Be a Hero for a Better World



"...I think there is less cynicism about human rights than there was. The work we are doing is part of the overall pattern of human development, whatever the political system, whatever the country, whatever the cultural background, whatever the religion."

Martin Ennals (1927-1991)

"Without peace there is little hope for human rights."

Martin Ennals was a British human rights activist who helped to define the modern human rights movement. He served as the first Secretary-General of Amnesty International, starting in 1968 until 1980, helping it grow from a fledgling effort to one of the world's largest global human rights organizations.

After leaving Amnesty International, Martin Ennals was instrumental in organizing several other human rights organizations -- HURIDOCS, SOS Torture (World Organisation Against Torture), Defence for Children International, Article 19, and International Alert. After he died, a number of the world's leading human rights organizations collaborated to create the Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders, which is given each year to one who has "demonstrated an exceptional record of combating human rights violations by courageous and innovative means."

Martin Ennals was born in Walsall, West Midlands, England on July 27, 1927

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- 1. Find out more about this hero
- 2. Hold an event to raise awareness about human rights issues
- 3. Contribute to organizations working to defend human rights

Human Rights Organizations

- Amnesty International (amnesty.org)
- Carter Center (cartercenter.org)
- Human Rights First (humanrightsfirst.org)
- Human Rights Watch (hri.org)
- Rights International (rightsinternational.org)
- UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (ohchr.org)
- Witness (witness.org)
- Women's Human Rights Net (whrnet.org)

For more information: www.BetterWorldHeroes.com/ennals.htm

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