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1. Introduction

The WFD Awards are presented at either the Closing Ceremony of the WFD General Assembly or at the Opening / Closing Ceremony of the WFD Congress. There are five different Award categories as follows:

- Vittorio Ieralla Memorial Award
- Grand Cross Award
- International Solidarity Merit Award (First Class)
- International Solidarity Merit Award (Second Class)
- Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award

Outlined below are the details relevant to each Award including nomination procedures.

2. Vittorio Ieralla Memorial Award

2.1 Background

The Vittorio Ieralla Memorial Award is awarded to the National Deaf Association (Ordinary Member) of the World Federation of the Deaf that has made the most outstanding contribution to the World Federation of the Deaf since the previous World Congress.

This Award is in honour of Dr Vittorio Ieralla, the first President of the World Federation of the Deaf and long-time President of the Italian Ente Nazional Sordomuti (Italy).

2.2 Criteria for the Vittorio Ieralla Memorial Award:

1. To be eligible for the Award, the Ordinary Member must have no outstanding membership fees owing to WFD. This is in line with the WFD Statutes, Article 11.7 which states that:
   a. Any Ordinary Member that has not fulfilled their overdue membership fee within three (3) months of the due date of the fee shall not use their voting right in the WFD meetings, nor do they have the right to submit agenda items or participate in the board or award nominations.

2. To be considered for the Award, examples of contributions may include but are not limited to:
   a. Organising a National Week of Deaf People which is innovative and impactful on deaf and/or hearing communities
   b. Social media promotion of WFD and its work on either a national or international basis
   c. Use of media (videos etc) or social media to make an impact on a worldwide basis
   d. Undertaking research or progressing legislation which leads to a significant change to the quality of life for the Deaf Community in a specific country
   e. Organising the WFD Congress, WFD Conference or any other WFD event
   f. Donating to WFD whether financially or in the form of in-kind support

2.3 Nomination procedure for the Vittorio Ieralla Memorial Award

1. Nominations may be made by any Ordinary Member or the WFD Board. To submit a nomination for this Award, the Ordinary Member must have no outstanding membership fees owing to WFD. This is in line with the WFD Statutes, Article 11.7 which states that:
   a. Any Ordinary Member that has not fulfilled their overdue membership fee within three (3) months of the due date of the fee shall not use their voting right in the WFD meetings, nor do they have the right to submit agenda items or participate in the board or award nominations.

2. Nominations must be submitted on the WFD’s official Nomination Form. Refer to Section 7 of these Guidelines.
3. The Board of the WFD will appoint a Convenor to form and facilitate the WFD Awards panel. This panel will consist of:
   a. A Convenor who will be appointed by the WFD Board and
   b. 2/4 others who will be appointed by the WFD Board.
4. The Nomination Form will highlight the contribution of the Ordinary Member and provide a rationale for the nomination for the VITTORIO IERALLA MEMORIAL AWARD. This can be done in writing or in International Sign. If the nomination is in writing, it may be submitted electronically to the WFD Secretariat. If the nomination is in International Sign, a signed Nomination Form must accompany the WeTransfer file with a link sent to the WFD Secretariat: phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi.
5. An Administration Fee must be paid at the time of submission. Refer to Section 6 of these Guidelines.
6. The Award Panel will review nominations and select the winning Ordinary Member for the Award.
7. Once the Award winner is selected, the Ordinary Member (or the WFD Board) which submitted the nomination will need to pay the expenses associated with conferring the Award. Refer to Section 6 of these Guidelines.
8. The closing date for nominations is Sunday, 20 January 2019. Nominations must be received at the WFD office by 17.00 on that day.
9. Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.
10. The decision of the Award Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. The Award will be presented at the closing session of the WFD General Assembly with a brief narrative delivered on the achievements of the Awardee by the WFD President and Italian National Association of the Deaf (ENS) President.
12. The Award should not be interpreted as a scholarship in any way.

