

MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN WITH A SHEILA MCKECHNIE AWARD



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The Sheila McKechnie Foundation (SMK) is a UK based charity that supports campaigners who are fighting for social and environmental justice. SMK runs an annual awards scheme offering development packages to grassroots campaigners and those new to the field, to help them create the change they want to see in the world.

What is the International Campaigner Award?

The International Award recognises campaigners based outside of the UK in many of the least developed countries of the global South, working to achieve social or environmental justice in their home countries. The winner will benefit from mentoring, coaching and guidance from experienced campaigners to help them achieve maximum impact with their campaign. This is a fantastic opportunity for people who want to make change, gain access to decision-makers and influencers, learn invaluable campaigning skills and network with fellow campaigners in the UK.

The winner will be awarded a package of support that includes:

- A comprehensive assessment of your campaign objectives
- Advice from a highly experienced campaigner about how to take your campaign forward
- Support in the areas you have identified as crucial for progressing your campaign
- The opportunity to shadow a senior decision-maker in your field
- The chance to work through shared challenges with other campaigners
- One-to-one coaching sessions reviewing the progress of your campaign and the tactics you have used.

The Award is designed to reward individual campaigners who have the potential to make an even bigger impact in their countries if they were to receive the Award.

Who is eligible?

You could be campaigning against environmental degradation; fighting for the provision of anti-retroviral drug treatments for AIDS or campaigning for legal rights for women. You might be trying to build links between campaigners in developing countries on an issue like the arms trade or global warming.

You could be campaigning on these issues or any other issue in order to be eligible for the International Campaigner Award. However, any application in support of a campaign that we judge to be discriminatory or offensive will be disqualified. Eligibility for this award is limited to campaigners working in the countries shown below.

Afghanistan	Cote d'Ivoire	Laos	Rwanda
Angola	Djibouti	Lesotho	Senegal
Bangladesh	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Liberia	Sierra Leone
Benin	Democratic Republic Congo	Madagascar	Somalia
Bhutan	Eritrea	Malawi	Sudan
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Mali	Swaziland
Burma	Gambia	Mauritania	Tanzania
Burundi	Ghana	Mozambique	Timor-Leste
Cambodia	Guinea	Nepal	Togo
Cameroon	Guinea-Bissau	Namibia	Uganda
Central African Republic	Haiti	Niger	Yemen
Chad	India	Nigeria	Zambia
Congo	Kenya	Pakistan	Zimbabwe

Applying for the Award

You will need to complete an application form. Forms are available on our website in English, and in French on request.

For more information

For full details and to download the application form visit www.sheilamckechnie.org.uk. The deadline for receipt of applications is **30th June 2009**. If you have any questions about the application process please contact Ruby at awards@smk.org.uk or call (+44) (0)20 7700 8231.

If you win the Award

Interviews will take place through teleconference in July 2009 and the winner will be announced in September 2009. The winner will be invited to travel to the United Kingdom to receive their training and support package. All relevant travel and accommodation expenses will be covered as part of the Award.