. Making your Voice Heard in the Media: Part 2(2), **Jonas Lindgren**, Nordic Public Affairs (English) (Conference room 5A)
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 - H. How to Integrate a Gender Perspective on Human Rights Work: Workshop, **Eva Zillén**, Kvinna till Kvinna (English) (Conference room 6A)
- 17.00 – 18.00** Coffee break and opportunities for networking and small group meetings (Location: Training Venues)

- 18.00 – 19.00** Analysis and Panel Discussion: “*Digital Landscape for HRD 2015 and Beyond – Challenges and Ways Forward*” (Location: Kongressen)
 From blocking Facebook to hacking your email, the digital world is more and more an arena for various forms of surveillance and repression. But it is also an arena to organize successful human rights campaigns. This panel seeks to illuminate the trends, tendencies, ways forward, and challenges ahead.
Eva Blum-Dumontet, Advocacy Officer, Privacy International
Daniel O’Clunaigh, Facilitator, Tactical Tech Collective
Moderated by: Marcin de Kaminski
- 19.30 – 21.30** Dinner at Djurönäset restaurant
- 21.30** Traditional roma music with **Amé sam rom** (Location: Kongressen)
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Thursday, April 9 – Training and Workshop Sessions

- 09.00 – 10.00** Presentation: “*Russian Repression on Export*” (Location: Kongressen)
Moderated by: Benedicte Berner, Chair of Civil Rights Defenders
Carl Gershman, President of the National Endowment for Democracy
Maina Kiai, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association
Nigina Bakhrieva, Director Public Foundation Notabene
Natalia Taubina, Director of the Public Verdict Foundation in Moscow
Ales Bialiatski, Head of the Human Rights Centre Viasna
- 10.00 – 10.30** Coffee break (Location: Main building)
- 10.30 – 13.00** **Training and Workshops Sessions 3:**
- A. Basic Tips on how to Counter Physical Surveillance: Part 1(2) **Rory Byrne**, Security First (Russian interpretation) (HB Kongressen)
 - B. Digital Security: Part 1(2) **Eric S Johnson** (Russian) (Conference room 1A)
 - C. Psychosocial Aspects of Security: Part 1(2) **Jolanta Cihanovica**, Mozaika (English) (Conference room 2A)
 - D. Video Campaigning: Part 1(2) **Sam Gregory**, Witness (English) (Conference room 3A)
 - E. How to Use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool Within the UN Human Rights System, Part 1(2) **Ben Leather**, ISHR (English) (Conference room 4A)
 - F. Strategic Litigation for Human Rights Impacts, **Sam Zarifi**, ICJ (English) (Conference room 5A)
 - G. Discrimination and Power: How to Strengthen our Human Rights Work by Integrating a Non-Discrimination Perspective: Workshop, **Johanna Westeson/ John Stauffer**, Civil Rights Defenders (English) (Conference room 6A)
 - H. Effective Mobilisation of People and their Social Networks: Workshop, **Andre Banks**, All Out (Russian Interpretation) (Conference room 3K)
- 13.00 – 14.00** Lunch at Djurönäset restaurant
- 14.00 – 17.00** **Training and Workshops Sessions 4:**
- A. Basic Tips on how to Counter Physical Surveillance: Part 1(2) **Rory Byrne**, Security First (Russian interpretation) (HB Kongressen)
 - B. Digital Security: Part 2(2) **Eric S Johnson** (Russian) (Conference room 1A)
 - C. Psychosocial Aspects of Security: Part 2(2) **Jolanta Cihanovica**, Mozaika (English) (Conference room 2A)
 - D. Video Campaigning: Part 2(2) **Sam Gregory**, Witness (English) (Conference room 3A)

- E. How to use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool Within the UN Human Rights System: Part 2(2) **Ben Leather**, ISHR (English) (Conference room 4A)
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- 17.00 – 18.00** Coffee break and opportunities for networking and small group meetings (Location: Training venues)
- 17.45 – 18.00** Transportation from the hotel to the city centre of Stockholm
- 19.00 – 21.00** Reception with **Margareta Björk**, 1st Vice President of the City Council. Hosted by the City of Stockholm (Location: Stockholm City Hall)
- 21.00** Transportation back to the hotel
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Friday, April 10 – Joint Sessions and Networking

