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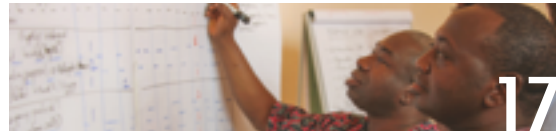
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Dear Reader,

2014 was the year when the Cold War came back to Europe. When violence in the Middle East got from bad to worse. When school girls were abducted by extremists in Nigeria. And when the IPCC warned us that the world faces “severe, pervasive and irreversible” damage from global CO₂ emissions.

These are just symptoms of a deepening global crisis. A crisis caused by the destructive logic of “today over tomorrow, here over there, us over them”. And, tragically, most of our global decision-makers try to solve these problems with more of the same.

But 2014 was also the year when real solutions were blossoming around the world. Solutions that follow a whole different logic of “today for tomorrow, here and there, us with them”. Solutions that are already being successfully implemented around the world through practical initiatives.

These solutions provide countless creative answers for how our global crisis can be overcome. But they do not get the attention they deserve, because, as a Chinese proverb says, “a falling tree makes more noise than a growing forest”.

The Right Livelihood Award exists to make these solutions visible and to support and protect the people behind them. I hope you will be inspired reading about our 2014 Laureates and our work to spread the experience and knowledge of all those who have received the Right Livelihood Award since 1980.

Ole von Uexküll
Executive Director



Cover page:
Laureates Raji Sourani (Palestine, RLA 2013) and Helen Mack Chang (Guatemala, RLA 1992) in Gaza during a solidarity mission organised by the Right Livelihood Award Foundation in October 2014 (see page 19-20).

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2014 LAUREATES



This year's Right Livelihood Laureates are stemming the tide of the most dangerous global trends. These trends are very much upon us already: Illegal mass surveillance of ordinary citizens, the violation of human and civil rights, violent manifestations of religious fundamentalism, and the decline of the planet's life-supporting systems.

The Laureates demonstrate that the choice is entirely in our hands. We can build our common future on the principles of freedom, justice and respect for the Earth. The Laureates show this through courageous acts of civil disobedience and fearless journalism and by acting against human rights violations and struggling for environmental justice.

Video of the
2014 Award
Ceremony



2 million SEK
(210,784 Euro)
prize money

120 proposals from
53 countries

Edward Snowden

USA

- Honorary Award -

“... for his courage and skill in revealing the unprecedented extent of state surveillance violating basic democratic processes and constitutional rights.”

Edward Snowden is an American technologist, former CIA officer and NSA contractor. When he discovered classified evidence that the U.S. government was, contrary to its public statements, secretly operating a global system of mass surveillance in violation of human rights standards and international law, he revealed it to the press. For this, his home country is pursuing him on criminal charges. His actions have precipitated an intense global debate on privacy and surveillance. They have also led to historic rulings on privacy and to changes in policies and technologies.

Snowden is currently residing in Moscow, Russia, and is prevented from traveling abroad. He could therefore not attend the Award Ceremony in person.



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His father Lon Snowden represented Edward at the Award ceremony in Stockholm.



Watch Edward Snowden's acceptance speech in parliament:

“The Right Livelihood Award is a vindication for everyone who came before me to raise awareness to issues of privacy and mass surveillance. We all have something to protect - our rights. I'd like to thank all activists around the world for their tireless support.”



Snowden invited his fellow RLA Laureate Daniel Ellsberg, who had leaked the Pentagon Papers in 1971, to the ceremony. The two met in Moscow a few days later. “Snowden kept his oath better than anyone in the NSA. That sort of civic courage should inspire other Americans to follow suit,” Ellsberg said.

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Alan Rusbridger

UK

- Honorary Award -

“... for building a global media organisation dedicated to responsible journalism in the public interest, undaunted by the challenges of exposing corporate and government malpractices.”

