

The International Human Rights Funders Group (IHRFG) is a growing network of grantmakers devoted to advancing human rights at home and abroad. Together, we explore ways that our grantmaking can best support the realization of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the treaties and laws it has generated so that all people can live truly and fully human lives.

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A Life  
free of  
fear and want  
based on security  
and equality is  
not utopian, it is  
law – international  
human rights law.

  
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDERS GROUP

Formed in 1994, IHRFG links hundreds of foundation staff and trustees, representing over 200 U.S. and Canadian grantmaking institutions and a growing number in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, as well as individual philanthropists with an interest in human rights. The Group supports the efforts of human rights groups to achieve a more just world by:

- **Promoting** the exchange of information and collaboration among grantmakers;
- **Improving** the use, reach and effectiveness of existing resources;
- **Expanding** resources to meet the growing needs of the field;
- **Facilitating** other funders' exploration of the value of human rights for their current funding objectives.

## Who Can Join?

The IHRFG is open to grantmakers concerned about the state of human rights in the world, not just those with human rights funding programs. Indeed, whether or not you make grants in this field we hope you will join our diverse group of grantmakers. Here you will meet long-time human rights funders; those interested in adding a human rights component to their current grantmaking; others exploring links with their current programs, like health, education, development, and the environment; and still others who simply want to know more about human rights.

Active participants include the largest U.S. foundations, like the Ford Foundation, Open Society Institute and MacArthur Foundation; smaller private, family and community foundations; public foundations, operating foundations, corporate foundations, charitable trusts, and other grantmaking entities, as well as individual philanthropists. Other grantmaking entities that make significant grants in the human rights field and do not relate to other members primarily as grantseekers are also welcome.

## Services for Participating Grantmakers

IHRFG programs and services are continually evolving to address the needs of the human rights community, both grantseekers and grantmakers at home and abroad. The IHRFG offers you the opportunity to:

- Hear and engage leading human rights practitioners, policy makers and scholars on timely human rights issues at meetings held twice a year;
- Network with other grantmakers supporting a wide range of issues and rights throughout the world, including the United States.
- Explore with colleagues new approaches, lessons learned and innovative methods to strengthen your grantmaking;
- Receive information and updates about important developments in the field via our listserv;
- Request assistance in obtaining information, materials, suggestions for speakers, and contacts with human rights groups around the world;
- Access the members' sections of our Web site ([www.HRfunders.org](http://www.HRfunders.org)) in addition to the public and searchable Funders Database, which contains information on funding, grants, human rights supported, geographic focus and more;
- Join or form a working group focused on a specialized area of concern like Disability Rights, Get Off Your Assets!, Fund for Global Human Rights, or Human Rights in the U.S.

## Dues

IHRFG dues are voluntary, apply to member institutions (not individuals), and based on foundation size. While we strongly encourage the contribution of dues, the full benefits of IHRFG membership remain open to all, regardless of contribution.

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