- 09.00 – 10.00** Panel Discussion: “*Women Human Rights Defenders – What Specific Challenges and Threats do they Meet?*” (Location: Kongressen)
Moderated by: **Johanna Westeson**, Legal Adviser Civil Rights Defenders
Vanja Calovic, Executive Director of MANS
Kseniya Kirichenko, Russian human rights lawyer and legal researcher, Coming Out LGBT Group
Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders
- 10.00 – 10.30** Coffee break (Location: Main building)
- 10.30 – 11.30** Panel Discussion: “*Successful Human Rights Campaigns*”
 Human rights campaigns have different scope, methods and aims. During this session, we will hear about four highly successful campaigns. Four human rights defenders will share their experiences with you to provide inspiration in your future strategic discussions.
Moderated by: **Brittis Edman**, Programme Director Civil Rights Defenders
Angela Frolov, Genderdoc-M
Zlatan Music, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network
Shui-Meng Ng, The Sombath Initiative
Andre Banks, Co-founder and Executive Director, All Out
- 11.00 – 13.00** Lunch buffet, networking and small group meetings
- 12.30 – 13.00** Transportation to open part of the conference (Location: Eric Ericsonhallen)
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Open Part, Award Ceremony (Location: Eric Ericsonhallen)

- 14.15 – 14.30** Welcome and introduction to the open part of the conference by **Robert Hårdh**, Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders
- 14.30 – 15.00** Presentation: “*Repressive Trends and Challenges for Human Rights Defenders*”
Maina Kiai, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association
- 15.00 – 16.00** Panel Discussion: “*Roma Rights in Europe – Challenges and Opportunities*”
Moderated by: **Adi Sinani**, Programme Officer for Roma Rights, Civil Rights Defenders
Adem Ademi, Consultant, Macedonia
Crina Marina Morțeanu, Centre for Legal Studies and Human Rights, Romania
Diana Nyman, Roma Council in Gothenburg, Sweden
Andrea Colak, Legal Consultant ERRC, Serbia
- Screening of film about the ethnic registration of Roma in Sweden produced by Civil Rights Defenders
- 16.00 – 16.15** Coffee break
- 16.15 – 17.00** Panel Discussion: “*Business and Human Rights: Perspectives on Interactions between Companies and Civil Society*”
Moderated by: **Erik Jennische**, Programme Director, Civil Rights Defenders
Hanna Hallin, Global Social Sustainability Manager of H&M Group
Borey Pen, Technical and Outreach Coordinator, LICADHO
Anders H. Nordström, Senior Sustainability Advisor at ABB
Robert Hårdh, Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders
- 17.00 – 17.30** Keynote Speech by: **Michel Forst**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders
- 17.30 – 18.30** Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award Ceremony
Moderated by: **Benedicte Berner**, Chairperson of the Board at Civil Rights Defenders
- Speech by: **Ales Bialiatski**, Head of the Human Rights Centre Viasna
- Interview with the recipient of Civil Rights Defender of the Year Award
- 18.30 – 22.30** Pre-dinner cocktail, buffet dinner including entertainment by a Swedish artist
- 22.00 – 22.30** Transportation back to the hotel

Saturday, April 10 – Departure Day

- All Day** Transport from Djurönäset to Stockholm Arlanda Airport. For more information, please consult your designated conference representative.
- 13.00 is the latest check out time from the hotel
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Defenders' Days – panellists and trainers

- Adem Ademi** Adem Ademi worked as a programme manager from 2012 to 2014 at the Roma Initiatives office in Budapest. Before joining the Open Society Foundations, he was Programme Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion at the Secretariat Foundation. In 2012, Adem served as a member of the advisory board on youth at the Council of Europe and as a certified trainer, he delivered more than 30 training sessions on national and international youth policies. Adem was also elected as the advisor to the Macedonian government serving as the national coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion. After completing a one-year course at the Macedonian Institute for Media, Adem worked as a journalist for National A1 Television. Adem holds a bachelor's degree in Contemporary Sciences and Technologies from SEE University of Tetovo in Macedonia.
- Adi Sinani** Adi Sinani is Programme Officer for Roma Rights at Civil Rights Defenders. He holds a law degree from Novi Sad Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies and a bachelor's degree in Pedagogy. Previously, he has worked for the OSCE Mission in Serbia on minority integration and non-discrimination programme activities. Adi has also worked with a number of national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations on amendments to the legislation pertaining to protection and promotion of national minority rights, ensuring equal participation and non-discrimination. As of 2013, he is an OSCE certified trainer on combating hate crimes.
- Ales Bialiatski** For over 30 years, Ales Bialiatski has pursued a path of continuous struggle to campaign for democracy and human rights. In 1996 Ales Bialiatski founded the Human Rights Centre Viasna, protecting the rights of civic and political activists in Belarus. The organisation is at the very forefront of human rights protection in Belarus. Throughout the years provided legal assistance to thousands of people and disseminated information on the human rights situation in Belarus. In 2011 Ales was arrested and accused of tax evasion. Prior to his arrest Ales had been raising funds to help repressed human rights defenders and their families. On 24 November, he was found guilty on trumped up charges and sentenced to 4.5 years in prison, in a trial with clear political overtones. During his prison sentence, Ales was prevented from communicating freely with the outside world. After 1052 days behind bars, he was released on 21 June 2014.
- Alfredo Romero** Legal adviser to various companies and individuals on public contracts, public and constitutional law and litigation. Partner, Rosich Himiob Romero Law Firm. Director, Vive and Foro Penal Venezolano, pro bono NGOs that represent victims of political violence in Venezuela. Registered cases of political persecution and filed actions for violations of human rights and crimes against humanity in Venezuela at the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights (OAS) and the International Criminal Court of The Hague. President, Fuerza Integradora, a human rights organization of Venezuelan lawyers. Author of articles and coordinator of books about public and constitutional law, human rights and crimes against humanity. Recipient, Chevening Award, British Embassy.
- Andre Banks** Andre Banks has spent most of the last decade harnessing the power of storytelling and technology to build powerful social movements in the US and around the world. He is the co-founder and Executive Director of All Out. Andre is also Senior Advisor at Purpose, where he was formerly Partner and Director of Strategy. Andre has advised dozens of organisations on fundraising, audience engagement and strategic communications. Andre also serves on the board of ColorOfChange.org, a leading civil rights organisation building a powerful voice for African Americans in US politics. Recently named by Fast Company as one of the most innovative groups in the world 2015.

