



Civil Courage Prize

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

-Edmund Burke

The Civil Courage Prize is awarded annually by the Trustees of the Train Foundation. It recognizes acts of *civil courage* – steadfast resistance to evil at great personal risk – rather than military valor. Such acts should have taken place deliberately, over time. The recipients are chosen by the Trustees on the basis of nominations solicited primarily from non-profit, non-governmental organizations worldwide. The prize holds an annual value of \$25,000, and prize recipients are introduced to representatives of the media, academia, government, United Nations, foreign embassies and leading NGOs.

The award arose from founder John Train’s association with Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, of whom Train has written: *“Through inflexible public resistance, in spite of imprisonment and exile, to the nightmare of Stalinist tyranny, Solzhenitsyn was central to its overthrow. English lacks a word for the heroic virtue that this great man exemplified: non-violent courage in cold blood and at extreme risk, in a civilian context, as distinct from valor in war.”*

The prize draws attention individually to extraordinary heroes of conscience. Particularly, it seeks to establish the idea, and the words, of *civil courage* as a necessary bulwark of a good society.

Honorees to Date

- 2016 Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently of Syria
- 2015 Yassmin Barrios and Claudia Paz y Paz of Guatemala
- 2014 Nicola Gratteri of Italy
- 2013 Denis Mukwege of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 2012 Yu Jie of China
- 2011 Lydia Cacho Ribeiro of Mexico and Triveni Acharya of India
- 2010 Canon Andrew White of Iraq and the United Kingdom
- 2009 Aminatou Haidar of Western Sahara
- 2008 Ali Salem of Egypt
- 2007 Phillip Buck of North Korea
- 2006 Rafael Marques de Morais of Angola
- 2005 Min Ko Naing of Burma and Anna Politkovskaya of Russia
- 2004 Emadeddin Baghi of Iran and Lovemore Madhuku of Zimbabwe
- 2003 Shahnaz Bukhari of Pakistan
- 2002 Vladimiro Roca Antunez of Cuba
- 2001 Paul Kamara of Sierra Leone
- 2000 Natasa Kandic of the former Yugoslavia

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