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Help Us Find the Next Global Pluralism Award Winners! Submissions now being accepted for the 2021 Awards

Ottawa, Canada, March 3, 2020 – Individuals and organizations that are doing exceptional work to build thriving, diverse societies are sought for the 2021 <u>Global Pluralism Award</u>, presented by the <u>Global Centre for Pluralism</u>. Submissions are now being accepted at <u>award.pluralism.ca</u> until April 30, 2020.

Through creative and high-impact initiatives, Global Pluralism Award recipients are building societies where differences are genuinely respected and valued. Individuals, businesses, academics, civil society and government bodies from around the world are eligible for the Award. Three winners are chosen by an independent, international Jury chaired by the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, former Prime Minister of Canada to share a prize pool totalling \$150,000 CAD. The Centre seeks to amplify the winners' work with support such as media opportunities, partnership development and mentorship.

"The goal of the Award is to shine a light on the tireless leaders and ground-breaking organizations that are shaping how we tackle exclusion now and into the future. The inspiring efforts of the Award laureates demonstrate how, in concrete terms, pluralism can be strengthened across all our communities, and all sectors of work, worldwide. It is deeply important work that the Centre is proud to support," said Meredith Preston McGhie, Secretary General of the Global Centre for Pluralism.

Last year, the Global Pluralism Award doubled the number of submissions received in its first cycle, with over 500 applications received from 74 countries. Winners included **Deborah Ahenkorah**, a children's book publisher from Ghana; 'Learning History that is not yet **History**', a network of history teachers from the Balkans; and the **Center for Social Integrity**, a civil society organization from Myanmar that works with youth. The Award laureates offer global examples from a range of fields of practice that demonstrate how to make pluralism a reality for future generations.

The Global Pluralism Award is an initiative of the Global Centre for Pluralism. Founded in Ottawa by His Highness the Aga Khan in partnership with the Government of Canada, the Centre was created to advance positive responses to the challenge of living peacefully and productively together in diverse societies.

Following a thorough selection and due diligence process, winners will be announced in the fall of 2021.

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Nominate a recipient or apply directly at <u>award.pluralism.ca</u> until April 30, 2020.

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