



December 12, 2011

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:
THE 2012 ROGER N. BALDWIN MEDAL OF LIBERTY AWARD**

Human Rights First is currently accepting nominations for the 2012 Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award. Those involved in human rights throughout the world are encouraged to nominate individuals or organizations who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to international human rights advocacy in the areas of *Social Networking and Internet Freedom*, *Religious Freedom*, *LGBT Rights*, and/or *Freedom from Torture*. The award will be presented during a ceremony in New York City in the Spring of 2012 and the winner will receive a \$25,000 prize.

More information about the award can be found here:

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/our-work/human-rights-defenders/baldwin-award/>

Some criteria to consider and include when nominating an organization or individual:

- The nominee's work is unique or particularly distinctive;
- The nominee's work has been effective in advancing human rights in a country other than the United States;
- The nominee faces any risk or insecurity as a result of the work; and
- The nominee would benefit significantly from receiving the Baldwin Award, either financially or as a result of publicity, in the form of enhanced protection, or in any other way.

A nomination form is attached. Nominations are due no later than **February 6, 2012**.

The Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award, named in honor of the principal founder of the American Civil Liberties Union and the International League for Human Rights, was established in 1989 and is presented in alternating years by Human Rights First (awarded to international human rights advocates) and the ACLU (awarded to advocates in the United States).

Previous Recipients of the Award include:

2010: Jesus Tecu Osorio	The New Hope Foundation, Río Negro (Guatemala)
2008: Hawa Aden Mohamed	Galkayo Education Center for Peace and Development (Somalia)
2007: Ivan Cepeda Castro	National Movement for Victims of State Crimes (Colombia)
2004: Amigo Ngonde Funsu	ASADHO (Democratic Republic of Congo)
2002: Dr. Theirno Sow	Guinean Organization for Human Rights (Guinea)
1998: Kek Galabru, Thun Saray	LICADHO, ADHOC (Cambodia)



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Nomination Form

Nominee (Individual or Organization)
Address
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Telephone
E-mail.....

Please explain your reasons for nominating this individual or organization for the 2012 Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award, given by Human Rights First. If you are nominating an organization please provide: (i) a brief history of the organization (ii) a statement of its goals, and (iii) a description of its activities. If you are nominating an individual, please send a resume and description of the person’s work. The nomination should address the following criteria:

- Why the work of the individual/organization is unique or distinctive;
- How the nominee’s work has been effective in advancing human rights;
- What security risks or difficulties the nominee faces in carrying out their human rights advocacy;
- How the nominee would benefit from receiving the Baldwin Award.

No person or organization may nominate themselves. Organizations and individuals from the United States are not eligible to receive the 2012 Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award.

Please include 2-3 additional references that can speak to the nominee’s work.

Nominations must be submitted in English.

Any supporting materials should be submitted along with this form. Such material could include (but is not limited to) recent reports/information published by the nominee, newspaper articles concerning the organization, and letters of support. Supporting materials in other languages should be accompanied by a translation.

Submitted by:

Name
Organization
Address
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Telephone
E-mail.....

Please submit this nomination form and supplemental materials no later than **February 6, 2012** to: Alison Searle, Human Rights First, 100 Maryland Ave NE, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20002-5625, or by email to searlea@humanrightsfirst.org. For any additional information or questions please call (202) 559-9815 or email searlea@humanrightsfirst.org Thank you.