- Andrea Colak** Andrea Colak has a degree in International Law from the Law School University of Belgrade. As an Open Society Institute fellow in 2004/05, she attended the undergraduate exchange programme at the Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, USA. She has been working on Roma rights issues since 2007 and from 2009–2012 she was Executive Director of the Minority Rights Centre (MRC), a Belgrade-based human and minority rights NGO. During her work with MRC, she was involved in project management and monitoring implementation of Roma-related policies and anti-discrimination legislation, particularly in relation to hate crimes, discrimination in education, health care and housing. She has completed a two-year legal training programme at a law office in Belgrade and has experience in representation before domestic courts and administrative bodies. She joined the ERRC in May 2012 as a legal consultant for Western Balkans and has been working on developing and implementing legal strategy, handling selected cases, legal research and legal and policy review.
- Angela Frolov** Angela Frolov is Lobby and Advocacy Program Coordinator of the information centre, GENDERDOC-M, the only NGO that actively advocates for the rights of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender (LGBT) people in Moldova. She has been working with the organisation for eight years, during which she has established cooperation with human rights NGOs, submitted reports on violations of LGBT rights, including to UPR, participated in anti-discrimination campaigns, and taken active part at debates and open discussions on LGBT issues. Angela has also participated in strategic litigation cases.
- 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 a media analyst and Chairperson of the Board of Civil Rights Defenders. Benedicte is a consultant working with a media project in Russia. She also trains journalists in the Middle East and Northern Africa. She formerly worked for the IRC and IOM in Moscow, and she was Director of International Issues at the European Institute for the Media in Düsseldorf, Germany.
- Borey Pen** Borey Pen is the Technical and Outreach Coordinator at LICADHO Canada which is based in Cambodia and in close collaboration with LICADHO (Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights) and alongside communities, unions and other grassroots groups on the front-lines of peace and justice movements. He works in matters pertaining to the promotion and protection of human rights defenders, and provides various forms of support to communities peacefully resisting forced evictions including client and family care, security, facilitation of community workshops, and digital documentation. He often works with representatives of the communities facing forced evictions. When the communities' go to protest against the evictions Borey and his team use cameras to capture the protest and make videos to expose the truth. Borey has been supporting and worked with Boeung Kak Lake and Borei Keila community in Phnom Penh to get their representatives released from their unjust prison detentions. Recently he has been part of a small team who regularly visits human rights activists in prisons and supports them with medical assistance and morale building. Borey has also worked with the communities to encourage them to use non-violent resistance in their struggle for justice.