2.4 Text of the plaque for the Vittorio Ieralla Memorial Award
The Italian National Association of the Deaf will be responsible for organising the inscription on the Award Plaque which will also include the WFD Logo. An example is as follows:

| The World Federation of the Deaf and Ente Nazionale Sordi – Onlus |
| are proud to present the Vittorio Ieralla Memorial Award |
| to the |
| NAME OF ORDINARY MEMBER |
| for their outstanding contribution XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. |
| Presented during the XX General Assembly of the World Federation of the Deaf |
| 22 July 2019, Paris, France |
| Signature |
| Colin Allen AM |
| President |
| World Federation of the Deaf |

2.5 Costs associated with nominations for the Vittorio Ieralla Memorial Award
The Ordinary Member or WFD Board making the nomination will be responsible to pay all costs associated with the nomination and conferring of the Award (if applicable). These costs include the initial Administration Fee and if the nomination is successful, the Plaque-related fee which covers the materials, engraving, packaging, postage, etc. associated with the conferring of the Award. Refer to Section 6: Fees associated with the WFD Awards for more information.

The WFD will not cover any of the costs of an Award granted to an Association nominated by an Ordinary Member. Any monies not paid by the stipulated deadline/s will result in the Award not being approved.
3. Grand Cross Award

3.1 Criteria for the Grand Cross Award
The Grand Cross Award is awarded to any Ordinary Member or deaf individual/s that has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of human rights at the international level in line with the WFD Vision and Mission.

It is usual that only one Award be granted however in exceptional circumstances, an additional award may be given if the WFD Board feels it is warranted.

3.2 Nomination procedure for the Grand Cross Award
1. Nominations may be made by any Ordinary Member. To submit a nomination for this Award, the Ordinary Member must have no outstanding membership fees owing to WFD. This is in line with the WFD Statutes, Article 11.7 which states that:
   a. Any Ordinary Member that has not fulfilled their overdue membership fee within three (3) months of the due date of the fee shall not use their voting right in the WFD meetings, nor do they have the right to submit agenda items or participate in the board or award nominations.
2. Nominations must be submitted on the WFD's official Nomination Form. Refer to Section 7 of these Guidelines.
3. The Board of the WFD will appoint a Convenor to form and facilitate the WFD Awards panel. This panel will consist of:
   a. A Convenor who will be appointed by the WFD Board and
   b. 2 / 3 individuals who will be appointed by the WFD Board.
4. The Nomination Form will highlight the contribution of the Ordinary Member or deaf individual/s and provide a rationale for the nomination for the GRAND CROSS AWARD. This can be done in writing or in International Sign. If the nomination is in writing, it may be submitted electronically to the WFD Secretariat. If the nomination is in International Sign, a signed Nomination Form must accompany the WeTransfer file with a link sent to the WFD Secretariat: phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi
5. An Administration Fee must be paid at the time of submission. Refer to Section 6 of these Guidelines.
6. The Award Panel will review nominations and select the winning Ordinary Member or deaf individual for the Award.
7. Once an Award winner/s is selected, the Ordinary Member which submitted the nomination will need to pay the expenses associated with conferring the Award. Refer to Section 6 of these Guidelines.
8. The closing date for nominations is Sunday, 20 January 2019. Nominations must be received at the WFD office by 17.00 on that day.
9. Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.
10. The decision of the Award Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. The Award will be presented at the Closing Ceremony of the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf with a brief narrative delivered on the achievements of the Awardee by the WFD President.
12. The Award should not be interpreted as a scholarship in any way.

3.3 Text of the plaque for the Grand Cross Award
The WFD is responsible for organising the Award Plaque which will include the WFD Logo and the following inscription in English. An example is shown below:

GRAND CROSS AWARD
IS PRESENTED TO:
The NAME OF ORDINARY MEMBER
IN RECOGNITION OF:
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

WFD Awards Guidelines
3.4 Costs associated with nominations for the Grand Cross Award

The Ordinary Member making the nomination will be responsible to pay all costs associated with the nomination and conferring of the Award (if applicable). These costs include the initial Administration Fee and if the nomination is successful, the Plaque-related fee which covers the materials, engraving, packaging, postage, etc. associated with the conferring of the Award. Refer to Section 6: Fees associated with the WFD Awards for more information.

The WFD will not cover any of the costs of an Award granted to an Association/person/s nominated by an Ordinary Member. Ordinary Members will be notified of the exact costs. Any monies not paid by the stipulated deadline/s will result in the Award not being approved.

4. International Solidarity Merit Award (First Class)

4.1 Criteria for the International Solidarity Merit Award (First Class)

The International Solidarity Merit Award (First Class) is awarded to an individual or organisation in recognition of their extraordinary dedication to the support of the international Deaf Community or deaf people at the international level.

