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“Keeping the candle burning”

A call for submissions for **Amnesty International Canada Media Awards 2009**

The essential role that journalists play in shining a light on human rights violations is immeasurable. Members of the public become more aware of human rights violations and are motivated to act and help force governments and opposition groups to change. Journalists deserve recognition for their vital importance in supporting human rights. Amnesty International Canada is now calling for submissions for its 15th Annual Media Awards for excellence in covering human rights stories. The winners will be announced on December 10, Human Rights Day.

“Without the work of journalists, many human rights violations would remain unknown,” says Alex Neve, Secretary General, Amnesty International Canada. “Amnesty International is calling on all journalists writing and broadcasting in Canada, who covered human rights issues this year, to make submissions for consideration for these annual awards.”

Amnesty International Canada Media Awards recognize the efforts of journalists to help Canadians become aware of human rights issues within the mission of Amnesty International. The awards are given in memory of Dr. John Humphrey, the law professor and principal author of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, who died in March 1995.

Journalists are invited to submit for consideration articles and tapes, printed or aired between 1 October 2008 and 30 September 2009. **The deadline for submissions is 16 October 2009.** The winners will be announced in December 2009.

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Awards will be given in three categories in English for:

- * **national print** - including newspapers and magazines,
- * **video and audio** - television or radio / news and documentaries, and
- * **local/ alternative/internet** - covering local newspapers, internet sites and magazines.

Submissions should focus on areas of human rights work covered by the mission of Amnesty International, to conduct research and take action to prevent and end grave abuses of all human rights - civil, political, social, cultural and economic. From freedom of expression and association to physical and mental integrity, from protection from discrimination to the right to shelter - these rights are indivisible.

. “Information is crucial before action can be taken to prevent human rights violations,” says Alex Neve. “Journalists provide a vital link in the efforts to protect ‘rights for all’ that is recognized with these awards”.

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CANADA MEDIA AWARDS 2009

Presented annually in memory of John Humphrey -
principal author of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Amnesty International Canada invites journalists to make submissions for its annual **Media Awards**. These awards are to honour the efforts of journalists to increase Canadians' awareness and understanding of human rights issues.

These awards for coverage of international human rights issues are for reports and features that are within the mandate of **Amnesty International**.

Amnesty International (AI) is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights.

AI's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

In pursuit of this vision, **Amnesty International's** mission is to conduct research and take action to prevent and end grave abuses of all human rights - civil, political, social, cultural and economic. From freedom of expression and association to physical and mental integrity, from protection from discrimination to the right to shelter - these rights are indivisible.

Categories

1. National print - including newspapers and magazines
2. Video and audio - television & radio/ news and documentaries
3. Local/ alternative – newspapers, internet and magazines

Amnesty International Canada reserves the right to withhold the prize in one or more categories if the jury is not satisfied with the quality of the submissions.

Entrant Information
Amnesty International-Canada Media Awards

Eligibility

Entries must be published or broadcast between October 1st, 2008 and September 30th, 2009 and have been produced for publication or broadcasts in Canada.

Jury

English only submissions will be reviewed by a jury made up of representatives of Amnesty International and members of the media.

Date of the announcement

The 2009 Amnesty International-Canada Media Awards will be announced in December 2009.

Print submissions

Please submit the best available copy of the entry in the way it was originally published.

Television, radio and internet submissions

Television entries should be submitted on DVD. Radio and internet entries should be CD or DVD. Please label the entries clearly with the date of the broadcast.

A COPY OF THE ENTRY FORM MUST TO INCLUDED WITH EACH SUBMISSION.

Send entries in English to:

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THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 16TH, 2009.



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CANADA MEDIA AWARDS 2009 ENTRY FORM

CATEGORY (please check)

National Print Video/Audio Local/Alternative/Internet/Magazine

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

NAME OF JOURNALIST/REPORTER: _____

NAME OF EDITOR: _____

TRANSMISSION/PUBLICATION DATE: _____

PRINT MEDIA:

TITLE OF PUBLICATION & ADDRESS:

BROADCAST MEDIA:

NAME OF PRODUCER: _____

NAME OF DIRECTOR: _____

NAME OF RADIO OR TELEVISION BROADCAST OR INTERNET WEB SITE:

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS: _____

NAME OF PRODUCTION COMPANY: _____

URL of INTERNET SITE: _____

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