- Brittis Edman** Brittis Edman has documented and analysed the human rights situation in Southeast Asia since the mid 90s, in particular Cambodia, where she lived for seven years. Prior to joining Civil Rights Defenders in September 2010, Brittis worked as a Southeast Asia researcher at Amnesty International for five years. She has also worked for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Save the Children. She holds university degrees in Mass Communications and Political Science.
- Carl Gershman** Carl Gershman is President of the National Endowment for Democracy, a private grant-making institution, with a mission to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through non-governmental efforts. In 1999, he took the lead in launching the World Movement for Democracy, a global network of democracy practitioners and scholars.
- Crina Marina Morteau** Crina Marina Morteau holds a law degree and is currently working at the Centre for Legal Studies and Human Rights. She has worked with both national and international NGOs in the field of human rights, including Roma rights. In 2011, she was a fellow at the Open Society Institute in Washington D.C. where she worked on issues related to criminal justice across the US, with particular relevance to Roma in the country. Crina has also worked with a Hungarian organisation focusing on the right to education of Roma children, where she coordinated the implementation of a regional project on the desegregation of Romani children in Europe. She is co-author of a handbook on tackling the segregation of Romani children in nurseries and primary schools.
- Daniel O’Clunaigh** Daniel O’Clunaigh is a facilitator and trainer in security and protection strategies for human rights defenders. At Tactical Tech, he regularly facilitates digital security trainings for human rights defenders, as well as contributing to the creation of security guides including the “Community Focus” series in Security in-a-Box. At present, he is leading Tactical Tech’s “holistic security” project which aims to better integrate the domains of digital security, overall security management and psychosocial well-being of human rights defenders.
- David Keyes** David Keyes is Executive Director of Advancing Human Rights and a contributor to The Daily Beast. He has been called a “pioneer in online activism” by The New York Times and the “IT-boy of human rights agitation” by BuzzFeed’s Middle East correspondent. In 2014, David launched Movements.org, a crowd-sourcing human rights platform, connecting activists from dictatorships with people around the world with skills to help them. Keyes has written for The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy and appeared on CNN, MSNBC, Bloomberg, Al Jazeera among many other media outlets.
- Diana Nyman** Diana Nyman is a Roma expert and a Swedish civil society Roma activist. For more than 20 years, she has worked for the rights of the Roma in Sweden and to improve their situation and living conditions. Combatting discrimination and prejudice in society and pushing the government to take effective measures to ensure the rights of the Roma has been at the forefront of her struggle. Diana has worked locally in the city of Gothenburg and has been the Chair of the Roma Council Gothenburg. She has served as an adviser to government authorities such as the Equality Ombudsman and the Living History Forum. She has been able to influence government policy through participating as a Roma expert on a number of government committees. Diana is currently a member of the Commission Against Anti-Gypsyism, which was established in 2014, chaired by former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Thomas Hammarberg.
- Eric S Johnson** Eric S Johnson has been networking computers for 30 years, supporting independent media in over 25 developing countries, and working to improve cyber policy, combat cyber censorship, and bolster activists’ cyber security. He was architecting and helping to launch the Global Internet Policy Initiative (and its newer sister, the Global Internet Policy Project), the Open Internet Project, the Information Security Coalition, and the about-to-be inaugurated Advanced Global Analysis of ICT Censorship and Network Surveillance Technology Transfer (AGAINST).

- Erik Jennische** Erik Jennische is Programme Director for Latin America at Civil Rights Defenders. He holds a master's degree in Sociology, specialising in democratisation processes. He has 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. Before joining Civil Rights Defenders in 2014 he was a researcher at Swedwatch.
- Eva Blum-Dumontet** Eva Blum-Dumontet is Advocacy Officer at Privacy International in London. She works investigating and documenting surveillance in South America, North Africa and Thailand. As a journalist, she became interested in understanding the impact of privacy and surveillance issues on individuals, as she realised the importance of securing communications with her sources.
- Eva Zillén** Eva Zillén is Senior Advisor at the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation (Sweden). She has worked together with and in support of female human rights defenders since she, together with others, started Kvinna till Kvinna in 1993. As Kvinna till Kvinna works specifically in conflict and post conflict regions security has been on the organisations agenda from the start. Ms Zillén has worked with different parts of the organisations programme, including working in Bosnia and Herzegovina between 1995–1999. One of her present tasks at the organization is to work with WHRD and security.
- Hanna Hallin** Hanna Hallin is Global Social Sustainability Manager of H&M Group, based at the global head office in Stockholm. She leads the social team at the sustainability department responsible for developing and following up global strategies and goals such as the fair living wages, industrial relations and human rights management. Hanna Hallin has a background within the non-profit sector and before joining H&M in 2012, she was the Executive Director of a Swedish think tank on civil society. More than 20 specialists are working at the H&M sustainability department, consisting of three teams; the social, the environmental and the anti-corruption teams.
- Jamshid Gaziyeu** Jamshid Gaziyeu is the Human Rights Officer at the Special Procedures Branch of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), where he leads the team supporting the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. Prior to joining OHCHR, Jamshid worked in political affairs at the UN Office in Vienna and served as Policy Adviser in development and conflict at Global Witness, a London-based human rights NGO. He holds a master's degree in International Law and International Relations from Lancaster University and a PhD in Social Sciences from Durham University in the United Kingdom.
- Johanna Westeson** Johanna Westeson is a human rights lawyer at Civil Rights Defenders. She holds a law degree from Uppsala University and a Master of Laws from Columbia University in New York, with a focus on human rights. She previously worked at the international human rights organisation Center for Reproductive Rights, where she directed the Europe programme and, among other tasks, litigated cases before the European Court of Human Rights and the UN Human Rights Committee. Johanna has also been the Latin America and Human Rights Education Officer at the Swedish Foundation for Human Rights. She has worked with Sida in Bolivia and as a human rights consultant for the World Health Organisation.
- John Stauffer** John Stauffer is Legal Director at Civil Rights Defenders. He holds a Master of Laws degree, specialised in human rights. He previously worked for various Swedish equality bodies, including the Ombudsman Against Ethnic Discrimination and the Equality Ombudsman. He has also worked for the OSCE's (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina as Director for the Human Rights Department.