4.2 Nomination procedure for the International Solidarity Merit Award (First Class)

1. Nominations may be made by any Ordinary Member. To submit a nomination for this Award, the Ordinary Member must have no outstanding membership fees owing to WFD. This is in line with the WFD Statutes, Article 11.7 which states that:
   a. Any Ordinary Member that has not fulfilled their overdue membership fee within three (3) months of the due date of the fee shall not use their voting right in the WFD meetings, nor do they have the right to submit agenda items or participate in the board or award nominations.

2. Nominations must be submitted on the WFD's official Nomination Form. Refer to Section 7 of these Guidelines.

3. The Board of the WFD will appoint a Convenor to form and facilitate the WFD Awards panel. This panel will consist of:
   a. A Convenor who will be appointed by the WFD Board and
   b. 2/3 individuals who will be appointed by the WFD Board.

4. The Nomination Form will highlight the contribution of the individual or organisation and provide a rationale for the nomination for the INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MERIT AWARD (FIRST CLASS). This can be done in writing or in International Sign. If the nomination is in writing, it may be submitted electronically to the WFD Secretariat. If the nomination is in International Sign, a signed Nomination Form must accompany the WeTransfer file with a link sent to the WFD Secretariat: phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi

5. An Administration Fee must be paid at the time of submission. Refer to Section 6 of these Guidelines.

6. The Award Panel will review nominations and select the winning individual/s or organisation/s for the Award.

7. Once an Award winner/s is selected, the Ordinary Member which submitted the nomination will need to pay the expenses associated with conferring the Award. Refer to Section 6 of these Guidelines.

8. The closing date for nominations is Sunday, 20 January 2019. Nominations must be received at the WFD office by 17.00 on that day.

9. Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.

10. The decision of the Award Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. The Award will be presented at the Closing Ceremony of the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf with a brief narrative delivered on the achievements of the Awardee by the WFD President.

12. The Award should not be interpreted as a scholarship in any way.

**Text of the plaque for the International Solidarity Merit Award (First Class)**

The WFD responsible to design the Award Plaque which will include the WFD Logo and the following inscription in English, An example is shown below:

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FIRST CLASS INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL MERIT
AWARD
IS PRESENTED TO:
Mr XXXXXX

IN RECOGNITION OF:
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

With sincere acknowledgements
The World Federation of the Deaf

Paris, France 27 July 2019

Signature
Colin Allen AM
President
World Federation of the Deaf
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4.3 **Costs associated with nominations for the International Solidarity Merit Award (First Class)**

The Ordinary Member making the nomination will be responsible to pay all costs associated with the nomination and conferring of the Award (if applicable). These costs include the initial Administration Fee and if the nomination is successful, the Plaque-related fee which covers materials, engraving, packaging, postage, etc. associated with the conferring of the Award. Refer to Section 6: Fees associated with the WFD Awards for more information.

The WFD does not cover any of the costs for any Awards granted to people nominated by Ordinary Members. Ordinary Members will be notified of the exact costs. Any monies not paid by the stipulated deadline/s will result in the Award not being approved.

5. **International Solidarity Merit Award (Second Class)**

5.1 **Criteria for the International Solidarity Merit Award (Second Class)**

The International Solidarity Merit Award (Second Class) is awarded to an individual or organisation to recognise their extraordinary dedication to the support of the National Deaf Community or deaf people at the national level.

5.2 **Nomination procedure for the International Solidarity Merit Award (Second Class)**

1. Nominations may be made by any Ordinary Member. To submit a nomination for this Award, the Ordinary Member must have no outstanding membership fees owing to WFD. This is in line with the WFD Statutes, Article 11.7 which states that:
   a. Any Ordinary Member that has not fulfilled their overdue membership fee within three (3) months of the due date of the fee shall not use their voting right in the WFD meetings, nor do they have the right to submit agenda items or participate in the board or award nominations.

2. Nominations must be submitted on the WFD’s official Nomination Form. Refer to Section 7 of these Guidelines

3. The Board of the WFD will appoint a Convenor to form and facilitate the WFD Awards panel. This panel will consist of:
   a. A Convenor who will be appointed by the WFD Board and
b. 2/3 individuals who will be appointed by the WFD Board.