Alan Rusbridger is a British journalist, author and editor of the Guardian, who has been setting benchmarks in journalism for many years. He oversaw the integration of the print and digital operations, making the Guardian the second largest serious English-language newspaper website in the world and one of the most important sources for news on global environment, development and human rights questions. During his editorship the paper has fought a number of high-profile battles over libel and press freedom, including cases involving Wikileaks and the News of the World phone hacking scandal. In 2013, Rusbridger played a leading role in publishing the surveillance revelations of Edward Snowden, persisting in this endeavour in the face of fierce government pressure.



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© Youth Future Project



Together with members of the Youth Future Project, Rusbridger shows solidarity for fellow Laureate Edward Snowden who could not attend the Award week in December.

Watch Alan Rusbridger's acceptance speech in parliament:



“I am honoured to receive the Right Livelihood Award as a recognition for The Guardian's work in establishing a standard for responsible open journalism. The combination of Edward Snowden and The Guardian shows the value of journalism and how journalist institutions can tell stories and defend them.”

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“The reasons the state wants to tame the digital universe are the same reasons which make it an instrument of liberty. Journalism at its best is not only of benefit to humanity but essential to it.” Alan Rusbridger during a discussion with Peter Wolodarski, editor-in-chief of Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter during the Award week in Stockholm.

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Asma Jahangir

PAKISTAN

“...for defending, protecting and promoting human rights in Pakistan and more widely, often in very difficult and complex situations and at great personal risk.”

Asma Jahangir is Pakistan's leading human rights lawyer. For three decades, she has shown incredible courage in defending the most vulnerable Pakistanis – women, children, religious minorities and the poor. Having founded the first legal aid centre in Pakistan in 1986, Jahangir has courageously taken on very complicated cases and won. For her relentless campaigning against laws that discriminate against women, and for continuously speaking truth to power, Jahangir has been threatened, assaulted in public and placed under house arrest. She made history when she was elected as the first female President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan in 2010.



Asma Jahangir gave the annual Right Livelihood Lecture at the University of Zürich in December.



Asma Jahangir supports a demonstration of female athletes, who have been banned from running a marathon with men in Pakistan.

Watch Asma Jahangir's acceptance speech in parliament:



“The award money is going to be used to set up a web radio, to institute human rights awards in educational institutions in Pakistan and to support human rights defenders under threat. It is an award that we share. For me, it is an honour but also an added responsibility to strengthen support for human rights in Pakistan.”



Sweden stands up for women's rights. During the Award Week in Stockholm, Asma Jahangir met Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström (left) and other women's rights defenders at a seminar organised by Kvinna till Kvinna (RLA 2002).

Basil Fernando/ Asian Human Rights Commission HONG KONG

“... for his tireless and outstanding work to support and document the implementation of human rights in Asia.”

Basil Fernando is a leading Asian human rights defender. In a career spanning three decades, he has been pivotal in linking ordinary citizens striving for human rights principles at the grassroots to institutions working for structural reform at the policy level. Fernando, and the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) that he led for nearly two decades, have developed one of the world's most sophisticated “Urgent Appeals” systems. Through its Human Rights School and training initiatives, the AHRC has educated countless lawyers and activists on the principles of fair trial and the rule of law, thereby greatly advancing an Asian movement working towards the realisation of human rights for all.



Every week, the AHRC produces a video news bulletin reporting on pressing human rights challenges in Asia, which is available online.



Watch Basil Fernando's
acceptance speech
in parliament:

“The Right Livelihood Award Foundation's recognition of our work will help spread the message of the pressing need for institutional change in the policing, prosecution and judicial systems in developing countries.”



Basil Fernando and AHRC colleagues at the Award ceremony.

Bill McKibben/ 350.org

USA

“...for mobilising growing popular support in the USA and around the world for strong action to counter the threat of global climate change.”

Bill McKibben is one of the world's leading environmentalists. He has been an influential author and educator for 30 years, and his 1989 book *The End of Nature* was one of the first-ever books written to inform a general audience about climate change. Over the last ten years he initiated and built the first planet-wide, grassroots climate change movement. With the organisation 350.org at its core, this movement has spread awareness and mobilised political support for urgent action to mitigate the climate crisis that is already unfolding.



