

#StandUp4HumanRights March Demands Human Rights Be Recognized

Human rights advocates braved freezing temperatures, gathering at the famous Lincoln Memorial to stand up and march for the rights of all.

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES, December 13, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Human Rights Day 2018, in a world where fundamental human rights are being abused, a group of young advocates gathered together at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC, to march in support of the vital necessity of immediately implementing human rights education on a global scale. Led by [Youth for Human Rights International](#) (YHRI) and joined by other national and international organizations, including Peace Lights and the Pan-African Diaspora Youth Association (PADYA), the wave of passionate activists dressed in blue in support of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), marched from the Lincoln Memorial to the World War II Memorial.



Activist held a march in honor of Human Rights Day and the 70th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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The march was part of a global series of events led by Youth for Human Rights International in honor of Human Rights Day and on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the document which, if widely applied, could end human rights abuses everywhere.

“The most impactful aspect of the march was the attention to the cause. The more awareness we bring to human rights, the more people will realize how little they know about them. Once we’re on the same page with that, we can start moving forward with teaching and educating our youth!” said Somalian fashion model, Soukeyna, who

participated in the march. She further stated, “We develop most of our habits when we are young. If we are taught early on about the non-negotiable human rights as listed in the UDHR, we will be encouraged to stand up for what we deserve and carry those habits into adulthood.”

With the end of the Second World War and the creation of the United Nations, the international community vowed never to allow human rights atrocities to occur again. Thus, 70 years ago on December 10, 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was born listing out 30 basic human rights and starting a worldwide awareness campaign.

The United Nations launched their current human rights awareness campaign #StandUp4HumanRights in December of 2016. This year, in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Youth for Human Rights DC and other national and international chapters have been key champions in this campaign. Erica Rodgers, the US National Director of Youth for Human Rights International and organizer of the march commented, "We stand here united as human rights defenders from around the world, determined to bring about freedom for all, starting with awareness of these basic human rights."

About Youth for Human Rights:

Youth for Human Rights International (YHRI) is a nonprofit organization with chapters around the world whose mission is to teach youth about human rights, specifically the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and inspire them to become valuable advocates for tolerance, respect and peace. YHRI teaches human rights education both in the classroom and in nontraditional educational settings such as through international summits, art series, concerts and other interactive community events. Their most recent campaign has included #KnowYour30 with the deliberate purpose of increasing awareness of the 30 human rights every person has – and how they are a part of everyday life. To learn more go to <https://www.youthforhumanrights.org> or [watch a documentary](#) on how Youth for Human Rights began.

"Peace Lights" is a video art piece created by Peter Rogina and Eileen Cohen. It has been adopted by the New York Peace Coalition and the Peace Organizations of 14 countries as their international symbol for peace and non-violence. The United Nations International Year of Light has also endorsed "Peace Lights", and it has been featured around the world in 6 continents.

The Pan-African Diaspora Youth Association (PADYA) is one of three organs of outreach and promotion of the African Union Mission to the United States of America

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Pan-African Diaspora Youth join Youth for Human Rights march.



Human rights activists arriving at the WW II Memorial in Washington, DC.

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