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FROM 6 JUNE 2018 TO 6 JUNE 2019

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FREEDOM

HAS A PRICE

Every year, the **Freedom Prize** gives young people all over the world the opportunity to choose an **exemplary public figure or an organisation, committed to the fight for freedom**. Just like those who risked their lives when they landed on the Normandy beaches on 6 June 1944.



In partnership with academic authorities and the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, **the Normandy Region has created an educational initiative which is focused on human rights and international citizenship**, rooted in the significance and the values of the decisive turning-point of the Second World War that was the **Allied landings**.

On 6 June 1944, it was in the name of the **ideal of freedom** that 130,000 soldiers, including a significant number of young volunteers, risked their lives and that several thousand died on these unfamiliar beaches. Seventeen nations were involved in Operation Overlord to open up **"Liberty Road"** on which nearly 3 million soldiers travelled in their bid to save the world from the barbarity of the Nazis. **The Allied landings remind us that freedom is a universal demand.**

Today, many situations around the world show that this ideal remains fragile and is often damaged: **the fight for freedom is a constant and relentless struggle.**

By inviting **young people from all over the world** every year to choose a public figure or organisation who has made an **exceptional commitment to freedom**, the Freedom Prize aims to relay this message across borders, **educating people and sharing these values..**

The Freedom Prize pays homage to all those who fought and continue to fight for this ideal.

*The growing threats to international peace and the acts of extreme violence which our society is facing can only strengthen our belief in the need to anchor democratic values and respect for human rights in the consciousness of those who will build tomorrow's world. **Freedom is won, defended, and learned.***

Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy Region.

AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE

The Freedom Prize is an educational initiative which encourages **young people's involvement throughout the entire process**, either as part of a training programme or in their own time. It consists of activities which could encourage educational projects to be co-ordinated by teachers and tutors.

Open to young people from around the world aged **15 to 25**, three key events make up the Freedom Prize:



A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO NOMINATE PUBLIC FIGURES OR ORGANISATIONS

FROM 6 JUNE 2018 TO 15 JANUARY 2019

Available on www.prixliberte.normandie.fr, the call for applications is an opportunity for groups of young people supervised by an adult to **present an application for a public figure or an organisation, highlighting their recent fight for freedom**. Entitled "Our candidate, his/her fight", the process has been designed to encourage documentary, reasoned and creative work and to be a part of **teachers', tutors' and youth workers' educational projects**. The application may be submitted by several organisations, **as part of international twinning or pairing schemes**. **The best applications will be rewarded with invitations to take part in the prize-giving ceremony.**



A PANEL OF JUDGES TO CHOOSE THREE FINALIST CANDIDATES

FEBRUARY 2019

An international panel of judges will meet for two days to choose **three public figures or organisations** and their respective fights from the successful proposals, with a view to submitting them to the public vote. The panel of judges will consist of about **thirty young people aged 15 to 25**, recruited individually by means of a call for applications available on www.prixliberte.normandie.fr. The panel of judges will also **be invited to take part in the prize-giving ceremony.**



A DIGITAL VOTE TO CHOOSE THE WINNER

MARCH 2019

A digital vote, accessible to young people all over the world, will choose the winner of the Freedom Prize. This vote, organised over four days, will be preceded by a digital campaign presenting **the fight for freedom of each** of the three finalist public figures or organisations. This stage is also likely to result in educational activities, particularly with a view to **encouraging young people's involvement to support one of the three finalists.**

TAKING PART IN THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY



The public figure or organisation chosen by the world's young people will be awarded the **Freedom Prize with a €25,000 grant** at a public event which will take place around 6 June 2019, **as part of the Normandy World Peace Forum. A thousand young people** will attend this event which will also be broadcast live on the internet.

In addition to the members of the panel of judges, the audience will be composed of delegations of young people, **chosen for the high quality of their applications for a public figure or organisation and their fight.**

International delegations will be invited to spend several days in Normandy.

This key event, as part of the educational initiative, **will be an opportunity to promote young people's work.**

INFORMATION, RULES AND APPLICATION FORMS ON

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