

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES
IGNITE AWARDS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

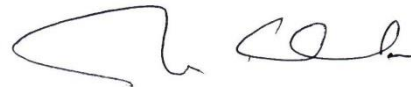
On 28 May 2017, Amnesty International Philippines launched the first ever human rights awards in the country, the **Ignite Awards for Human Rights**. With the aim of recognizing human rights defenders, who brought about impact through their work by changing peoples' lives, **Ignite Awards for Human Rights** has the following objectives:

- To accord human rights defenders the highest regard for the work they do thereby promoting human rights work and bringing impact towards changing ordinary peoples' lives
- To serve as a tool in transforming the perception of Filipinos about human rights by showing that even ordinary people can do extraordinary work
- To bring back prestige to activism and taking action for human rights

The Philippines is in for more challenging times and every day we see people face some of the gravest human rights violations and abuses. But despite the outrage, we must remain steadfast and inspire ourselves to move forward and continue working for a better human rights future because there are still those who are fighting and giving hope to those whose rights have been violated and neglected.

As a way to give back to the selfless people exerting unyielding efforts so that everyone can enjoy all human rights for all, Amnesty International Philippines enjoins you to help us seek out **human rights defenders** whose contributions to the advancement of human rights in the Philippines have resulted to immensely improved lives of those who will otherwise be marginalized or oppressed.

Together, let us honor our Human Rights Defenders! And celebrate the BRAVE!



JOSE NOEL OLANO
SECTION DIRECTOR

IGNITE AWARDS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Here are the categories for **IGNITE AWARDS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS** and the criteria for nominations:

MOST DISTINGUISHED HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER (INDIVIDUAL)

- a bona fide Filipino citizen, 26 years old and above, **not an active Amnesty International member**, residing in the Philippines
- must significantly contributed to the upliftment of human rights in the Philippines or elsewhere
- made a clear qualitative or quantitative impact on human rights in the Philippines

MOST DISTINGUISHED HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER (ORGANIZATION)

- must have the accreditation of relevant Philippine government institution or agency, initiated and run by Filipinos for the benefit of Filipinos
- must significantly contributed to the upliftment of human rights in the Philippines
- must have consistently rendered meritorious human rights work in the Philippines
- made a clear qualitative or quantitative impact on human rights in the Philippines

OUTSTANDING YOUNG HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER

- a bona fide Filipino citizen, 25 years of age (on or before 28 May of any awarding year) or under, **not an active Amnesty International member**, residing in the Philippines
- must have exemplified exceptional leadership and excellence in mobilizing the youth to take action for human rights in the Philippines
- must have engaged with human rights work for the substantial part of his/her youth in the Philippines or elsewhere as part of his/her learning on human rights

ART THAT MATTERS FOR FILM

- a bona fide Filipino citizen of any age, a practicing filmmaker or any profession related to film, **not an active Amnesty International member**, residing in the Philippines
- must have impact on the Filipino people in promoting human rights using their film
- must have consistently advanced human rights through their artwork

Nomination forms for all categories are found here: bit.ly/amnestyigniteawards

You can choose to nominate on all categories or just one for your chosen category.

All nominees are requested to fill out Amnesty International's standard *curriculum vitae* form found after the submission of your nomination.

To complete your nomination, ask your nominee/s to fill out and sign the *curriculum vitae* to be emailed either by the nominator or the nominee to: amnestyigniteawards@gmail.com with subject: ***Amnesty Ignite Awards (category), (name of the nominee)***.

Example:

- Amnesty Ignite Awards Most Distinguished Human Rights Defender (individual), Juan Dela Cruz

The CVs will be examined initially by a Selection Committee. Eligible candidates will be contacted shortly for a brief interview over the phone or personally.

Nominations close on 31 October 2017, Tuesday, 11:59pm.

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