

Highlights from Right Livelihood: 2024 in Review

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We work towards our vision of a just, peaceful and sustainable world for all by organising our work in four interconnected dimensions:

Honour

Honour captures the nomination process, the selection of Laureates, and the prize money - each of which directly enhances the Laureates' work by providing recognition, visibility, and vital resources.

Our Jury of international experts and previous Laureates met in South Africa to choose the 2024 Laureates. Besides conducting research on nominees, our research team also finalised a report in 2024 on the impact of the award-based approach to supporting civil society. We presented the report to representatives of other awards in March 2025 to share best practices and foster future collaboration.

176 nominations from **72** countries considered, with a strong representation of women nominees.

A **535**-page Jury Report produced with extensive research on each candidate.

Nominees visited on **three** continents.

Support

Support work focuses on equipping Laureates with essential tools and networks to strengthen their efforts and enhance their impact. Organised along the cross-cutting dimensions of civic space, gender equality, and the environment, these interventions help foster sustainable and just societies.

In 2024, we implemented protective measures, strategic advocacy, and meaningful connections to amplify the Laureates' voices and safeguard their work. We carried out two solidarity visits to Cambodia and Kenya. By engaging high-level representatives from the international community, media, and civil society, we raised visibility around Laureates' challenges and fostered dialogues rooted in trust and long-term global solidarity.

We met or visited **37** Laureates globally.

16 oral statements delivered and **two** side events hosted at the UN Human Rights Council.

150+ advocacy meetings held to amplify Laureates' causes and drive change.

Educate

Educate signifies our work to ensure everyone can learn from the Laureates and their profound methods for societal change.

We connect activism and academia through our global university partnerships with the Right Livelihood College (RLC) and the Global Campus of Human Rights, as well as training Climate Justice Fellows through our partnership with the Albert Einstein Institution.

Highlights of the year included the International Right Livelihood College Conference hosted by RLC Santa Cruz and the annual lecture at the University of Zurich featuring 2024 Laureate Joan Carling.

100+ meetings dedicated to education worldwide.

15 fellows from **three** Laureate organisations met in Malaysia in June to kick off a new cohort of the Climate Justice Fellowship.

Inform

Inform reflects our communications efforts to amplify Laureates' voices and spread awareness of their transformative work.

In 2024, our media presence remained strong. The announcement of the new Laureates and the Award Presentation were key moments, broadcast across Europe and featured extensively in traditional and social media. Exclusive interviews aired on Sweden's SVT Forum.

Additionally, we continued to publish in-depth interviews, document solidarity visits, and create compelling visual stories that showcase the Laureates' journeys and spread their messages far and wide.

5,438 press clippings featuring Right Livelihood.

Award Presentation attended by **600** guests and broadcast via the European Broadcasting Union and YouTube.

850,000 impressions on social media.

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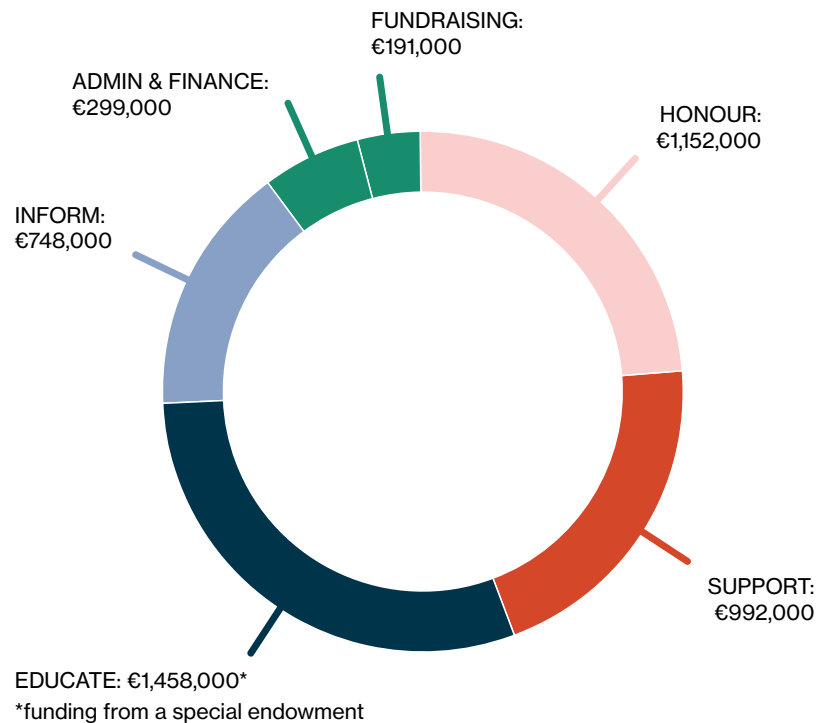