4. The Nomination Form will highlight the contribution of the individual or organisation and provide a rationale for the nomination for the **INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MERIT AWARD (SECOND CLASS)**. This can be done in writing or in International Sign. If the nomination is in writing, it may be submitted electronically to the WFD Secretariat. If the nomination is in International Sign, a signed Nomination Form must accompany the WeTransfer file with a link sent to the WFD Secretariat: philippa.sandholm@wfd.fi

5. An Administration Fee must be paid at the time of submission. Refer to Section 6 of these Guidelines.

6. The Award Panel will review nominations and select the winning individual/s or organisation/s for the Award.

7. Once the Award winner/s is selected, the Ordinary Member which submitted the nomination will need to pay the expenses associated with conferring the Award. Refer to Section 6 of these Guidelines.

8. The closing date for nominations is **Sunday, 20 January 2019**. Nominations must be received at the WFD office by 17.00 on that day.

9. Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.

10. The decision of the Award Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

11. The Award will be presented at the Closing Ceremony of the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf with a brief narrative delivered on the achievements of the Awardee by the WFD President.

12. The Award should not be interpreted as a scholarship in any way.

### 5.3 Text of the plaque for the International Solidarity Merit Award (Second Class)

The WFD is responsible for organising the Award Plaque which will include the WFD Logo and the following inscription in English. An example is shown below:

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<th>SECOND CLASS INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MERIT AWARD</th>
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<td>The World Federation of the Deaf</td>
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<td>Paris, France</td>
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<td>27 July 2019</td>
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<td>Colin Allen AM</td>
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<td>World Federation of the Deaf</td>
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### 5.4 Costs associated with nominations for the International Solidarity Merit Award (Second Class)

The Ordinary Member making the nomination will be responsible to pay all costs associated with the nomination and conferring of the Award (if applicable). These costs include the initial Administration Fee and if the nomination is successful, the Plaque-related fee which covers the materials, engraving, packaging, postage, etc. associated with the conferring of the Award. Refer to Section 6: Fees associated with the WFD Awards for more information.

The WFD does not cover any of the costs for any Awards granted to people nominated by Ordinary Members. Ordinary Members will be notified of the exact costs. Any monies not paid by the stipulated deadline/s will result in the Award not being approved.
6. Fees associated with the WFD Awards

The WFD does not cover any of the costs for any Awards granted to people nominated by Ordinary Members. The Ordinary Member (or WFD Board) making the nomination will be responsible to pay all costs associated with the nomination and conferring of the Award (if applicable).

For each of the WFD Awards, an Administration Fee must be paid at the time of nomination. This Fee covers the costs associated with review of the nomination by the Award Panel. If the administration fee does not accompany the bid, the nomination will NOT be accepted.

The Administration Fee is 40.00 Euro for Global North countries and 20.00 Euro for Global South countries.

If your nomination is successful, the WFD Secretariat will contact you to a Plaque-related fee to cover the costs associated with the Plaque including, engraving, packaging, postage, etc. This fee MUST be paid prior to the Award Ceremony.

Both the Administration Fee and the Plaque-related fee (if applicable) should be paid into the WFD Bank Account as follows:

**Account No:** 155530-111337  
**Swift Address:** NDEAFIHH  
**IBAN:** FI04 1555 3000 1113 37

**Transfer Wise:**  
Link: [https://transferwise.com/](https://transferwise.com/)  
If you have a Transfer Wise account, you can deposit directly via the above link into WFD's bank account.

Any monies not paid by the stipulated deadline/s will result in the Award not being approved.

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**Membership Groups 3 and 4:**

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Armenia
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Congo, Dem. rep.
- Congo, Rep. Of
- Cote d’Ivoire
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- India
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Korea (Democratic People's Rep. of)
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Maldives
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Micronesia
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Palestine, State of
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Philippines
- Rwanda
- Solomon Islands
- Samoa
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Sudan, South
- Swaziland
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Turkmenistan
- Uganda
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Viet Nam
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
7. WFD Award Nomination Form

Please type or write clearly in English

1. Please select an Award category (required)
If you wish to nominate an Association or individual/s for more than one Award category, an individual Nomination Form for each Award category must be submitted.

