Highlights from 2022

As Right Livelihood, we work towards our vision for a just, peaceful and sustainable world for all by organising our activities into four interwoven dimensions:

### Support
Support covers Right Livelihood’s long-term commitment to the Laureates - we strengthen their work through our UN-based advocacy and a protection programme for those at risk, and by expanding their networks.

In 2022 we actively worked with 45 Laureates, nurturing them as part of a growing community of courageous change-makers and connecting them and their solutions worldwide. Noticing that more and more Laureates are forced into exile, we initiated a new project called “Reconceptualising Exile”, together with our partners at the Global Campus of Human Rights, to support change-makers to continue their important work from outside of their home country.

### Honour
Honour captures the international nomination process and selection of Laureates, the Award Presentation and prize money, which all have an immediate positive impact on the Laureates’ work.

In 2022 we considered 175 nominations from 77 countries, with the number of female nominees exceeding male nominees for the first time. The number and diversity of nominations demonstrate not only awareness of the Award but spark hope from the many courageous people making our future brighter.

The year culminated with celebrating four new change-makers at our Award Presentation in Stockholm. The prestige of the Award provides visibility for the Laureates, which means their message is amplified and lasting change can begin to take root.

### Educate
Educate signifies our work to make sure everyone can learn from the Laureates and their profound visions for societal change. We connect activism and academia through our global university partnerships with the Right Livelihood College and the Global Campus of Human Rights.

In 2022 we collaborated with dozens of academic institutions around the world, where the next generations of change-makers were trained and the work of the Laureates expanded upon. We also launched an annual Climate Justice Fellowship programme, which has already trained a first cohort of climate justice activists in strategic nonviolent action, as developed by the late Right Livelihood Laureate Gene Sharp.

### Inform
Inform is Right Livelihood’s communications work. We help the Laureates get their message out to a broader audience, building awareness about urgent problems and their solutions.

Over the course of 2022, we had 7,500 news items mentioning the Award or the organisation, a 47-per-cent increase on the year before. We have also expanded our own coverage publishing 57 news items on Laureates’ current work. We believe that hopeful stories about real alternatives are an antidote to apathy and isolation. Media coverage of the Laureates demonstrates to millions of people that everyone has the power to create change.

More highlights
Fundraising, admin & finance

Fundraising, admin and finance made up 12 per cent of our costs in 2022. These work processes are crucial to generating income and managing Right Livelihood efficiently in order to best reach our programmatic goals. Costs include fundraising campaigns, financial management and audit, board meetings, the investment of a special endowment, and the management of our own property in Stockholm, which saves us a considerable amount of rent. Right Livelihood is audited by Grant Thornton and monitored by the Swedish Fundraising Control.

In June 2022, we hosted 2021 Laureate Marthe Wandou in Geneva, Switzerland. Along with two other Laureates, Wandou took part in our side event at the UN Human Rights Council where they discussed how education is key to achieving gender equality, as laid out in the UN’s Sustainable Development Goal 5.

In September 2022, 2021 Laureate Vladimir Slivyak spoke at the graduation ceremony of the European Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Venice, Italy. He gave a moving speech on what it means to be an activist and of how civil society has been undermined in recent decades, inspiring hundreds of listeners in the audience.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN 2022: EUR 5,347,000

EDUCATE: €2,025,000*

* funding from a special endowment

INFORM: €603,000

FUNDRAISING: €113,000

ADMIN & FINANCE: €535,000

HONOUR: €1,141,000

SUPPORT: €930,000

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