

# THE GENEVA RESI- DENCY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFEN- DERS

Every year The Martin Ennals Foundation grants three human rights defenders an important Award in recognition of their outstanding work. In 2020, the Foundation will offer a two-week Residency programme in Geneva to the finalists, which empowers them with opportunities to learn cutting-edge tools and skills, and establish connections at the heart of Geneva, the world capital for human rights.

## LEARNING

Geneva is home to a unique community of professionals and organisations dedicated to human rights work and research. The Geneva Residency programme facilitates training opportunities in several areas:

### COMMUNICATIONS

Good communications are critical to human rights work, enabling defenders to raise awareness and gain support for their causes. During the Geneva Residency, defenders can strengthen their ability to conduct interviews, record video, or use digital communication tools.

### DIGITIZATION AND DIGITAL SECURITY

Information technologies and digitization are transforming the space within which civil society operates. But knowing how to leverage the internet to shine a light on human rights abuses is not enough. The Geneva Residency helps human rights defenders better protect themselves and their data online.

# ADVOCACY

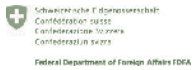
The Geneva Residency offers defenders several platforms on which to advocate for their causes, and connects them to the relevant international human rights and Swiss-based policy-making institutions:

- > The United Nations Human Rights Council
- > Permanent Missions of +180 countries based in Geneva
- > The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- > The Geneva Academy for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law
- > The Graduate institute of International and Development Studies
- > The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- > Swiss-based think-tanks, companies and associations

# PERSONAL CARE

Human rights defenders often work in sensitive security contexts and at great personal cost, but all too often they have little time to invest in professional and personal growth. Self-care is however a critical success factor in their work. The Geneva Residency provides defenders with new avenues and resources to further develop their well-being and resilience.

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