



GUIDELINE

OPERATION DAYWORK – HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

2017/2018

The award is presented to individuals, organisations, movements and informal groups who work with outstanding civic commitment for the promotion of human rights. These rights include the social, cultural and economic human rights as well as the right to work, for fair working conditions, health, education and habitat.

The Operation Daywork Human Rights Award will honor any courageous efforts to defend human rights in difficult conditions. The prize is not only an appreciation of the personal commitment of the winner, but will also help to put different problem areas into public awareness and to protect human rights defenders through international attention, as well as to encourage others to get involved in human rights.

Who are we?

Operation Daywork (OD) is a nonprofit association of high school students from South Tyrol and Trentino. The main objective of OD is to raise awareness in vocational and high school education on issues such as the North-South divide, globalization, poverty and underdevelopment, global climate change and environmental pollution, human rights, and sustainable development models. Through the awareness campaign and the Day of Action, OD promotes active civil society and international solidarity. Since 2007, every year hundreds of students work voluntarily at the OD Day of Action to support the winner, elected by the OD Assembly.

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Nomination, preselection and jury

Nominations for the award have to be transmitted to Operation Daywork **by the 1st of May 2017** using the nomination form.

The OD-student committee makes a preselection of the received candidates. There is a maximum of three candidates admitted to OD General Assembly at the 26th of May 2017. The candidates and / or their proposer will be invited to participate at the General Assembly to present the nominee.

The OD General Assembly, consisting solely of students of vocational schools and high schools, will elect the winner of the human rights award 2017/2018.

Prize

The prize consists of the revenue generated by the students during the OD Day of Action (20th April 2018). In the last eight years the revenue raised varied from 10,000 € and 20,000 €. In the Nomination Form, it must be specified for which activities the prize money will be probably used. The collected contribution will be transferred directly by Operation Daywork to the winner of the Human Rights Award by the 31st December 2018.

Requirements of the OD-Human Rights Award candidates

The prize is awarded to individuals, organisations, associations, informal groups, committees, associations, foundations, or cooperatives which do not pursue any profit-making with respect to the OD human rights prize, but use these for activities relating to human rights.



Funding priorities

The aim of Operation Daywork is to support initiatives that stand out due to their **commitment to human rights** (for example, rights of minorities and marginalized groups etc.). Also they must be initiated or promoted by **locally based** individuals, communities, **local groups** or socio-political movements **with social relevance**. There is no geographical limitation. For more information, see [Criteria for Preselection 2017/2018](#).

Obligations of the OD Human Rights Award winner

The Human Rights Award winner is required to sign an agreement to cooperate in the preparation and execution of the awareness campaign as follows:

1. *Educational trip of the OD-team*

In the summer of 2017 (3-4 weeks in August - September) an educational trip is planned for a group of 3-5 people (Campaign Manager, Coordinator and volunteers) to the land of the Human Rights Award winner. The aim of this trip is to get to know the OD Human Rights Award winner, as well as the social, economic and cultural situation of their country. The team's research will form the basis of the pedagogic material to be used in the awareness campaign. **During this educational trip, the Human Rights Award winner agrees to make contacts in the project's area available. These contacts must be the best possible and have useful knowledge. Finally, the winner will support Operation Daywork in organizing the trip.** The funding of travel will be covered by Operation Daywork.

2. *Explaining the pedagogic material: OD journal, workshops*

The awareness campaign will present the Human Rights Award winner and also educate the students on the historical, economic and social development of the selected partner country in a global context. **This requires the support of the Human Rights Award winner and the proposer to help in the provision of information, stories, materials or interviews** that are necessary for the preparation of the journal and the workshops. As an example, our journal from last year: [TH2016_2017_WEB](#).

3. *Visit of two representatives of the Human Rights Award winner in Italy*

As part of the awareness campaign, two representatives of the Human Rights Award winner will come for about three weeks to South Tyrol and Trentino to visit the interested vocational and high schools in March 2018. **The winner is asked to select suitable representatives.** Guests are asked to **speak about themselves and their commitment to human rights**, and to report the current problems of their country and at the same time motivate, together with Operation Daywork, the students to participate at the Day of Action. During the three-week stay around 30 schools will be visited, in addition to some public events. The guests visit is therefore a very busy time, which requires the willingness of the guests to collaborate and is fundamental in motivating the students to participate in the Day of Action. The travel expenses (flights, food and accommodation) of the invited guests will be paid by Operation Daywork. Operation Daywork has limited resources available, so we ask for your understanding regarding simple but appropriate accommodation.

Filling out the Nomination Form 2017/2018

- The application must not exceed a total of 8 pages
- Questions on the nomination form may not be altered or skipped
- The nomination form must be signed by the proposer
- The nomination form can only be sent by email. The OD Team will confirm the receipt of the email.



More information on Operation Daywork: www.operationdaywork.org.

In addition, please do not hesitate to contact our Coordinator Dr. Lea Mair or our Campaign Manager Dr. Alessandra Volani for further questions under info@operationdaywork.org.

Thank you for your cooperation,
The Operation Daywork Team