Jolanta Cihanovica	Jolanta Cihanovica is a human rights activist from Latvia, a co-founder of the only Latvian LGBT organisation “Mozaika” and of the resource centre for people affected by HIV/AIDS “Dia+Logs”. She is a clinical psychologist, as well as an internationally acclaimed organisational consultant. She is also a trainer with 15 years of experience in developing and providing training programmes, both in Latvia and abroad. Jolanta runs trainings in the field of enhancing personal and organisational wellbeing and media communication.
Jonas Lindgren	Jonas Lindgren has been a correspondent and foreign editor for the Swedish news agency, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå, and has experience from Swedish Television and Reuters. He is a senior advisor specialised in media relations, the creation of successful messages and crisis management.
Khalid Ibrahim	Khalid Ibrahim is a certified specialist in the field of human rights with more than 21 years of experience. He has worked as Protection Coordinator at Front Line Defenders and also as Deputy Director & Co-Director for the Gulf Centre for Human Rights (GCHR). He focuses on supporting and protecting human rights defenders in the Gulf Region and in neighbouring countries.
Kseniya Kirichenko	Kseniya Kirichenko is a Russian human rights lawyer and legal researcher. She has been involved in LGBT human rights advocacy since 2007 and works now as the Strategic Litigation and International Advocacy Program Coordinator at “Coming Out” LGBT Group, as well as Director of the Transgender Legal Defense Project. Kseniya is also a member of the Board of the Russian LGBT Network, an inter-regional human rights NGO working for equality of all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity, and Senior Lecturer at Novosibirsk State University.
Maina Kiai	Maina Kiai is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association. Maina Kiai has spent the last 20 years campaigning for human rights and constitutional reform in Kenya. He won national reputation for his courageous and effective advocacy against official corruption and impunity following the violence that convulsed in Kenya in 2008, causing thousands of deaths.
Marcin de Kaminski	Marcin de Kaminski has a long background in combining Internet and technology with social movements. With more than 15 years of experience in grass root mobilisation and communication, he is always looking for efficient methods to use techniques to help good causes – with organisational platforms such as Yelah, Indymedia SE, Piratbyran, Telecomix and the pro-internet think tank, the Julia Group. Marcin has been one of Sweden’s most vocal digital rights defend-ers and has also been engaged as an Internet researcher with a focus on socio legal norms, sub cultures and online activism. He is currently working as Policy Specialist on freedom of expression and ICT at Sida, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.
Marie Månson	Marie Månson is Programme Director for Human Rights Defenders at Risk at Civil Rights Defenders. She started working for the organisation in 1997, first as a programme officer for the Western Balkans and then as Office Manager. She has also worked as Programme Director for the Western Balkans. Previously, she worked for the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. Marie holds a master’s degree in International Relations.
Michel Forst	In 2014, Michel Forst was appointed as the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders. Michael has extensive experience on 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, the 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. In 2012–2013 he was Chair of the Coordination Committee of the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council. He is also a former member of the board of the International Service for Human Rights and a founding member of Front Line Defenders.

