

NOTICE OF THE 2017 GRAZ HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

The City of Graz announces an award for extraordinary achievements for human rights at the local level.

Applications for the 2017 Human Rights Award (the award is awarded every two years) can be submitted immediately. Applications will be accepted until *September 30, 2017*.

1. Nomination Eligibility: Any person/organisation is entitled to nominate potential award winners, although self-nominations are not permitted. Individuals, groups of individuals or associations and other legal entities in Austria and Europe, who have accomplished achievements for human rights at the local level, can be nominated.

2. Subject matter: Achievements for human rights at the local level

A particular concern of the Human Rights City of Graz is the fostering of the peaceful coexistence of all people within the local community.

The achievements that are submitted are assessed with regard to the advancement of tolerance, dialogue and reconciliation and their impact on local life in Graz and other European cities. Nominations are possible for present activities but also for lifetime achievement.

3. The total amount of the **award** provided by the City of Graz is \notin 7,000. The award can be divided if there are several award winners.

Applications have to comply with the charter of the Graz Human Rights Award, which can be obtained together with the submission form from the Peace Centre Graz or can be downloaded from the internet at www.friedensbuero-graz.at.

4. The *application documents* comprise a completely filled in submission form and any other additional documents or materials.

The submission documents in German, English or French have to be submitted to the Peace Centre Graz (Friedensbüro Graz, Keesgasse 6/P, A-8010 Graz) or can be submitted via E-mail to jutta.dier@friedensbuero-graz.at by no later than September 30, 2017.

5. *Procedure*: Selection takes place by way of a jury that is advised by an advisory council. The ceremonial awarding of the award by the mayor takes place in Graz on December 10, 2017.