



The Right Livelihood College

*Disseminating and strengthening wisdom
and skills for a positive future*

“When I founded the Right Livelihood Awards in 1980, I wondered why we are living with problems we can solve. I still haven't found the answer.

It is not due to a lack of solutions, for they exist - 133 Award Recipients from more than 57 countries have shown what can be accomplished when we have a vision and follow it. They are all examples of courage, wisdom and action. They give hope that our children can live in peace, in a healthy environment and healthy societies with values beyond material wealth.

Albert Einstein once said that a really good idea could be recognised by the fact that its realisation seems impossible in advance. Now we have more than 25 years of realised impossible ideas, of people who have 'walked their talk' against all odds.”

*Jakob von Uexkull
Founder and Chairman
Right Livelihood Award Foundation*

“The Right Livelihood Laureates are living libraries and especially unique and valuable resources, whose skills, wisdom, vision and passion must be harnessed, documented and multiplied by universities all over the world. The Right Livelihood College aims to do just that, systematically and progressively spreading out as energising ripples across the globe!

To be at the cutting edge of research and transformation, we must be ready and bold enough to think 'out of the box'. The Right Livelihood Laureates, and their "projects of hope", as well as achievements, have demonstrated just that, often against all odds. They are not only inspirational but provide great practical learning experiences for students and academics, especially in these times of a globe in crises where we must think and act differently. The Laureates have demonstrated that these are also times of opportunity, and that transformational change is indeed possible!

The Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), which is undergoing its own journey of transformational change, is honoured to be the first global Host Secretariat of the Right Livelihood College. It resonates well with our vision for building proactively sustainable futures, and the challenges faced in translating this vision, through practical programmes and synergies, involving the Laureates and universities all over the world.

We cordially invite you to join us in this journey towards a better, more just and peaceful futures.”

*Dzul kifli Abdul Razak, Professor Tan Sri
Vice-Chancellor/President
Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia*

The Right Livelihood College (RLC) is a global capacity building initiative of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation. It aims to harness and spread the knowledge and experience of Laureates of the Right Livelihood Award, popularly known as the “Alternative Nobel Prize”.

It does this through promotion of education, research, public understanding and practical activities which:

- Contribute to a global ecological balance**
- Are aimed at eliminating material and spiritual poverty**
- Contribute to lasting peace and justice in the world.**

Location

The College is hosted by the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and the global secretariat is located at the Centre for Policy Research and International Studies (CenPRIS) at USM on the island of Penang in Malaysia. USM is described as a “University in the Garden” and has a special commitment to sustainable futures.

Penang is also the location of three Right Livelihood Laureates. Furthermore, The City of George Town, capital of Penang, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a beacon for multiculturalism with the world famous “Street of Harmony”.

Goals

The main goals are to:

- make the knowledge of Laureates accessible to all, the general public as well as individuals and selected groups with the potential to make the “winning ideas” of Laureates succeed and multiply,

- foster the injection of external know-how into Award Laureates' projects that need it most to develop and flourish effectively and sustainably for experiential learning,

- connect the global community of Award Laureates to help release synergies, multiply tested know-how and create the critical mass to help bring their common goals forward,

- provide a 'hub' and an incubator for promoting and multiplying the most successful solutions to urgent global problems through the development of information, communications and education activities including web based learning materials, meetings, networking and an internship and research scholarship programme, and

- actively link with the most excellent like-minded institutions that foster programmes that resonate with the goals of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation as well as with other top educational institutions.

Human Resources

Every Right Livelihood Laureate is automatically a Fellow of the Right Livelihood College. The role of the Fellow is to be the principal source of supply of learning resources through engagement in activities of education, scientific research, and practical activities that share and upscale their work. There are some 133 Laureates from 57 countries. (See www.rightlivelihood.org for full profiles)

The Laureates, the issues and problems they address and their solutions are as diverse as life itself. Key issues include, protection of the environment, human rights, peace, alternative technologies and business models, culture, sustainability, development and children.

Partner Organisations

The RLC Partner Organisations are those institutions that agree to work with the Right Livelihood College on specific activities that relate to the vision and mission and the goals of the RLC and promote synergies with the Right Livelihood Laureates.

Activities

The following are some of the activities, which the College plans to carry out in collaboration with other partner organisations:

LECTURES - Laureates will share their "winning ideas" with the staff and students and other key stake holders on their particular issues;

FELLOWSHIPS - fellowships and research grants will be given to outstanding students and researchers to further work with the Laureates and which help to realise the vision and mission of the initiative;

INTERNS - 2-5 interns per year will be supported with mentoring by Laureates on specific issues;

INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS- various international policy and action capacity building seminars and workshops will be promoted leveraging on the specific talent of Laureates;

PUBLICATIONS - The College will put forward two types of publications:

- 1) a scientific monograph series and
- 2) easy to understand publications in popular booklet series. Both these series will be on each of the Laureates that help to explain the key issues, actions and resource links;

FILMS - that can inspire the multiplication of the thoughts and actions of the Laureates will be produced;

DAYS OF ACTION SERIES - for selected international United Nations days to link specifically with issues of the laureates (e.g. Biodiversity, Water, Migrant workers) with special programmes to popularise the issue together with the Laureates;

UPSCALING - The College will be working closely with the Laureates in identifying appropriate institutions that can be partners with the College and the Laureates. It is planned to develop such partnerships in other countries with at least one major link in each continent.

Work with us to make a better world by fostering projects of hope, walking the talk, supporting solutions and realising the impossible!

About The Right Livelihood Award Foundation



The Right Livelihood Award Foundation was established in 1980 in Sweden by the journalist and professional philatelist Jakob von Uexkull who felt that the Nobel Prize categories were too narrow in scope and too concentrated on the interests of the industrialised countries to be an adequate answer to the challenges now facing humanity. Popularly known as the “Alternative Nobel Prize”, the Right Livelihood Award is widely recognised as the world's premier award for personal courage and social transformation. It honours and supports people who offer workable solutions to the most urgent challenges of our time. Website: www.rightlivelihood.org

About Universiti Sains Malaysia(USM)



Founded in 1969 in Penang, Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) offers 800 courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels to approximately 20,000 students. The university has currently 24 schools conducting academic programmes and more than 20 centres of excellence specialising in research activities. In 2008, USM was chosen as Malaysia's APEX University - Accelerated Programme for Excellence. As the chosen Apex University, USM will be accelerated for excellence and nurtured for world class standing amongst the world's universities. USM also has its commitment to “Transforming Higher Education for a Sustainable Tomorrow”.

Website: www.usm.my

About Centre for Policy Research and International Studies (CenPRIS)



CenPRIS is a research centre, serving as the focus of USM's efforts in consultancy services, research and graduate supervision related to public policy and international studies. It was established in 2007 from the amalgamation of two existing research centres: the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), established in 1974, and the Centre for International Studies (CIS) established in 2004. Focus on research areas in policy are public-private sector collaboration, socio-political development and rural modernisation; for the international arena focus areas will include globalisation and regionalism, global international reform, international political economy, and cultural, communication and ethnic studies. The Noordin Sopiee Chair in Global Studies, established in 2007, is also housed at CenPRIS. Website: www.usm.my/cenpris/

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