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Features

Our Campaign reached over 1 Million people • Breaking up the migrant anxiety in Europe • María Corina Machado to be awarded the Prize for Freedom



Markus Loening
Chairman of LI Human Rights Committee

Dear Readers,

Welcome to your new look *Human Rights Bulletin*.

Let me start this edition by saying – “we did it!” Together, the LIHRC recently concluded its ambitious goal to reach one million people through our Universal Declaration of Human Rights campaign.

Together with Radikale Venstre, we sought to educate, engage, and promote our liberal values alongside the UDHR's 70th anniversary. We challenged the perceptions of universality in the context of human rights and brought liberals from across the globe together to demand that rights and not rulers take centre stage.

With a liberal mark branded on such an important anniversary, many colleagues have felt a burning urgency that more needs to be done to end human rights abuses around the world.

As the Committee looks to renew its mandate at the upcoming 202nd LI Executive Committee meeting, its members remain committed to mobilizing the global liberal family in the defence of basic democratic principles.

I encourage each one of you to continue to follow and engage in our work through LI social media channels.

Yours,



70 years on from Roosevelt's UDHR... what next?

“My father always acted on the principles he declared... this is the most important [component] of my father's legacy. I hope this will be relevant to the future leader of my country, Russia”, declared **Zhanna Nemtsova**, at the height of Liberal International's celebratory event in Denmark in December 2018 commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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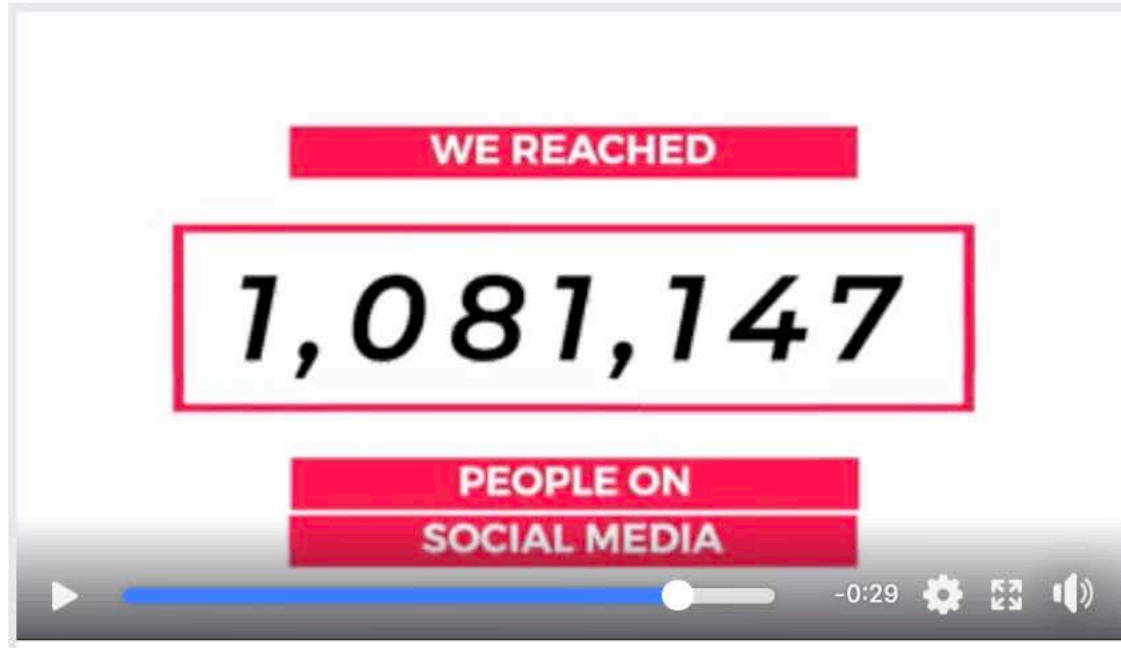
Together we will break the cycle of migrant anxiety across Europe

Engaging in discussion with, and not flippantly dismissing, citizens in favor of nationalistic policies helps challenge and break down the growing culture of fear and xenophobia across Europe, writes Austrian MP **Dr. Stefi Krisper** and Bulgarian MEP **Ilhan Kyuchyuk**.

