

Be a Hero for a Better World



"Human rights is a universal standard.
It is a component of every religion
and every civilization."

Shirin Ebadi (1947-)

"We demand a non-violent world where human security is the basis of our common global security. People have the right to live in a world where the basic needs of all peoples are addressed. No more military attacks. No more war."

Shirin Ebadi is an Iranian lawyer, human rights activist and founder of Children's Rights Support Association in Iran. She is the winner of the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize -- the first Muslim woman to receive this award. Shirin Ebadi was one of the first female judges in Iran, but was forced to leave this position after the revolution in 1979. Since then she has worked, at great risk to her own safety, as a lawyer, writer and university professor to advocate for human rights, especially for Iranian women and children.

A practicing Muslim, Shirin Ebadi advocates that Islam can and must be interpreted with respect for democratic ideals, equality and human rights. In 2001 she was awarded the Rafto Prize for human rights and the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003. She has also received numerous other international awards including the International Democracy Award and the 'Lawyer of the Year' award in 2004, and the Legion of Honor award in 2006.

Shirin Ebadi was born on June 21, 1947 in Hamedan, Iran

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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)

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