



Right Livelihood Award

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EDUCATION FOR RIGHT LIVELIHOOD – CONNECTING ACTIVISM AND ACADEMIA

Public Forum, Friday, 21 February 2020, 09.00 – 16.30
Mahachulalongkorn Building, Room 105, Chulalongkorn University

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Right Livelihood College, campus Bangkok
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INVITATION

Dear Friends in the academic community, researchers, social innovators,

A good conversation – at the beginning of the “2020ies” – on *climate emergency its multiple causes, impacts and solutions*, can evoke a decisive tipping point in multi-sector collaboration towards Agenda 2030. How can Education for Right Livelihood contribute to shaping transformation?

Thailand, at the crossroads of multiple economic, political and cultural partnerships, offers a fertile “social landscape” for this conversation. The public forum *Education for Right Livelihood. Connecting Activism and Academia* – at the occasion of “The Right Livelihood Award 40 Years” – can provide an initial platform for creative, cross-sector, stakeholder engagement.

You as an entrepreneur in person, your organization team, allies and partners are cordially invited to participate in the Public Forum *Education for Right Livelihood, Friday 21 February, 2020, at Chulalongkorn University, Mahachulalongkorn Building Room 105, Henri Dunant Road, Bangkok.*

Rationale

It becomes increasingly clear that **states** cannot solve the global climate emergency alone. And with their natural partner the **business sector** only, it will be impossible to meet the enormous challenges inherent in the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030. Two sectors are in principle equally close allies, but they nurture, according to their



respective missions, more independent views: *academia* and *civil society*. Are states and the business sector ready to engage in dialogue with activists, social innovators and scientists exploring paradigm change? They may have dissenting and sometimes disruptive views. But they do not to a lesser extend love their families, countries, humanity, the *community of life*, our Earth and future generations.

An overview of bio-data of **fourteen Right Livelihood Award Laureates from all over the world**, expected to participate in the 40 Years celebration and Public Forum, is attached to this letter of invitation.

The Right Livelihood Foundation based in Stockholm, Sweden, offers a trusted platform <https://www.rightlivelihoodaward.org/> for civil society engagement. Since 1980 it dedicates the *Right Livelihood Award* to social activists, social innovators and practitioners of the first hour, in many fields. Moreover, in the last 10 years it **initiates collaboration with renowned academic institutes worldwide** by means of the Right Livelihood College.

In Thailand the *Right Livelihood Award* was conveyed to *Sulak Sivaraksa*. “Ajarn Sulak”, already in 1969 – so *more than 50 years ago* – established the **Sathirakoses Nagapardipa Foundation** (SNF). SNF has been an umbrella for civil society movements and independent entrepreneurs over these years. In this framework a **collaborative partnership** between the *School for Wellbeing Studies and Research* – an independent action research platform under SNF – *Chulalongkorn University*, in Thailand, *Royal University of Bhutan*, and the *Right Livelihood College* is dedicated to building a long term platform for multi-stakeholder communication and social innovation, including the annual Chulalongkorn University Right Livelihood Summerschool (CURLS).

Please find attached the general INVITATION to the Public Forum *Education for Right Livelihood. Connecting Activism and Academia*.

Please directly connect with us through this email for your questions and advice or register via <https://www.schoolforwellbeing.org>

Thanking you so much, yours sincerely,

On behalf of School for Wellbeing Team and partners

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