- Miranda Patrucic** Miranda Patrucic is a lead investigative reporter and regional editor with the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project and at the Investigative Dashboard. She is an international speaker who has trained investigative reporters, anti-corruption groups and the police in several countries around the world. She was a lead reporter on projects exposing unholy alliances between government, business and organised crime in Montenegro as well as crimes and corruption involving First Bank of Montenegro that uncovered massive misuse of public funds. She was part of the team that reported on how the Bosnian government bought an apartment for the prime minister, which led to his indictment and resignation in 2009.
- Natalia Taubina** Natalia Taubina is Director of the Public Verdict Foundation, an organisation offering legal assistance to victims of human rights abuse at the hands of law enforcement officers in Russia. Previously, she has been involved in the work of the Russian Research Centre for Human Rights. Natalia is a member of the Expert Council under the Ombudsman in the Russian Federation and is also an expert of the Presidential Council on Development of Civil Society and Human Rights. Natalia is specialised in international human rights standards and mechanisms, NGO management, and evaluation.
- Nigina Bakhrieva** Nigina Bakhrieva is Director of the Public Foundation “Nota Bene”, a Dushanbe based NGO. She is also the founder and former Director of the Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law of Tajikistan and leader of the Anti-Torture Coalition, comprising of 12 leading human rights organisations in the country. In her various capacities, Nigina has worked towards the abolition of the death penalty in Tajikistan. She provides training for human rights defenders, lawyers, prosecutors and judges throughout Central Asia on the prevention of torture and advice on the preparation of individual complaints to the UN Human Rights Committee.
- Pornpen Khongkachonkiet** Pornpen Khongkachonkiet works as Director of the Cross Cultural Foundation in Thailand. She previously worked with FORUM-ASIA, a regional Asian human rights organisation based in Bangkok, where she focused on areas of national and international protection for marginalised people in Thailand and in the broader Asian region. Pornpen holds a bachelor’s degree in Social Science and Development from Silapakorn University and a master’s degree in South East Asia History from Thammasat University in Thailand.
- Robert Hårdh** Robert Hårdh is Executive Director of Civil Rights Defenders. He started working for the organisation as a human rights lawyer in 1999. In 2000, he was appointed Executive Director. He holds a Master of Laws degree from Uppsala University, specialising in human rights. He has past experience within Amnesty International as an active member in the organisation’s lawyers group in Sweden and was a board member in the Swedish section from 1998 – 2000. Robert also is a board member of the Expo foundation, which is a privately owned research foundation founded in 1995, with the aim of studying and mapping anti-democratic, right-wing extremist and racist tendencies in society.
- Rory Byrne** Rory Byrne is the CEO and Founder of Security First. The organisation is currently building “Umbrella,” an open source mobile tool to help journalists, activists and aid workers to manage their security on the move. Security First also trains high-risk journalists and human rights defenders in advanced security methods such as counter-surveillance, risk management, secure communications, source protection, preventing insider threats and dealing with arrests. Rory previously helped establish the human rights organisation Videre – the world leader in the gathering, verification and distribution of covert camera footage for human rights.

- Sam Gregory** Sam Gregory is Program Director at WITNESS, which trains and supports activists and citizens around the world to use video safely, ethically, and effectively to expose human rights abuses. He leads WITNESS's work on the award-winning ObscuraCam and InformaCam tools and he also launched the Webby-nominated Human Rights Channel on YouTube. He has worked on impactful campaigns worldwide and innovative training programs, such as the Video Advocacy Institute. He was the lead editor on 'Video for Change: A Guide for Advocacy and Activism', and he also teaches on human rights and participatory media at the Harvard Kennedy School. In 2012 Sam was a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, and in 2013 an Institute for the Future fellow, working on strategies for technology-enabled live and immersive witnessing and task routing for human rights activism.
- Saman Zarifi** Saman Zarifi is Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific at International Commission of Jurists' (ICJ). Prior to joining ICJ, he served as Director for Asia and the Pacific at Amnesty International. From 2000 – 2008, he worked with Human Rights Watch, where he was Deputy Director of the Asia division. From 1997 – 2000, he was Senior Research Fellow at Erasmus University Rotterdam, where he co-edited the seminar book "Liability of Multinational Corporations under International Law" (Kluwer 2000) as well as several other publications on the subject. After graduating from Cornell Law School in 1993, Saman practiced as a corporate litigator in Los Angeles. He was born and raised in Tehran, Iran, and received a BA from Cornell University in 1990 and an LL.M. in Public International Law from New York University School of Law in 1997.
- Shui-Meng Ng** Shui-Meng Ng works with the Sombath Initiative, is from Singapore and has lived in Laos since 1986. She has a PhD in Sociology from the University of Hawaii and has a long history of involvement in aid and development issues. From 1976 to 1986, Shui-Meng was a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. She has 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.
- Tabitha Netuwa** Tabitha Netuwa is the Protection and Security Management Manager at the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP), based in Nsambya, Kampala in Uganda. Her main role at EHAHRDP entails managing the protection programme, which supports human rights defenders at risk. The program undertakes training clinics in security management and digital security. Tabitha has been involved in trial observation missions in cases where human rights defenders face legal challenges as a result of their human rights work. She has worked with research projects to assess the situation of human rights defenders and been engaged in advocacy at national level. She has also worked with the ACHPR, the United Nations Human Rights Council and the European Union.
- Vanja Calovic** Vanja Calovic is Executive Director of the Network for the Affirmation of NGO Sector – MANS, in Podgorica, Montenegro. Vanja has a BSc in International Economics from the University of Montenegro and is currently completing her MSc in Public Sector Economy. She has a strong professional background within human rights work, having held her current position at MANS since 2000. She has also worked for the European Commission and United Nations Development Fund.
- Zlatan Music** Zlatan Music currently serves as the Development and Communications Officer at the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He works on projects, which promote transparency of the domestic judiciary and accountability of the media. Previously, he has undertaken several contracts within the press and public information offices of leading international organisations, such as the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Mission to BiH, and the European Union Special Representative. He has also cooperated with the Internews project to strengthen independent media in BiH.

