

SILVER ROSE AWARDS 2022

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The war in Ukraine is a daily reminder of the darkest side of humanity. Its' devastating effects displayed in the thousands of lives lost, homes destroyed, families torn apart, people trapped in apocalyptic circumstances and the millions fleeing to safety. In times like this, SOLIDAR, its members and the whole Progressive family mobilise support for Ukraine and organize for peace and common security. Peace is not just the absence of armed conflict it must be an active exercise through which we strive to build bridges between people, engage in negotiations and dialogue among civil society, trade unions, parliamentarians, and local authorities. In its 2022 edition, and celebrating its 20+1 annual anniversary, the Silver Rose will celebrate those who work actively towards peace, dialogue and common security. An individual or organisation that reminds us that with collective action, courage, perseverance, and commitment – another path is possible towards a Europe of peace.

[Nominate here](#)

What is Silver Rose?

Launched in 2001, Silver Rose is an annual event organized by SOLIDAR in collaboration with Socialist & Democrats and Party of European Socialists to celebrate civil society organisations and individuals whose extraordinary struggles contribute to social justice and solidarity throughout the world. This year, SOLIDAR will deliver two awards, one for a Lifetime achievement, based on a selection made by the Silver Rose Jury, and a Thematic Award, via a call for nominations and a final selection by the Jury.

The Thematic Award

Considering the current tragic circumstances, this year the **focus will be on Peace and Common security**. We will collect nominations from civil society, trade unions, activists, citizens or politicians that has distinguished themselves in their work and dedication. The nominee for the Thematic award should be someone who:

- Is active in the field of humanitarian support, human rights, social rights, education, information and journalism, conflict resolution, peace-building or crisis-response.
- Takes part in advocacy, campaigning, social or political actions, community organising, or political journalism.
- Has a positive impact in their communities, on legislation, policies or by bringing people together, or inspiring others to activism and organizing.

The nominations can preferably be linked to concrete achievements, in the form of success stories or similar events, with a local, national, European or international dimension.

Since 2022 is the European Year of Youth, we particularly welcome and encourage nominations for young activists, journalists, organisers or individuals that with their work, activism and commitment enabled youth to contribute to building peace.

The Silver Rose Jury

The Jury will have the role to read through the nominations received and select the winner. The Jury is composed of 3 representatives from SOLIDAR Board, 3 Members of the European Parliament, and

2 members of the Party of European Socialist, assisted by SOLIDAR Secretary General and Secretariat.

Selection process

Through an open nomination process, we are looking for stories of activists, organisations, movements or groups of citizens who successfully mobilised to defend, build peace and a common security at local, national, European and international levels.

The awardee will be selected by the Jury based on:

- Nominee's work's impact, engagement and cooperation with others, in their respective communities, political and public life in relation to the characteristics listed above.
- Nominator's compelling and thorough justification of the nominee and their work.
- The youth dimension of the nomination.

Prize and award ceremony

The awardee will be invited, with travel and accommodation costs covered, to an award ceremony in September 2022 in the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels, and their story will be published on SOLIDAR's website and social media channels. A tailor-made agenda is set up for the awardee to ensure work visibility and liaison with EU actors and Brussels-based stakeholders of interest to their endeavors. Their work is also featured and promoted by SOLIDAR and SOLIDAR Foundation in their digital networks and by its partners S&D Group, PES, EURACTIV etc.

Timeline

- April- mid-May 2022: Open nominations
- May 2022: Selection
- September 2022: Announcement of the awardee
- 28 September 2022: Award ceremony in Brussels
- Following months: Dissemination

Contacts

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Previous winners

Former winners of the SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards include Juan Somavia (2005), the former General Director of the International Labor Organization, the Sudan Organisation Against Torture (2006), Aminatou Haidar (2007), Western Sahara human rights defender, Plataforma de Mujeres Aristas contra la Violencia de Genero (2007), Spanish group of musicians, the Columbian Trade Union Federations (2010), Gunter Wallraff (2015), German author and undercover journalist, and many more. Last year, Myrtle Witbooi, President of the International Domestic Workers Federation was awarded the Lifetime Achievement prize for her contribution to the struggle of domestic workers worldwide.



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!
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