The global network of 350.org organises protest actions to raise awareness on climate change all over the world. This is the team in Majuro, Marshall Islands, which are especially vulnerable to rising sea levels.

Watch Bill McKibben's acceptance speech in parliament:



“The award money will be used to fund the work of 350.org and its partner organizations. This recognition comes at a perfect moment after the remarkable success of the People's Climate March, and as we start the strongest push yet against the fossil fuel industry and the politicians it has purchased.”



“Tonight we are calling on the City of Stockholm to divest!” During the Award Week, 350.org & Fossil Free Sweden organised a flash mob in central Stockholm to urge the city to stop investing in fossil fuels. Climate-focused campaigns, projects and actions are led by 350.org supporters in 188 countries.

News from PREVIOUS LAUREATES

Feliz aniversário, MST!



In 2014, our 1991 Laureate **Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais sem Terra (MST)** celebrated its 30th anniversary. In 2013, the RLA Foundation had sent a delegation to Brazil to draw attention to the killings of several activists. The international attention generated by the solidarity visit contributed to the arrest of the person who ordered one of the murders.

Mukwege launches V-Men Movement



In March, **Dr. Denis Mukwege** (RLA 2013) and a group of Congolese men launched V-Men Congo, a global movement aiming to end violence against women and girls. V-Men works towards empowering both men and women to be active agents of change and take steps towards achieving gender equality.

Victory for the Indigenous



Successful campaign by 1989 Laureate **Survival International**: All poachers who previously invaded the land of the indigenous Awá Community in Brazil finally left the territory.

“If you’re an environmental activist or a human rights activist, there is a limit to how much you can protect yourself. The best defence we have is to stand with the people and stand for the truth.”

Watch the latest RLA documentary on 2010 Laureate **Nnimmo Bassey**’s relentless work to strengthen the environmental movement in Nigeria and globally.



RLA DOCUMENTARIES

Kräutler meets Pope Francis



When Bishop of Xingu **Erwin Kräutler** (RLA 2010) met Pope Francis in April, he drew attention to the question of married priests, which could lead to solving the shortage of priests in the Global South. After this meeting, Kräutler also contributed to the publication of a new encyclical on the theme of ecology.

Chilean “mega dam” rejected

In June, the Chilean government rejected the HidroAysén dam project that threatened Patagonia’s pristine wilderness. **Juan Pablo Orrego** (RLA 1998), international coordinator of the Patagonia Without Dams campaign, commented: “This was a victory by the citizens: Inspiring a government to do the right thing in the face of a mega-project.”

REGIONAL CONFERENCE in EGYPT


Local networks among our Laureates can foster and strengthen the Laureates' work. This year, Recipients from all over Africa met during the second Right Livelihood Award regional conference, held in Cairo. Several petitions on issues connected to their work were initiated during this meeting.



Our African Laureates signed an appeal to call upon the Congolese government to cancel the exploration permits in the Virunga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. They also appealed to the Nigerian government to finally clean up the oil spills in Ogoniland.

More information
about the conference:



Svenska kyrkan 

The conference was part of a series of regional meetings organised in cooperation with Church of Sweden.



”Food is a human right. We cannot leave a human right in the hands of the private sector.

Hans Herren (Switzerland, RLA 2013)

If I see a tree, I do not look at it as a carbon stock. I see it as a tree, as part of culture. European and American culture put a price on everything. And that puts pressure on Africa.”

Nnimmo Bassey (Nigeria, RLA 2010)

Laureates demanded a paradigm shift in agriculture and the management of natural resources. A panel discussion with Laureates and representatives from local civil society groups took place at Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development in Cairo.



