

# WALLENBERG

The NSW Government established the NSW Human Rights Award in 2012 to pay tribute to a person who has made lasting and meaningful contributions to the advancement of human rights. Through the Award the NSW Government also makes a definitive statement that NSW is grateful for, and supports the tireless efforts of human rights activists in promoting human rights for all.

The Award was established in memory of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg who saved tens of thousands of lives during the Holocaust in World War II.



THE NSW HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD  
NOMINATION GUIDE

**MESSAGE FROM THE NSW  
PREMIER  
THE HON. MIKE BAIRD MP.**



I am delighted to wholeheartedly endorse the 2015 NSW Human Rights Award.

Individuals who demonstrate a commitment to championing the rights of ordinary Australians deserve our unwavering support.

The NSW Human Rights Award spotlights the work of incredible individuals who are committed to upholding the value of human rights in our everyday lives.

The inaugural Human Rights Award winner, Mr Andrew Penfold AM, is an Aboriginal education pioneer who altered the life options of many indigenous Australians by making education accessible through the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation.

Last year's winner, Ms Maha Krayem Abdo OAM, received the Award for promoting social justice, and for empowering women and youth from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

This year, I am looking forward to highlighting the work of yet another exceptional individual.

On behalf of the NSW Government, I strongly encourage participation in this very worthy initiative, and I say a sincere thank you to all of our unsung community heroes.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Mike Baird in white ink.

**Mike Baird**  
Premier of NSW

## **THE NEW SOUTH WALES HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD OBJECTIVES**

The NSW Human Rights Award is presented annually by the Premier to a worthy recipient, on behalf of the NSW Government, and aims to:

- recognise extraordinary efforts in the human rights arena
- ensure human rights advocates feel encouraged, supported and recognised in a meaningful and public manner
- encourage further efforts in the human rights arena
- provide a fitting memorial for Raoul Wallenberg, who saved thousands of lives during the Holocaust.

**MESSAGE FROM  
THE HON. JOHN AJAKA MLC  
Minister for Multiculturalism.**



Each year the NSW Government ensures recognition is given to an outstanding individual whose activism has made a difference to people's lives. The NSW Human Rights Award gives us the opportunity to celebrate the empowering work and achievements of everyday people who are deeply committed to advocating for human rights.

The NSW Human Rights Award is dedicated to the memory of Raoul Wallenberg who is widely recognised for his courage and brave actions in successfully saving thousands of lives during the Holocaust.

To date the Award has a history of impressive recipients including Mr Andrew Penfold AM, founder of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and also Ms Maha Krayem Abdo OAM, Executive Officer of the Muslim Women's Association.

I am excited to recognise the work of yet another exceptional Australian and I am also confident that this Award will increase awareness across the community of human rights issues and how inspiring individuals have overcome injustices to create greater social harmony.

Nominations are now open and I encourage your participation in this year's Award.

A stylized, handwritten signature of John Ajaka in dark ink.

**John Ajaka MLC**  
Minister for Multiculturalism

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The NSW Human Rights Award is presented to an Australian citizen or permanent resident to recognise their extraordinary efforts and their demonstrated commitments in the human rights arena.

Nominees for the Award will be considered without regard to race, national origin, political association, religion/creed or gender.

Nominations must be made on the NSW Human Rights Award Nomination Form and must be supported by two referees. Nominations can include supporting documentation.

The nomination should fully describe the nature and extent of the nominee's activities and address the criteria.



## JUDGING CRITERIA

The NSW Human Rights Award will be awarded to an individual whose life and work have demonstrated significant contributions to:

- the advocacy, promotion, and advancement of human rights locally, nationally or internationally
- the philosophy, language and practice in the area of human rights.

The judging panel will comprise three eminent members of the Australian community. The judges' assessment of each nomination will be bound by the judging criteria. The judging panel will assess each nomination according to the criteria and select a winning candidate. The decision of the judging panel is final and all nominators and nominees acknowledge and accept this fact.

In addition to the judging criteria outlined, the judging panel may give consideration to one or more of the following:

- Continuing and significant contribution to the advancement of human rights
- The extent to which the contribution may be considered noteworthy
- Length and degree of contribution and service
- The degree of lasting or meaningful contribution to the advancement of human rights
- The extent to which the contribution may be considered above and beyond the call of duty
- The extent to which the nominee's contribution is recognised by his or her peers and community or the wider community

Any current Multicultural NSW Advisory Board member, employee of Multicultural NSW or member of the judging panel is not eligible to be considered as a nominee.

The judging panel reserves the right to present two Awards. In the event that nominees are not judged to be of a high enough standard, an Award will not be presented.

## AWARD RECIPIENT

The Award recipient will be presented with a specially struck medal and a \$5,000 cash prize.

The recipient will become the NSW Human Rights Ambassador for the following 12 months and has the opportunity to perform roles related to the advancement of human rights on behalf of the NSW Government such as speaking at events, schools and conferences.

Nominations close at 5 pm on 21 August 2015.

Forms should be posted to:

The NSW Human Rights Award, Multicultural NSW,  
PO Box A2618, Sydney South, NSW, 1235, or hand  
delivered to: Level 8, 175 Castlereagh St, Sydney, or  
email to [haward@multicultural.nsw.gov.au](mailto:haward@multicultural.nsw.gov.au)



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Nominations must be made on this Nomination Form.
2. If more space is required, you may attach extra pages.
3. Copies of supporting material such as photographs or documents may be attached to the application. Please supply copies only, as originals will not be returned.
4. Forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to Multicultural NSW by 5 pm Friday, 21 August 2015.
5. Forms should be posted to: The NSW Human Rights Award, Multicultural NSW, PO Box A2618, Sydney South, NSW, 1235, or hand delivered to: Level 8, 175 Castlereagh St, Sydney or email to [haward@multicultural.nsw.gov.au](mailto:haward@multicultural.nsw.gov.au)
6. Any questions may be emailed to: [haward@multicultural.nsw.gov.au](mailto:haward@multicultural.nsw.gov.au)

## THE NSW HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD NOMINATION FORM



### NOMINEE

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Postal Address:

Contact no:

Email address:

Signature:

Date:

### NOMINATOR

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Postal Address:

Contact no:

Email address:

I nominate the above named nominee for the NSW Human Rights Award. I am willing to be contacted by the judging panel to clarify any aspect of this nomination.

Signature:

Date:

In less than 300 words, describe how the nominee's life and work has demonstrated significant contributions to the advocacy, promotion, and advancement of human rights locally, nationally or internationally.

In less than 250 words, describe how the nominee's life and work has demonstrated significant contributions to the philosophy, language and practice in the area of human rights.

## REFEREES

Please give details of two referees who may be contacted to support the nomination and the nominee.

### Referee 1

Name:

Contact no:

Email address:

In what capacity does he/she know the nominee?

### Referee 2

Name:

Contact no:

Email address:

In what capacity does he/she know the nominee?



## Supporting Documentation

All nominations must be made on the NSW Human Rights Award Nomination Form.

Supporting documentation is acceptable. **Please supply copies only.**

## Judging

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. For information about the judges of the 2015 NSW Human Rights Award, please refer to the NSW Human Rights Award web pages at [www.multicultural.nsw.gov.au](http://www.multicultural.nsw.gov.au).

## Announcement of winner

The Award winner will be announced at an Award ceremony in September 2015.

*Please note that by entering the NSW Human Rights Award, you agree to your name, organisation and details of your supporting material being published on Multicultural NSW's website.*

*If you do not wish for these details to be published, please email: [haward@multicultural.nsw.gov.au](mailto:haward@multicultural.nsw.gov.au)*