



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 \$50,000, 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

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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