PROTECTING our Laureates

Our Laureates oppose powerful political and corporate interests in their work. With a special protection programme, we try to support those Laureates whose lives and liberty are at risk. In 2014, we sent a delegation to strengthen Raji Sourani (RLA 2013) in Gaza, and made a financial contribution towards enhancing the security of Dr. Denis Mukwege (RLA 2013). We also wrote open letters to Brazilian presidential candidates and to the President of Indonesia, urging them to end impunity for the murders of MST activists (RLA 1991) and Munir (RLA 2000).

Solidarity Mission to GAZA



Raji Sourani and Jakob von Uexkull inspecting damage to property caused by Israeli bombardment in the neighbourhoods of Beit Hanoun and Al' Shujaya in Gaza.

Swedish Archbishop Emeritus Anders Wejryd with survivors of the recent Gaza conflict.



Helen Mack Chang (RLA 1992, in the picture with Raji Sourani) was part of the delegation to Gaza: "There is no peace without mental healing. Often, violence is a vicious circle resulting from the traumatizing experience of war."

The Gaza Strip has been closed for over seven years, and most of its inhabitants live under deplorable conditions. Last summer, Gaza came under seven weeks of intense aerial bombardment from the Israel Defence Forces in response to Hamas' rocket fire into Israel. 56 RLA Laureates reacted by signing a declaration condemning the indiscriminate killing of children and innocent civilians. The Laureates expressed their strong support for "the outstanding and courageous work, determination and perseverance – amidst the thunder of bombs" of their fellow Laureate Raji Sourani (RLA 2013) and his colleagues at the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights.

In October, we organised a solidarity mission to Gaza to support Sourani, who had been unable to leave Gaza for over half a year. The delegation held extensive consultations with Palestinian political leaders, civil society and conflict survivors. They called for Sourani's security and rights to be observed and respected under international law. Furthermore, the delegation discussed the situation in Gaza with several Israeli civil society groups including Laureates Uri Avnery of Gush Shalom (RLA 2001) and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (RLA 2010) in Tel Aviv.

More information about the solidarity mission:



Right Livelihood COLLEGE

Five years into its activities, the Right Livelihood College continues to connect our Laureates with relevant academic institutions around the world. This year, the College reached out to South Asia, opening a campus in Mumbai, India. The Global Secretariat of the College, responsible for coordinating the work of the campuses, moved from Penang, Malaysia, to the University of Bonn, Germany. In addition to the campuses' activities, several other partners organised events with Laureates.



Youth Future Project

"When I come to a conference like this, I see hope on every face I look at," said Nnimmo Bassey (RLA 2010) who participated in the 2013 Youth Future Conference. The conference was organised by the Youth Future Project (YFP), the youth movement within our network. They now finalised a documentary film and published the book "Changing (Dis)Course" to give an insight into the views of young people on sustainability.

Partners

"Teaching Right Livelihood" Conference

At the University of Kassel, Germany, 130 educators and teachers-in-training learned how to bring topics such as ecology, social justice and peace studies into the classroom. Laureates Dipal Barua (former Managing Director of Grameen Shakti, RLA 2007), Sima Samar (RLA 2012), and Raúl Montenegro (RLA 2004) contributed with their ideas and experience at the conference.



Addis Ababa. The Campus is working on a book about our Laureates from Ethiopia.



Santa Cruz. Wes Jackson (RLA 2000) delivered the first RLC Lecture at the University of California Santa Cruz in April. The lecture "We can now solve the 10,000 year old problem of agriculture" attracted many NGOs and agricultural researchers.



Lund. Larissa Stiem, Master's student in Lund, conducted fieldwork together with René Ngongo (RLA 2009) on forest governance and resource use in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Port Harcourt. The campus is planning a research symposium on the effects of climate change in the Niger Delta.



Mumbai. The newest campus in the network opened at the Tata Social Institute of Social Sciences. Irfan Engineer, son of late Laureate Asghar Ali Engineer (RLA 2004), gave the first lecture in August, focussing on interreligious peace.

Campuses



Bonn. In June, the RLC Campus Bonn arranged a workshop with Amy Goodman (RLA 2008). Focusing on media and development, the event took place in cooperation with the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum.