- [ ] VITTORIO IERALLA MEMORIAL AWARD
- [ ] GRAND CROSS AWARD
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MERIT AWARD (FIRST CLASS)
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MERIT AWARD (SECOND CLASS)

2. Nominee Details

Name of organisation being nominated (if applicable):

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- [ ] Male:  
- [ ] Female:
3. **Nomination Statement**

1. **Summary of Achievements** - Provide a summary of the nominee’s contribution and rationale for nomination

   1000 max characters

2. **Evidence of the Impact** - Provide evidence of the impact of the nominee’s contributions to the community. This could be a letter of support from a Government department, a University, Member of Parliament or public body

   3000 max characters

3. **Additional Information** – Provide additional detail that you think will add value to your nomination (required)

   6000 max characters

**We understand and accept that the decision of the Award Panel is final and that no correspondence can be entered into.**

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4. **Nomination Checklist**

- Photograph attached: □ Yes □ No
- Curriculum Vitae attached: □ Yes □ No
- Nomination Administration Fee: □ Yes □ No
The WFD Award Nominations must arrive at the WFD Secretariat by the following dates:

**Postal mail** - **Friday, 18 January 2019** to:

Convenor  
WFD Awards Panel  
World Federation of the Deaf  
PO Box 65  
00401 Helsinki  
FINLAND  
WFD Secretariat, PO Box 65, 00401 Helsinki, Finland

**Email** - **Sunday, 20 January 2019** via phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi
8. Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award

8.1 Background

In October 2006, the Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award was established by the World Federation of the Deaf in honour of Dr. Kauppinen who joined the World Federation of the Deaf Board in 1983 as Vice President for four years before becoming General Secretary in 1987 and then President in 1995 until 2003. Her term saw an increase in the number of WFD Ordinary Members from 70 to 125 due to her efforts in leadership and ensuring that the World Federation of the Deaf had strong management.

Dr. Kauppinen has an unparalleled record in promote the human rights of deaf people throughout the world. Over the past three decades, her work has been influential in increasing awareness of deaf people and people with disabilities in people’s minds as well as within international institutions and organisations. She has vast international experience and has been part of the growing international disability movement bringing forth issues concerning the rights of persons with disabilities with a special focus on deaf people.

Dr. Liisa Kauppinen has devoted almost her entire life to fighting for the human rights of deaf people, particularly with respect to linguistic human rights (sign languages), the right to access to information, employment and education.

During her involvement in the international activities of the World Federation of the Deaf, she has repeatedly encouraged Deaf associations in developing countries to assume the responsibility of defending their own sign languages and expanding the availability of educational opportunities for deaf children in their countries.

In 2013, Dr. Kauppinen received the United Nations Human Rights Award for her significant work in improving the lives of deaf people around the world. She has been honoured with a number of professional honours such as a Honorary Doctorate in Laws from the Trinity College Dublin in 2013, a Honorary Doctorate in Education from the University of Jyväskylä in 2004, and a Honorary Doctorate in Laws from the Gallaudet University, US, in 1998 as well as the Golden Cross from the Order of White Rose of Finland in 1989. Dr. Kauppinen was presented in 1991 with the Edward Miner Gallaudet Award by Gallaudet University which recognises international or national leaders who promote the well-being of deaf people of the world. She has also received distinguished National Awards from the Deaf Community in Sweden (International Award 1998), Denmark (Castbergaård Prize 2001), the Honorary Award of Golden Medal of the Finnish Sport Association of the Deaf, Lappeenranta, Finland, 2008, the Culture Award of German Association of the Deaf, Munich, Germany, 2012 and in 2007 she received the highest award from the All Russian Federation of the Deaf for her dedication to WFD’s work and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

During her eight years as WFD President, she was particularly dedicated to the international fight for better human rights for Deaf people and the recognition of sign languages. She was involved with the negotiations of the UN Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities to promote equal opportunities of people with disabilities. For many years, she was a member of the UN Panel of Experts which supports the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on Disability. Other international commitments of Dr. Kauppinen have been related to active membership or leading positions in the Nordic Council of the Deaf and in the International Disability Alliance. In addition she has occupied different consultative tasks in the United Nations and its special agencies since WFD has a consultative status in ECOSOC.

The United Nations adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is probably the highest achievement she has ever witnessed. Deaf people around the world certainly recognise Dr Liisa Kauppinen as a true leader.
8.2 **Criteria**
The Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award is open to any deaf candidate. A candidate will be recognised for their dedication, advocacy, leadership and contribution to the international Deaf Community.