Workshops

Please note that the workshops comprise eight parallel tracks over two days, covering different topics. The first six topics in the agenda (A – F) involve longer training sessions and consist of two parts. The final two sessions (G – H) are single workshops. The language is specified for each of the training sessions and are given in English, English with Russian translation or Russian.

Dealing with Meetings and Arrests (Part 1 – 2)

Trainer: Rory Byrne, Security First

Meetings can be one of the most vulnerable activities for human rights defenders, as hostile authorities often choose these moments to arrest or intimidate them. This clinic will introduce methods of reconnaissance, planning and managing meetings to mitigate these risks. We will focus on issues such as location selection, conduct of a meeting, avoiding incrimination and reducing the risk of eavesdropping. We will also address methods of dealing with arrests if they occur. We'll use real case studies to identify different types of arrest situations in repressive environments and provide advice on how human rights defenders and their organisations, can better handle these situations. The session will address issues such as emergency response, mental preparation and dealing with questioning.

Psychosocial Aspects of Security (Part 1 – 2)

Trainer: Jolanta Cihanovica, Mozaika

Psychosocial aspects influence your security situation greatly. If you or your staff are under constant stress or on the verge to burnout, it surely influences the way decisions are made and what type of decisions are made. When planning security measures it is important that the wellbeing of staff and the psychosocial context are considered in the risk assessment and the corresponding strategy. 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. 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 already existing practices and experiences of those.

Video Campaigning (Part 1 – 2)

Trainer: Sam Gregory, Witness

How do you develop powerful stories and create effective videos that move your audiences to action? With video-enabled mobile phones now in the hands of many people, a growing number of people creating and using video, and with more platforms to amplify media, how do you utilise your own and others' videos to reveal evidence and stories, challenge propaganda and galvanise publics. What are effective strategies and tactics for thinking through video for change? This workshop will focus on strategies, tactics and approaches that have been effective in securing human rights change, and draw on WITNESS's 20 years of experiences supporting human rights defenders and witnesses to not only film, produce or curate powerful footage, but also distribute the material so that it creates a difference, and work safely and ethically to protect everyone involved.

How to Use Shadow Reporting as a Strategic Tool Within the UN Human Rights System (Part 1 – 2)

Trainer: Ben Leather, International Service for Human Rights – ISHR

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 module will examine how to interact in a UN strategic manner, with a focus 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 input into 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 to build shadow reporting to these mechanisms into a broader international advocacy strategy alongside other potential avenues such as Human Rights Council advocacy or Special Procedures.

Making your Voice Heard in the Media (Part 1 – 2)

Trainer: Jonas Lindgren

Making your voice heard is a training clinic that combines theoretical background and practical exercise. In the first session, we focus on theory including the logic and rationale behind media's actions and how this affects you and your organisation when dealing with journalists. The second session of the training clinic is more practical where we create strong messages and have realistic interview exercises in front of a camera. The purpose of the seminar is to give greater knowledge about media in general and to strengthen your ability to handle both challenges and opportunities in relation to media and other external stakeholders.

Corruption Research (Workshop)

Trainer: Miranda Patrucic, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

This workshop is aimed at giving practical tools for how to investigate and fight corruption. 'Follow the money' has proven to be a successful strategy when uncovering state corruption. Montenegro, an independent nation for only six years, is not the first nor the only country where corrupt officials have figured out how to embezzle national wealth. We will take a look at some real life cases. By establishing corporate structures that include offshore companies in other parts of the world, corrupted officials manage to steal, displace money, and accumulate great personal wealth. Miranda Patrucic has been one of the lead investigative journalists on the trail of corruption in Montenegro and internationally. During this training clinic she will give insights to how the criminal mind works.

– How do they deceive? How do they profit? Where should one look for trails and clues? She will give practical tools and ideas on where to start and how to look for information to successfully follow the money through the pockets of officials, offshore banks and companies.

How to Integrate a Gender Perspective on Human Rights Work? (Workshop)

Trainer: Eva Zillén, Kvinna till Kvinna

UN bodies and other human rights mechanisms have become increasingly sensitised to the need to employ a gender perspective on all human rights work. Human rights violations – not the least 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 and tailored respectively to the different needs of men, women and transgendered individuals. The workshop will explore how we can become more effective human rights advocates by integrating a gender perspective in our work, e.g. by discussing the particular threats that women human rights defenders face and by exploring how torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment (TCIDT) often take gendered forms.

