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It gives me great pleasure to inform you that The Gandhi Foundation Trustees have chosen Peter Tatchell to receive our International Peace Award for 2016.

Peter Tatchell's consistent dedication over many decades and single-minded pursuit in promoting human rights, and LGBT rights in particular, has helped to engender a greater understanding in the public mind of these important issues and created the conditions to allow laws protecting minority groups to be implemented.

He has consistently been at the forefront of progressive movements, from anti-apartheid to Palestinian rights, nuclear disarmament, democratic reforms in the Middle East and campaigns against draconian anti-terror laws in the UK.

He has achieved this through his conviction and non-violent protest, which are the hallmarks of the guiding principles espoused by Mahatma Gandhi.

The Trustees also took into account his personal bravery in confronting prejudice and putting himself sometimes in the way of violent attack but never retaliating violently. He has repeatedly risked arrest and imprisonment for exposing injustice and has been looked upon as a role model by many campaigners for human rights.

He has been able to bring together like minded people to create momentum in promoting human rights issues, both here in the UK and around the world. The work the Peter Tatchell Foundation is doing has helped highlight human rights abuses in the Commonwealth, create dialogue between the LGBT and Muslim communities and speak out against war crimes in Syria, Balochistan and West Papua.

The Gandhi Foundation's Friends, Trustees and Patrons look forward to honouring Peter at the House of Lords and presenting the award on 31st October 2016.

Yours sincerely

Best Regards

Dr S Omar Hayat, Trustee
Chair of the Peace Award Committee

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