

Silver Rose Awards 2026: Call for nominations for the Just Transition Award

Are you striving to make a difference and advance a socially just and green transition in your community? Are you fighting for social justice at the local, national or European level? If so, we want to hear from you!

In the midst of ongoing **climate and environmental crises as well as social inequalities** that remain unaddressed, we need **ambitious action** that both seeks to maintain the progress already made on these fronts and advance new solutions. Our current reality forces us to set our expectations high as the **imperatives of climate action, environmental protection and social justice have never been more acute**. We face a situation which risks putting the burden associated with the climate and environmental crises on the most marginalised people and communities. In this context, it is crucial to underscore the role of industrial transformation in any solutions to these crises, as a just transition must deliver for workers in the sectors and communities which will be impacted by tackling the climate and environmental crises.

Ambitious approaches to a just transition which put people and planet at the centre do exist, and there are people and organisations in Europe and globally working every day to put them into action. The Silver Rose Awards aim to spotlight these approaches and celebrate those who hold firm in their commitment to **social justice, climate action and environmental protection**. That's why each year as part of the ceremony, we present the Just Transition Award to an individual, movement or organisation fighting to progress a just transition. The 2026 edition of the Silver Rose Awards once again seeks to acknowledge these efforts.

What is Silver Rose?

Launched in 2000, Silver Rose is the flagship award of SOLIDAR. Since its inception, it has been organised within the progressive movement to **celebrate groups and individuals whose extraordinary efforts contribute to social justice around the world**.

Since 2022, two awards have been conferred: a Lifetime Achievement Award and a Just Transition Award. The winner of the Just Transition award is selected through an open call for nominations and a final selection by the Silver Rose jury.

The Just Transition Award

The Just Transition Award aims to celebrate the achievements of people, movements and organisations who have made an outstanding contribution to advancing a just transition in

their given context. We will collect nominations of **civil society, trade unions, activists, individuals or politicians** who have distinguished themselves in their work and dedication to ensuring a truly transformative transition that protects the climate and environment and is socially just.

At SOLIDAR, we understand a just transition to mean **social justice** combined with **climate action** and **environmental protection** in a mutually reinforcing and democratic way. It aims at a broad **societal transformation that fosters the wellbeing of people within planetary boundaries and is based on social and civil dialogue.**

A person or group is eligible for the award if they engage in:

- **Awareness-raising:** Groups or individuals carrying out campaigning, direct action, or political journalism which bring visibility to the need for a just transition and the measures that can make it a reality.
- **Advocacy and policy-making:** Groups or individuals who successfully undertake advocacy or policy-making and have a proven track record in shaping policies, legislation or decision-making related to a just transition in their contexts.
- **Organising:** Groups or individuals contributing to organising and movement-building around a just transition through community engagement or alliance and network development.

Selection process

Through an open nomination process, we are looking for inspiring activists, organisations, movements or groups of people at local, national, European and international levels. Nominees must be put forward by a nominator who will demonstrate the nominee's fulfilment of the selection criteria and eligibility for the award. **Please read the below information in full before making a nomination.**

Who is eligible for the award?

- Civil society organisations including social movements, trade unions, grassroots organisations, policy advocates, community and voluntary organisations, independent journalists, and politicians.
- Nominees must take part in campaigning, political journalism, advocacy, policy-making or organising on the basis of a just transition.
- Nominees must bring visibility to the importance of a just transition, positively shape decision-making, or be successful in community organising or alliance and network development.

Who can nominate?

Candidates can either be nominated by a third party or can put themselves forward. The most important of the nomination is that the candidate's fulfilment of the criteria of the award is clear and backed up by concrete examples, including links to relevant content.

Nominators should:

- Put forward a compelling argument around the impact of the nominee's work on a just transition;
- Outline the nominee's contribution to the visibility, decision-making, or overarching movement building linked to a just transition;
- Demonstrate concrete achievements linked to the nominee's work e.g. case studies, testimonials, success stories, etc.

You can make your nomination via [this form](#). **Nominations are open until Tuesday 30 June EOD.**

The Silver Rose Jury

The jury's role will be to review the nominations received and select the winner in line with the outlined criteria. The jury is composed of representatives from the Board of SOLIDAR, the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament, the Party of European Socialists, the Foundation of European Progressive Studies, and the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), assisted by SOLIDAR Secretary General and Secretariat.

Prize and award ceremony

The awardee will be invited, with travel and accommodation costs covered, to an award ceremony in December 2025 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.

Timeline

- 30 April-30 June: Open call for nominations
- June 2025: Selection of the winner
- October 2025: Announcement of the awardees
- November-December 2025: Award ceremony in Brussels

Contacts

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