The nominated candidate will have made exceptional contributions in one or more of the following areas:
- **Dedication**
  1. Shows great dedication to the international Deaf Community through extensive involvement with organisations, services, programmes or projects.
  2. Supports deaf people through humanitarian projects addressed to the International Deaf Community.
- **Advocacy**
  3. Advocates for the human rights of deaf people all around the world.
- **Leadership**
  5. Acts as an effective leader in the international Deaf Community, and fosters leadership development in the Deaf Community.
  6. And in any other way has benefited deaf people or the Deaf Community such as undertaking any research programmes to improve the quality of deaf people’s Human Rights.

8.3 **Nomination Procedure**
1. Nominations may be made by Ordinary Members, Individual Members, Associate Members, International Members, Honorary Members or Honorary Presidents.
2. **Ordinary Members** wishing to submit a nomination for this Award must have no outstanding membership fees owing to WFD. This is in line with the WFD Statutes, Article 11.7 which states that:
   a. Any Ordinary Member that has not fulfilled their overdue membership fee within three (3) months of the due date of the fee shall not use their voting right in the WFD meetings, nor do they have the right to submit agenda items or participate in the board or award nominations.
3. Nominations must be submitted on the WFD’s official Nomination Form. Refer to Section 9 of these Guidelines.
4. The Board of the WFD will appoint a Convenor to form and facilitate the Dr. Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award panel. This panel will consist of:
   a. Dr Liisa Kauppinen, WFD Honorary President,
   b. a Convenor who shall be appointed by the WFD Board and
   c. Three Presidents of Ordinary Members who are appointed by the WFD Board.
5. The Nomination Form must address all of the criteria and explain why this deaf person being nominated should receive the **Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award**. This can be done in writing or in International Sign. If the nomination is in writing, it may be submitted electronically to the WFD Secretariat. However, the original nomination must also be sent by postal mail. An electronic nomination received by the closing date will only be considered if the original is also postmarked within one week of the closing date.
6. If the nomination is in International Sign, a signed Nomination Form must accompany the **WeTransfer** file with a link sent to the WFD Secretariat: phillipa.sandholm@wfd.fi
7. The panel will review nominations and select the winning nominee for the Award.
8. The closing date for nominations is **Sunday, 20 January 2019**. Nominations must be received at the WFD office by 17.00 on that day.
9. Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.
10. The Award will be presented during the Opening Ceremony of the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf with a brief narrative on the achievements of the Awardee.
11. The Award will be presented as a work of art by a deaf artist.
12. The Award should not be interpreted as a scholarship in any way.
9. Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award Nomination Form

Please type or write clearly in English.

1. **Name of person being nominated:**

   - **Name of person:**
   - **Street address:**
   - **City:**
   - **Post Code/State:**
   - **Country:**
   - **Email:**
   - **Mobile Number:**
   - **Deaf:**
   - **Hard of Hearing:**
   - **Hearing:**
   - **Gender:**
     - [ ] Male:
     - [ ] Female:

2. **This deaf person should be awarded the Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award because he/she** (explain how the person has performed in one or more areas of work mentioned below):

   **2.1 Dedication:** *(If needed, please attach further details on an additional sheet of paper)*

   a) Shows great dedication to the international Deaf Community through extensive involvement with organisations, services, programmes or projects

   b) Supports deaf people through humanitarian projects to the International Deaf Community

   **2.1 Advocacy:**

   a) Advocates for the human rights of deaf people all around the world

   b) Promotes recognition of the Deaf Community, its language and culture
2.2 Leadership:

| a) | Acts as an effective leader in the international Deaf Community, and fosters leadership development in the Deaf Community |

2.3 Other:

| a) | In any other way has the contribution benefited deaf people or the Deaf Community such as undertaking any research programmes to improve the quality of deaf people’s Human Rights |

3. Photograph attached:  □ Yes  □ No

4. Curriculum Vitae attached:  □ Yes  □ No

5. Details of the person/organisation lodging this nomination (Tick One Box):

I/we confirm that I/we have read and understand the criteria. By nominating this person for the Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award, I confirm that the nominee is a deaf person and active member of the Deaf Community internationally.

I/we understand and accept that the Award panel’s decision is final and that no correspondence will be entered into.

- □ Ordinary Member of the World Federation of the Deaf

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CLOSED DATE FOR DR LIISA KAUPPINEN HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD NOMINATION

Post - Friday, 18 January 2019:
Convenor, Dr Liisa Kauppinen Human Rights Award Panel
World Federation of the Deaf
PO Box 65
00401 Helsinki, FINLAND

OR

Email - Sunday, 20 January 2019:
Phillipa Sandholm
Administrative Secretary
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