Fundraising, admin & finance

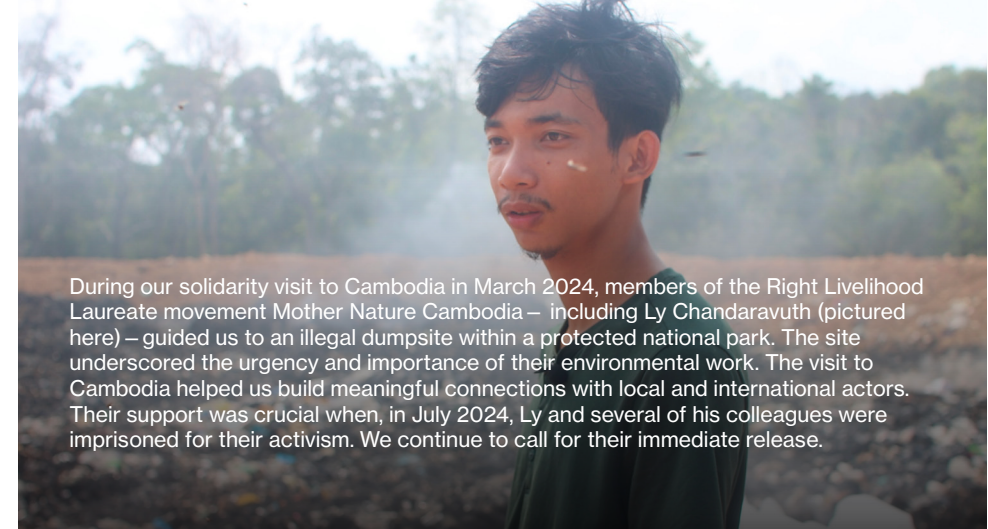
In 2024, our operational expenses relating to fundraising, administration, and finance constituted 10 per cent of our total costs. These areas of work generate income and enable us to achieve our mission effectively. This expenditure included fundraising campaigns, financial management and audit, board meetings, and the management of our own property in Stockholm, which saves us a considerable amount of rent each year.

Right Livelihood is audited by Grant Thornton and regulated by Swedish Fundraising Control to ensure transparency and good governance.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN 2024: €4,840,000



Disclaimer: Please note that the figures presented are preliminary and may be subject to minor adjustments. The final audited numbers will be published in the 2024 Annual Report, which will be available in June at rightlivelihood.org/publications.



During our solidarity visit to Cambodia in March 2024, members of the Right Livelihood Laureate movement Mother Nature Cambodia – including Ly Chandaravuth (pictured here) – guided us to an illegal dumpsite within a protected national park. The site underscored the urgency and importance of their environmental work. The visit to Cambodia helped us build meaningful connections with local and international actors. Their support was crucial when, in July 2024, Ly and several of his colleagues were imprisoned for their activism. We continue to call for their immediate release.



The Award Presentation in Stockholm on December 4 was a highlight of the year, both for the new Laureates and us. Joan Carling (Philippines), Issa Amro of Youth Against Settlements (Palestine), Anabela Lemos of Justiça Ambiental! (Mozambique) and UK-based Forensic Architecture have each made a profound impact - both in their communities and on the global stage. Their unwavering commitment to non-violence, and their courage in confronting oppression and exploitation continue to inspire far beyond their local contexts.



In June 2024, a meeting in Turkey kicked off our new initiative to better connect and support women Right Livelihood Laureates. The newly established Women Laureates Hub unites women leaders, activists and human rights defenders from across regions and causes. "You do need a kind of network that makes you feel that you're not alone," said Reema Nanavaty, representing 1984 Laureate organisation SEWA.