

Luxembourg Celebrated the 13th Luxembourg Peace Prize on the 27 June 2025

LUXEMBOURG - On Friday, 27 June 2025, peace activists from around the world gathered for the 13th Annual Luxembourg Peace Prize ceremony. The 2025 Luxembourg World Peace Prize ceremony took place in the historical Hemicycle, at the European Convention Center of Luxembourg. The distinguished peacemakers represent a diverse mix of activists, educators, leaders, and artists from all corners of the globe in seven of the 13 categories.

The ceremony opened with a presentation of the Global Peace Index (GPI) by the Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP), the 2025 version. The GPI is the most comprehensive data-driven analysis on peace, its economic value, trends, and how to develop peaceful societies, covering 99.7% of the world's population using 23 qualitative and quantitative indicators from highly respected sources. The conversation included how the peacebuilding field can use this evidence to better build sustainable peace.

Luxembourg Peace Prize Laureates of 2025

OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL PEACE

Tony Rinaudo, Australia



As an agronomist from Australia, Tony Rinaudo has been instrumental in tackling deforestation and desertification, beginning his efforts in Africa's Sahel region. Rinaudo developed the concept of farmer-managed natural regeneration (FMNR) while living in Niger Republic in the 1980's. Rinaudo and the FMNR technique have benefited millions of livelihoods. Bringing life and sustainability back to these vital ecosystems while renewing livelihoods,

fostering hope and promoting peace. *"Diverting the wasted energy going into conflict and directing it towards a winnable war against land degradation, bringing restoration, peace and prosperity."*

OUTSTANDING PEACE JOURNALISM

Gloria Laker Adiiki Aciro, Uganda



Gloria Laker Adiiki Aciro, from Uganda, received the Luxembourg Peace Prize for her pioneering work in peace journalism and refugee advocacy. As the Founder and Director of the Peace Journalism Foundation (PJF), she has dedicated her career to training over 700 journalists in conflict-sensitive reporting, focusing on peacebuilding rhetoric and inclusive storytelling. She also founded the Uganda Refugee and Migration Media Network, launching Refugee Online News to challenge exploitative reporting on refugees. Her commitment to youth and refugee-led storytelling has played a crucial role in fostering sustainable peace. *“Peace journalism is the art of choosing healing over harm.”*

OUTSTANDING PEACE PROCESS

Dror Rubin and Ghadir Hani, Israel and Palestine



Dror Rubin and Ghadir Hani are peace advocates, working to solve the conflicts between the Muslim and Jewish people in Israel. With their leadership roles in the Constituencies for Peace - Religious Leaders Initiative, they have influence on religious actors and leaders in the region. These leaders can then engage the communities in promoting peace. The two also work to gather those of mixed faiths and express

the importance of religions and the values they have— making sure all people know how to live around those of differing faiths. They have dedicated their mission to end this conflict in Israel and create peace. *“There is no way for peace, peace is the way” (In memory of Vivian Silver, a well known peace activists that was murdered in October 7th) - Ghadir*

“Trust will be built upon introduction, we were not forced to live next to each other, we were chosen to be neighbours in the holy land- not one on top of the other but next to one another.” - Dror

OUTSTANDING PEACE SUPPORT

Chiche!, Luxembourg



Chiche!, a restaurant co-founded by Marianne Donven, received the Luxembourg Peace Prize for its dedication to refugee rights and social justice. The restaurant offers employment opportunities to refugees and promotes cultural exchange, helping integrate them into Luxembourgish society. *Chiche!* creates a space where refugees can rebuild their lives through work while sharing their stories and cultures with the local community. *Chiche!*'s recognition underscores its important role in fostering inclusivity and social justice in Luxembourg. “*Inclusion is delicious.*”

OUTSTANDING PEACE ACTIVISM

Jennifer Teege, Germany



Jennifer Teege is a German *New York Times* bestselling author that has been determined in her efforts to actively inspire people to meaningfully engage in global progress. Jennifer aims to teach people that history is not something you look back on and say it is inevitable, she emphasizes the importance of learning from history and preventing it from being repeated. Another important aspect of her work includes interfaith dialogue. She has been involved in multiple peace projects including Flame of Hope and the Ehlerding Stiftung.. “*Peace starts in our heads.*”

OUTSTANDING PEACE ACTIVISM

World Central Kitchen, USA



Founded by humanitarian and Michelin star Chef José Andrés in response to the 2010 Haiti earthquake, World Central Kitchen (WCK) has transformed crisis response with a simple yet radical belief: “*Everyone deserves a hot meal served with dignity.*”

WCK has served over 500 million meals across 50+ countries, bringing nourishment, hope, humanity, and peace. Whether in Ukraine, Gaza, or Puerto Rico, WCK listens, adapts, and acts - empowering local chefs, respecting cultures, and meeting people where they are.

WCK's mission has come with sacrifice. In April 2024, seven aid workers were tragically killed in Gaza - a solemn reminder of the risks faced by humanitarian heroes. Yet their legacy fuels the resolve to continue feeding communities in crisis. *"People don't want our pity. People want our respect. I learned that we must listen when we're trying to help the people of the world. We should not impose what we think they should do, we need to listen."* - Chef José Andrés.

World Central Kitchen shows the world that peace can start with a plate of food - warm, shared, and offered with love.

OUTSTANDING YOUTH PEACEMAKER

Peace Activists Afghanistan (PAA)



Born from a 2008 peacebuilding workshop, the Peace Activists from Afghanistan (PAA) grew into a diverse youth-led movement promoting nonviolence, equality, and sustainability. They created Peace Park, ran permaculture workshops, and opened a free school for working children, combining education with food support. Through campaigns, global dialogues, and ecological projects, PAA fostered peace and solidarity across 73 countries.

Their work continues abroad, with plans for Afghanistan's first Institute for Nonviolence and Sustainability. PAA proves that even in conflict, youth can lead transformative change—patiently building peace, community, and hope.

About the Schengen Peace Foundation, World Peace Forum and Luxembourg Peace Prize

For the thirteenth consecutive year, the Schengen Peace Foundation and the World Peace Forum will be awarding the prestigious Luxembourg Peace Prize to outstanding peacemakers from across the world in Luxembourg. The award comes in alignment with the efforts of the Schengen Peace Foundation, founded in 2005, and approved in 2007 by His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri, as a Peace Think Tank, supporting peace building. In the 'Spirit of Schengen,' the Schengen Peace Foundation initiated the World Peace Forum, a global platform for peace activists and peace initiatives. The annual multi-disciplinarian event of the World Peace Forum connects peace activists from around the world to meet, exchange ideas and together achieve greater impact.

In 2012, the Luxembourg Peace Prize was first introduced as an award to outstanding peacemakers across the world. Laureates first received a bronze medal depicting Nelson Mandela. Since 2017, Laureates receive a sculpture of a three legged chair by the Columbian artist Duvan Lopez, for which we are the fourth leg of the chair at the table to build peace. The original life size statue is housed in the library of the University of Luxembourg.

Registration is available online at www.LuxembourgPeacePrize.org

Note for the media: For additional information, press credentials/registration, interviews with the laureates and pictures of the Award Ceremony, you can contact:

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