Basic Tips on How to Counter Physical Surveillance (Part 1 – 2)

Trainer: Rory Byrne, Security First

Physical surveillance continues to be one of the most common forms of monitoring faced by human rights defenders – often being used by hostile authorities to gather intelligence and disrupt NGO operations. The session will teach participants how to spot surveillance teams by identifying common characteristics and techniques. Participants will then learn how to conduct simple countersurveillance during their most sensitive operations, using a variety of modes of transport in a number of environments.

Discrimination and Power: How to Strengthen our Human Rights Work by Integrating a Non-Discrimination Perspective (Workshop)

Trainers: Johanna Westeson/John Stauffer, Civil Rights Defenders

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 substantive human rights violations that we fight have a discriminatory component as well. The workshop will discuss different grounds for discrimination and the many forms in which discrimination expresses itself (e.g. direct, indirect, and structural discrimination), and will train the participants to use legal and advocacy strategies to counter it. The workshop will also address discriminatory patterns within our organisations and discuss ways to come to terms with these in order to strengthen our rights approach both internally and externally.

Effective Mobilisation of People and their Social Networks (Workshop)

Trainer: Andre Banks, All Out

This workshop aims at empowering activists and experts with the theory and best practices of online organising as a campaigning tool for sustainable change. It will show you how online tactics and organising can produce short-term wins within a long-term strategy that delivers structural change. Most of the conference participants are already active in “online activism” by starting petitions, sharing news and updates with followers on social networks or using crowd funding tactics to raise money. This session will help you assess how online tools and tactics can deliver the best impact and sustainable change – discussing their added value and limits using concrete examples and best practices.

Proposed outcomes:

- Give you, the activist and expert, a better understanding of how online tactics and tools can be used effectively for sustainable change.
- Share best practices on online campaigning, including message framing, social media engagement, content strategy, partnership building, give you inspiration and keys to use online organising for your own campaigns.

Strategic Litigation as a tool for Protecting and Promoting Human Rights

Trainer: Saman Zarifi, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific at the International Commission of Jurists

Strategic litigation uses test cases to achieve legal and social change through the judicial (or quasijudicial) system at a national, regional or global level. Unlike ordinary litigation, strategic litigation goes beyond contesting the legal rights of an individual and involves considerations of the political, social and cultural context. This training clinic will discuss the value of strategic litigation as a powerful tool for protecting and promoting human rights and will provide an introduction to the required calculation of the serious legal and ethical factors involved. Using examples from around the world and from different levels of the judiciary, the training clinic will help you develop a solid understanding of the criteria for when to consider using, or not using, strategic litigation.

Digital Security (Part 1 – 2)

Trainer: Eric S. Johnson

This non-technical lecture will discuss how to address the highest-priority security threats currently faced by HRDs working in difficult countries. Topics will include law enforcement agencies' ability to access e-mail, instant-messaging, internet telephony, and social network site accounts, the security of communication via the internet and mobile phone networks, theft/confiscation of computers, risks specific to smartphones and SNSs, cyber-censorship, online anonymity, and viruses, malware, and Trojans. Solutions will include multi-factor authentication (which participants will enable), patch management, whole-hard-drive encryption for laptops, tablets, and phones, password best practices and management, and cyber-circumvention (VPNs, proxies). For the intrepid, we will cover encrypting e-mail, IM, and VoIP. Participants will also have the option to arrange with the lecturer for a private consultation to discuss confidential matters, cybersecurity-audit a device, and/or (to the extent resources are available) fix issues, including antivirus and unlicensed software. BRING YOUR COMPUTER AND MOBILE PHONE.

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, continues to strive to ensure that other people's civil and political rights are recognised and protected. Their work is carried out without the use of violence and within an independent human rights organisation.

Civil Rights Defenders has worked for more than 30 years with defending people's civil and political rights. One of our main tasks is to empower our partners, those human rights defenders who work in repressive societies around the world. Our hopes are that the prize will bring light to the work of the courageous laureate and enable long-term strengthening of the organisations' 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 providing courts with evidence and witnesses.

Nomination Process

The recipient of the prize 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.

The winner will receive the award on April 10, to coincide with the conference "Defenders' Days – Empowering Human Rights Defenders at Risk". It is held annually in Stockholm with the first ever inauguration of the award taking place in 2013. The purpose of the conference is to draw attention and to recognise the work of courageous human rights defenders, and to provide a forum for training, discussion, networking, and capacity building. The Civil Rights Defender of the Year is awarded in the presence of some of the world's leading human rights defenders.

The prize

The prize consists of a specially designed statuette (design by Johan Pihl, RBK), a diploma and a cash award of € 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.

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