Valdivia. Juan Pablo Orrego (RLA 1998) presented his book "The Entropy of Capitalism" to students in July.

REACHING OUT to young people

How can I make a change for a more sustainable and peaceful world? Get inspired by the courage of 16 Laureates, who are featured in “who cares!”, our new traveling exhibition. It premiered at the Gothenburg book fair in September and will tour around Sweden and other places in Europe in the upcoming years. Contact us if you are interested in hosting the exhibition.

More information
about the exhibition:



Poetry as a tool for peace. Jairo Guzmán from the International Poetry Festival of Medellín, Colombia (RLA 2006), recited his poems at a poetry slam along with Swedish poets at the Human Rights Days in Umeå, Sweden, in November.



You can be part of the exhibition:
Our Laureates share what they are
passionate about. Visitors of the
exhibition share what they want to
change in this world.

Join them: Film a short statement
and upload to Instagram with
#rlamovie

Have a look at the gallery:



MEDIA OUTREACH

Solidarity visit to Gaza, new Laureates announced, Laureates opposing legislation in their country, international trade regulations... We follow the work of our Laureates continuously and highlight their stories. Our global presswork resulted in approximately 4500 articles being published during the year.



The Founder of the Right Livelihood Award, Jakob von Uexkull, received the Swedish government's highest award, Illis Quorum, from then Minister for the Environment Lena Ek for "ground-breaking work to lift and honour those with solutions for questions related to the environment, peace, human rights and poverty reduction".



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In July, we participated in the political week in Almedalen, where Amy Goodman (RLA 2008) was able to broadcast her show 'Democracy Now!' live from Visby, Sweden. She interviewed among others Antje Jackelén, Archbishop of Uppsala, Church of Sweden, about the challenges that climate change poses to politicians and civil society.



