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Right Livelihood Award Foundation | RLA

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation (RLA) is a non-profit organisation registered in Sweden. Its head office is located in Stockholm, with a branch office in Geneva. The Right Livelihood Award, established in 1980 and widely known as 'the Alternative Nobel Prize', is annually presented in Stockholm to four Laureates. Unlike most other international prizes, it has no categories. The total prize money in 2018 was SEK 3 million. After careful investigation by the Foundation's research team, an international Jury meets to select the recipients. The Foundation provides its Laureates with long-term support and helps them amplify the impact of their work. To date, there are 174 Laureates from 70 countries. Since 1980, the mission has been to honour and support courageous people and organisations offering visionary and exemplary solutions to the root causes of global problems.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Human rights
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Children and youth rights
- Education to peace and sustainability

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Foundation's principal purpose is to bestow the Right Livelihood Award. After extensive research, Laureates are selected by an international jury and celebrated internationally. The Foundation sees its role as being the megaphone and shield for the Laureates and provides them with long-term support. It is committed to strengthening Laureates' networks through advocacy and cooperation activities. It also helps protect Award recipients whose lives and liberty are in danger. The Right Livelihood College is a global capacity-building initiative of the Foundation bridging the gap between activists and academia. This network of nine universities and academic institutions across five continents aims to spread awareness about, and further expand, the pioneering work of the Laureates. The Laureates have solutions to the most pressing challenges of our time, and the Foundation helps them get their messages out to a broader audience.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation's course is decided by its board, which convened three times in 2018. Board members usually also serve as members of the international jury. In September, Paul Ekins (United Kingdom) was elected new Chair of the Board. Ekins succeeds Dr Monika Griefahn (Germany) who had held the position since 2015. Dr Griefahn

is continuing her engagement with the Foundation as Vice-chair of the board. Ole von Uexkull is the current Executive Director.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The Foundation is financed mainly by donations from private individuals. It has a support account within the German charity GLS Treuhand, and there is also a support foundation for the Right Livelihood Award in Switzerland. GLS Treuhand invests a large part of the Foundation's capital according to social and ecological criteria. In 2018 a total of \leqslant 1.788.000 have been raised from donations, and \leqslant 1.931.000 spent, with \leqslant 360.000 spent on fundraising, administration and other expenses. The remaining more than 80% share was spent directly for candidates and educational activities.

PUBLICATIONS

Publications are available at https://www.rightlivelihoodaward.org/inform/resources/publications/

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