THEORY OF CHANGE

WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE BELIEVE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CHANGE HAPPENS

RAOUL WALLENBERG INSTITUTE
OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

WHO WE ARE

The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) is an academic institution closely linked to Lund University, one of the world's top 100 rated universities.

We combine multi-disciplinary human rights research with education and support to practitioners to advance the application of human rights and humanitarian law and to bring about human rights change.

We have a long record of building effective partnerships and extensive experience in promoting to human rights worldwide since the late 1980s.

Our offices and programmes cover a great number of countries.

OUR MISSION

To contribute to a wider understanding of, and respect for, human rights and international humanitarian law.

OUR VISION

Just and inclusive societies with the effective realisation of human rights for all.

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN THE LONG TERM

- Laws, decisions, policies increasingly informed by, and applied in, accordance with, human rights
- More organisations and institutions better promoting, protecting, and practicing human rights.

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN THE INTERMEDIATE TERM

- New knowledge on human rights
- More research, of high quality and credibility, for decision-making
- Increased, adequate human rights skills, knowledge, competencies and attitudes
- Enhanced access to human rights knowledge
- Efficient structures, processes and procedures for human rights work
- Action-oriented dialogue with rights-holders and duty-bearers

HOW WE BELIEVE THAT CHANGE HAPPENS

WE BELIEVE THAT

By supporting practitioners and bringing people together around human rights, on the basis of new knowledge and tools developed and connecting theory and practice, we contribute to lasting human rights change.

Connecting the global, regional, national and local levels, human rights work becomes more effective.

Changes in knowledge, skills, attitudes, as well as structures can make laws, decisions, and policies increasingly informed by, and applied in accordance with, human rights. This leads to more organisations and institutions better promoting, protecting and practising human rights.

OUR KEY COMPETENCES

WE

- Carry out research
- Have access to a wide range of platforms to share knowledge
- Excel in human rights

WE HAVE

- World-class teaching methodologies
- Hands-on practical experience
- Motivated and competent staff
- Unique experience of working with capacity development in difficult contexts
- Expertise in how to build systems and structures for efficient human rights work
- Great international, regional and national institutions and networks
- An international presence

FOCUS AREAS

NON-DISCRIMINATION AND INCLUSION

We identify, develop and promote models, mechanisms and methods that enhance inclusive societies on the basis of international human rights standards.

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We address responsible business conduct, regulatory frameworks and Human Rights-Based Macroeconomics.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

We contribute to improving access to justice and respect for human rights of anyone in contact with various justice systems in numerous countries. We address criminal justice, civil and administrative justice, as well as corruption.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

We refine and develop theoretical and practical models articulating a Human Rights-Based Approach within and between climate change adaptation and mitigation, disaster risk reduction, and biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.

WHAT WE DO

Multi-Disciplinary Research & Analysis

We provide cutting edge and policy-oriented research and analysis to see and understand core human rights issues.

Support & Advice

We engage directly in the implementation of human rights together with our partners around the world to improve the practical application of human rights.

Higher Education

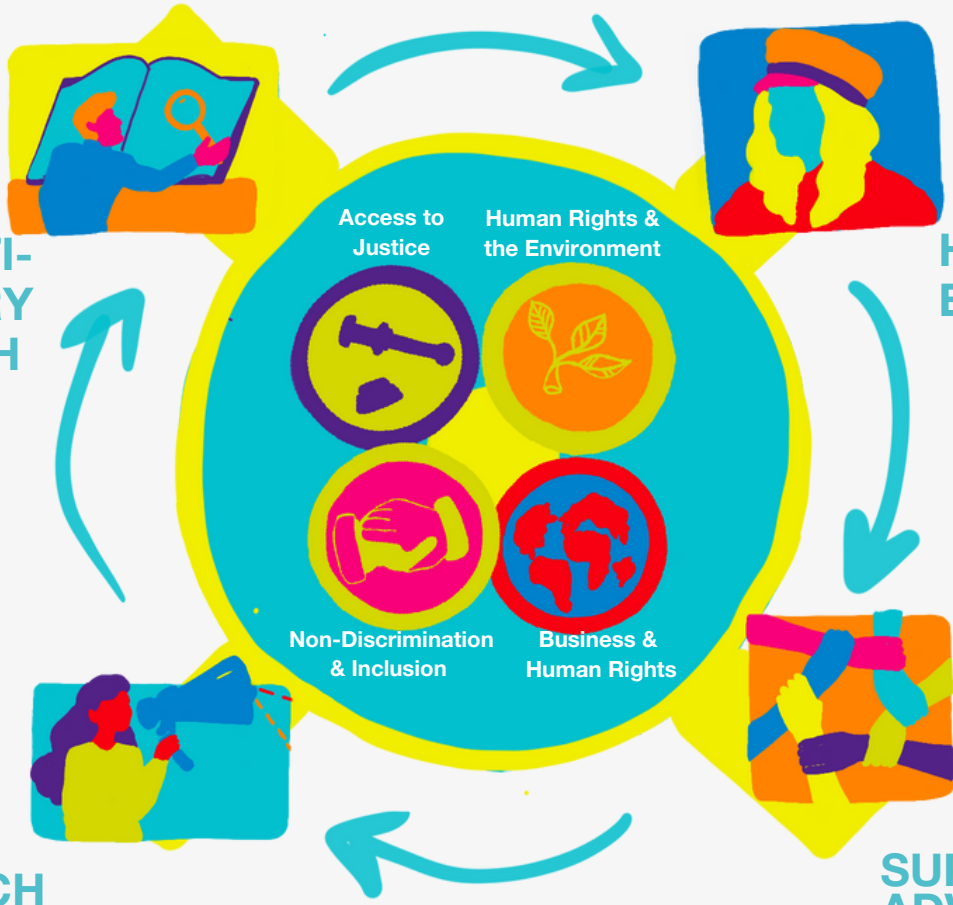
We equip decision-makers and duty-bearers with the tools they need to address human rights challenges of today and tomorrow. We develop and take part in high level master courses.

Outreach

To advance human rights, we bring policy-makers, experts, and civil society together and engage in solution-oriented dialogue. We actively contribute to the human rights discourse.

HOW WE WORK

APPROACHES & THEMATIC AREAS



OUR VALUES

RESPECT

We believe that respect for the inherent dignity of the human being is fundamental and this permeates all our behaviour.

INTEGRITY

We are committed to our mission and values and we are not going to compromise in respect of independence, trust and quality. Our work is transparent and performed with accountability.

INSPIRATION

We continuously strive at maintaining a creative, dynamic and supportive work and learning environment, so as to inspire others as well as each other to work in line with our mission.

INCLUSIVENESS

We are a learning institute and encourage everybody to participate by expressing their views and sharing their knowledge. We value all input and viewpoints and are open to constructive dialogue and co-operation with all in order to fulfil our mission.

We are named after Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of tens of thousands of Jews and other people at risk during World War II.

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