Swedish media reported about the new Laureates

Reporting about previous Recipients



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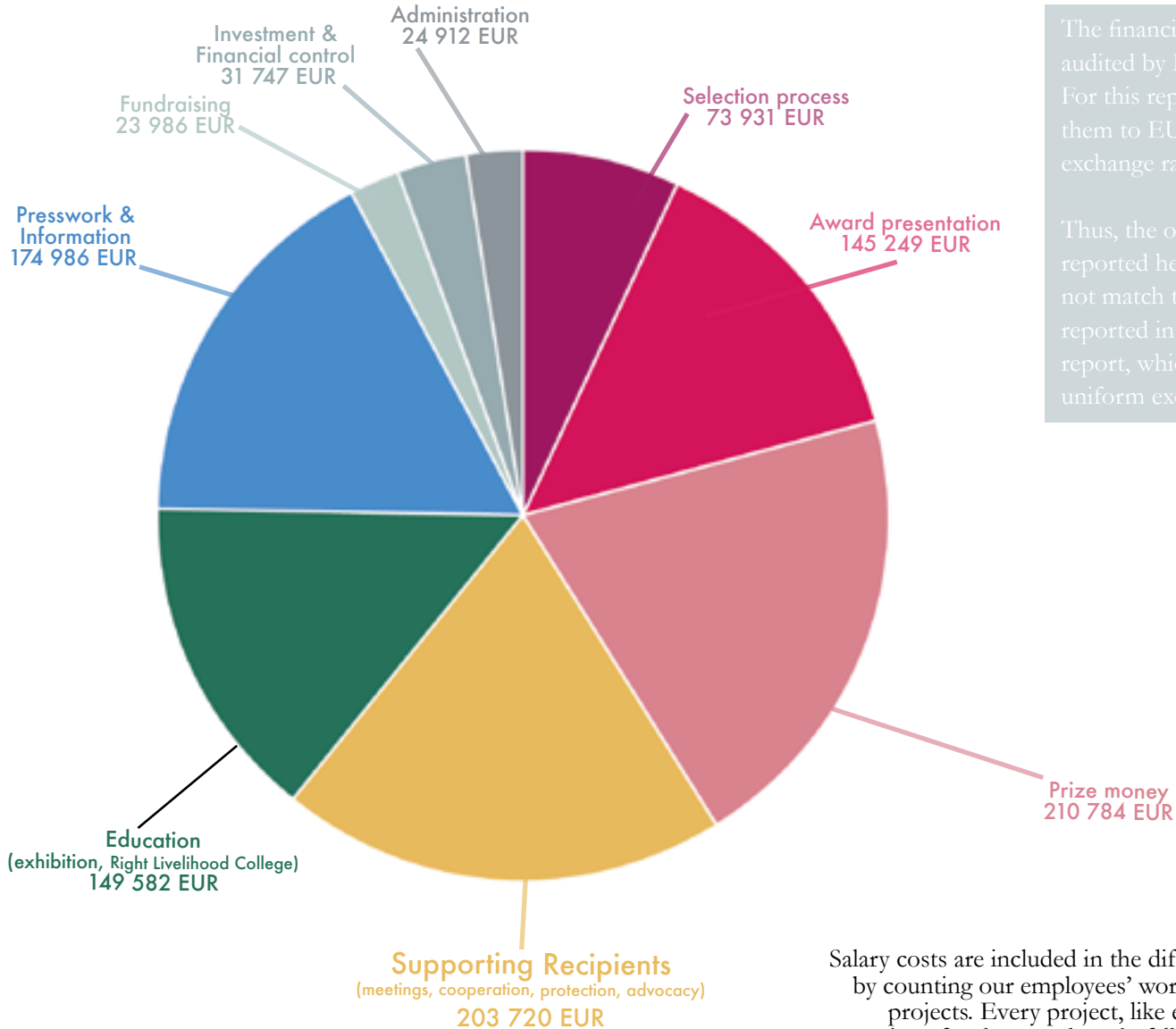
In 2014, we were again able to cover the costs of our work from our donations and capital gains. Thanks to a number of capital donations, we even managed to increase the foundation's equity, which is important to secure the future of the Award. Our capital is invested in low-risk assets and in accordance with ecological and social criteria. Ask us if you want to know more!

The figures presented here include our German support fund "GLS Treuhand Förderfonds" and the donations forwarded to us by our Swiss support foundation, but not the costs of the Swiss foundation, which are presented in its own annual report.



Total Expenditure 2014	1 038 898 EUR
Donations 2014	931 701 EUR
Capital Gains 2014	284 445 EUR
Result 2014	177 248 EUR
Equity 31 December 2013	4 083 919 EUR
Result 2014	177 248 EUR
Capital Donations 2014	326 197 EUR
Change in Earmarked Reserves	- 10 612 EUR
Equity 31 December 2014	4 576 752 EUR

Our Expenditure in 2014



The financial figures have been audited by Deloitte in SEK. For this report, we convert them to EUR with a uniform exchange rate of 9.48038.

Thus, the opening balance reported here in EUR does not match the closing balance reported in EUR in last year's report, which used a different uniform exchange rate.

Salary costs are included in the different cost categories by counting our employees' working days in different projects. Every project, like e.g. the time-intensive preparations for the award week, falls under one category.

OUR DONORS

The Right Livelihood Award is awarded to people like you and me, who believe in a better future and are actively fighting for it. And it is also people like you and me who make the Award possible – by donating to the Right Livelihood Award Foundation.

In 2014, a total of 144 donors contributed to our work. Most of them live in Germany, Switzerland and Sweden. The smallest donation was 5 EUR and the largest was 216,000 EUR.

We are profoundly grateful to everyone who chose to support our work in 2014!

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Capital donations and bequests

Some of our donors choose to make special contributions to our foundation's capital. In this way, they support our work in the long term and secure the future of the Award.

The most effective way to strengthen the Award and its Laureates for the future is by putting the Right Livelihood Award Foundation (Stockholm) into your will.

We are happy to answer all questions about bequests and capital donations and the rules and tax benefits in different countries.

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