

Defender list

DEFENDER	ISSUE	LOCATION	GENDER
Aaron Maybin	Right to Education	United States	M
Abel Barrera Hernandez	Indigenous People's Rights, Freedom of Expression & Religion	Mexico	M
Abubacar Sultan	Children's Rights	Mozambique	M
Adolfo Perez Esquivel	Steward of Justice and Peace	Argentina	M
Andrea James	Criminal Justice Reform	United States	F
Anonymous	Political Freedom	Sudan	F
Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson and Rev. Allyn Maxfield-Steele	Rural Poverty, Sustainability	United States	F/M
Asma Jahangir and Hina Jilani	Human Rights Strategies	Pakistan	F
Baltasar Garzon	International Law	Spain	M
Barack Obama	Human Progress	United States	M
Bedford- Stuyvesant	Urban Poverty	United States	F/M
Betty Williams	Children's Rights, Peace as Economic Justice	Northern Ireland	F
Bishop Wissa	Freedom of Religion	Egypt	M
Bobby Muller	International Ban on Land Mines	United States	M
Carlos Phillipe Ximenes Belo	Non-violent Activism, Free Expression & Religion	East Timor	M
Desmond Tutu	Reconciliation	South Africa	M
Dianna Ortiz	Torture	Guatemala/United States	F
Digna Ochoa	Human Rights	Mexico	F
Doan Viet Hoat	Political Rights and Imprisonment	Vietnam	M
Dolores Huerta	Farmworkers Rights	New Mexico/United States	F
Elie Wiesel	Genocide	Romania	M
Erin Merryn	Sexual Violence	United States	F
Ethel Kennedy	Combating Poverty, Political Freedom, Free Expression & Religion	United States	F
Fauziya Kassindja	Female Genital Mutilation, Immigrant Abuse	Togo/United States	F
Francisco Soberon	Human Rights	Peru	M
Frank Mugisha	LGBTQ Rights, Non-violent Activism	Uganda	M
Freedom Neruda	Freedom of Expression	Ivory Coast	M
Gabor Gombos	Disability Rights	Hungary	M
Guillaume Ngefa Atondoko	Political Rights	Democratic Repub. Of the Congo	M

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Hafez Abu Sayed Seada	Political Rights	Egypt	M
Harry Wu	Forced Labor, Political Freedom	China	M
Helen Prejean	Death Penalty	United States	F
Islamophobia	Islamophobia		F/M
Jaime Prieto Mendez	Political Rights	Colombia	M
Jamie Nabozny	LGBTQ Rights and Bullying Prevention	United States	M
Jewell Jones	Civil Rights, Political Participation, Equality	United States	M
Jimmy Carter	Human Rights	United States	M
Jody Williams	Protection from Landmines	United States	F
John Lewis	Civil Rights, Political Participation, Equality	United States	M
Jose Ramos-Horta	Reconciliation, Genocide	East Timor	M
Jose Zalaquett	Political Rights, Truth and Reconciliation	Chile	M
Joshua Wong	Freedom of Opinion and Information	Hong Kong	M
Juan Mendez	Human Rights and Reconciliation	Argentina	M
Juliana Dogbadzi	Slavery & Trafficking	Ghana	F
Ka Hsaw Wa	Multi-National Corporate Responsibility	Burma	M
Kailash Satyarthi	Children's Rights, Child Labor	India	M
Kek Galabru	Political Participation, Political Rights	Cambodia	F
Koigi Wa Wamwere	Political Rights	Kenya	M
Lech Walesa	Labor Rights, Political Freedom, Non-violent Activism	Poland	M
LaDonna Harris	Indigenous People's Rights	Comanche Nation	F
Librada Paz	Labor Rights - Farm Workers	United States	F
Loune Viaud	Health Care, Potable Water and Social Justice	Haiti	F
Lucas Benitez	Formworkers Rights	United States	M
Thurgood Marshall	Labor Rights	United States	M
Mairead Corrigan Maguire	Peace	Ireland	F
Malala Yousafzai	Children's Right to Education	Pakistan	F
Maria Teresa Tula	The Disappeared	El Salvador	F
Marian Wright Edelman	Children and Poverty	United States	F
Marina Pisklakova	Domestic Violence	Russia	F
Marisa Carr	Indigenous Rights	United States	F
Martin O'Brien	Human Rights in Areas of Conflict	Northern Ireland	M

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Mikhail Gorbachev	Freedom of Expression & Religion, Political Participation	Russia	M
Mohammed El Baradei	Freedom of Expression & Religion	Egypt	M
Muhammad Yunus	Poverty, Right to Credit	Bangladesh	M
Natasa Kandic	Human Rights in Time of War	Serbia	F
Nelson Mandela	Apartheid	South Africa	M
North Korea	Freedom from violence, Freedom of expression	North Korea	F/M
Oscar Arias Sanchez	Non-violent Activism, Disarmament	Costa Rica	M
Patria Jimenez	Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Rights	Mexico	F
Raji Sourani	Human Rights and Self-Determination	Gaza	M
Rana Husseini	Honor Killings	Jordan	F
The Refugee	Refugee Rights	Syria	F/M
Thurgood Marshall	Criminal Justice Reform	United States	M
Rami Nashashini	Muslim Rights	United States	M
Rigoberta Menchu Tum	Indigenous People's Rights, Freedom of Expression & Religion	Guatemala	F
Robert F. Kennedy	Human Rights	United States	M
Ruby Bridges	Civil Rights and Education Rights	United States	F
Samuel Kofi Woods	Political Rights	Liberia	M
Senal Sarihan	Political Rights	Turkey	F
Sezgin Tanrikulu	Self-determination	Turkey	M
Shimon Peres	Non-Violent Activism, Political Participation	Israel	M
Shirin Ebadi	Non-Violent Activism, Free Expression & Religion	Iran	F
Sonita Alizadeh	Freedom of Expression and Choice & Forced Marriage	Afghanistan	F
Tawakkol Karman	Joining the Women of Peace and Change	Yemen	F
The Dalai Lama	Freedom of Expression & Religion	Tibet	M
Vaclav Havel	Freedom of Expression	Czech Republic	M
Van Jones	Police Brutality	United States	M
Vera Stremkovskaya	Law and Democratic Change	Belarus	F
Wangari Maathai	Women and the Environment	Kenya	F
Wei Jingsheng	Political Participation	China	M
Zbigniew Bajak	Political Participation	Poland	M