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FEATURED VIDEO

LI's UDHR campaign reaches 1 Million people



LI's campaign to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights gained impressive outreach. The campaign reached over 1 million people, with a series of videos, information graphics and op-ed articles that were published in the Philippines most widely read daily newspapers. The campaign also provided LI with a means to engage new parliamentarians from LI member parties including Denmark and Canada.

LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL & RADIKALE VENSTRE
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
70TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

Liberal International & Radikale Venstre came together to build a campaign to celebrate and promote the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We reached over **1 Million people** and here's how we did it...



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HERE'S WHAT WE ACHIEVED:



7 MONTHS

We kicked off our UDHR campaign in Germany in 2018 and completed it in January 2019.



5 INFOGRAPHICS

We designed an information graphic for some of the key priorities set out in the UDHR.



3 VIDEOS

We used campaign videos to educate, engage and promote the UDHR and the LI + RV Campaign.



3 OPINION ARTICLES

We brought together & empowered politicians across 4 continents to write about human rights in their national newspapers.



3 EVENTS

We promoted our campaign through a series of events culminating in a commemorative event with the daughter of former Russian Deputy Prime Minister, Boris Nemtsov in Copenhagen.



1 SIGNED BANNER

4 Presidents & 200 delegates from 40 countries recommitted themselves, their parties and their countries to in-acting the values enshrined in the UDHR.

1,081,147

**PEOPLE REACHED
ON SOCIAL MEDIA
AROUND THE WORLD**



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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

María Corina Machado to receive 2019 LI Prize for Freedom



Venezuelan democracy leader María Corina Machado was unanimously elected to receive LI's highest human rights award - the Prize for Freedom. Ms Machado has been a fearless advocate of liberal values, leading campaigns against Venezuela's consecutive strongman-presidents Hugo Chavez and Nicolas Maduro.

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LI President calls for Venezuelan president Maduro to step aside



LI President Hakima El Haité condemned the violence deployed against pro-democracy protesters and rejected Nicolás Maduro's authority as President of Venezuela after deeply flawed and fraudulent elections last year. She has called on Maduro to step aside and Liberals to recognise president Guaidó.

[Read Ms El Haité's statement here](#)

LI and NDI partner to strengthen the role of women in political parties



LI and the [National Democratic Institute](#) (NDI, LI Cooperating Organisation) are working together to strengthen the role of women in political parties. The two organisations led a workshop focusing on identifying opportunities and barriers women face in political parties on the fringes of the 62nd LI Congress in Dakar, Senegal. Over 20 participants from 15 different LI member parties attended the workshop.



In autumn 2018, the Institute hosted Ms [Tamara Dancheva](#), Head of LI's [Human Rights Programme](#) for a fellowship. Ms Dancheva worked with the Gender, Women and Democracy Team to develop a party inclusivity barometer, and assisted in creating toolkits to help parties achieve gender and inclusivity-related internal reforms.

[Read more about this partnership](#)

[Read more about this project](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
11-15 March 2019	63 rd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. New York, USA
25-26 March 2019	Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy. Geneva, Switzerland
14 April 2019	LI HRC Expert Forum on Inclusivity and Diversity in Political Parties. Stockholm, Sweden
June/July	202 nd LI Executive Committee Meeting (LI HRC will meet on the fringe of the event)
October/November	203 rd LI Executive Committee Meeting (LI HRC will meet on the fringe of the event)
10 December 2019	Bi-Annual LI HRC Meeting

GLOBALISING LIBERAL VALUES

Liberal International Human Rights Committee 2017-2019



In October 2017, at Liberal International's 199th Executive Committee meeting in Johannesburg, the LI executive committee elected 22 liberals from 17 countries to serve on the 2017-2019 Human Rights Committee.

The new Liberal International Human Rights Committee is made up of parliamentarians, human rights experts and activists from around the world, all committed to promoting fundamental freedoms and human rights.

Interested in learning more about our new members?

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