The Leir Retreat Center Conference on Human Rights

You are cordially invited by the Leir Retreat Center to attend the following conference:

The Next Generation of Human Rights
Monday, September 14, 2009
At the Leir Retreat Center, Ridgefield, CT
9:00 AM until 4:30 PM, includes registration, light breakfast, lunch

This conference aims to bring together world-leading human rights practitioners, advocates, and funders for discussions in an intimate setting. Three panels will be convened, with a focus on audience discussion with the panelists. The topics will include:
1) Trends in Combating Human Rights Abuses; 2) Human Rights 2.0: The Next Generation of Human Rights Organizations; 3) Challenges and Opportunities of Technology for Human Rights. The desired results of this conference are to allow you to improve advocacy, funding, or operations through collaborative efforts and shared ideas in a natural setting.

AGENDA

9:00   Welcome Remarks

Regan E. Ralph – Founding Executive Director of the Fund for Global Human Rights, Former Vice President for Health and Reproductive Rights at the National Women’s Law Center, former Director of the Women’s Rights division of Human Rights Watch
Peter Uvin (moderator) – Henry J. Leir Professor of International Humanitarian Studies; Academic Dean, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

11:00  Human Rights 2.0: The Next Generation of Human Rights Organizations
Kristin Antin – Online Community Builder, New Tactics in Human Rights
Sasha Chanoff – Founder & Executive Director, Mapendo International
Mark Hanis – Founder & President, Genocide Intervention Network
Michael Hirschhorn (moderator) – Director, International Human Rights Funders Group

12:45-2:15  Lunch (time for open discussion & small groups)

2:30   Challenges and Opportunities of Technology for Human Rights
Jason Guberman-Pfeffer – Project Coordinator, The Diarna Project
Patrick Meier – Harvard Humanitarian Project; Advisory Board Member, Ushahidi
Sameer Padania – Hub Manager, WITNESS
Molly Beutz Land (moderator) – Associate Professor of Law, New York Law School

4:00   Closing Remarks
Directions to The Leir Retreat Center

Entrance is 224 Branchville Road
Ridgefield, CT 06877
Phone 203-438-6074, Fax 203-894-8993

From New York City:

Take Route 684 North to Exit 6 (Katonah/Route 35). Turn right off ramp onto Route 35 and proceed about 12 miles to Ridgefield. At the Fountain (intersection of Routes 35 and 33), bear left, following Route 35 for one block. Turn right at Route 102 (Branchville Road). Proceed about 1 mile to 220/224 Branchville Road (the Leir Property is on the right side). On property, proceed ¼ mile following the banners to Leir House.

From Danbury, CT and Western Connecticut:

Take I-84 West to Exit 3 (US Route 7 South). Follow Rt. 7 South until you reach Intersection of US Rt. 7 and CT Rt. 35. Turn right at Danbury Road/CT Rt. 35. Follow Danbury Road/CT Rt. 35 into Ridgefield, bear left onto Main Street/CT Rt. 35. Turn left at Route 102 (Branchville Road). Proceed about 1 mile to 220/224 Branchville Road. The Leir Property is on the right side). On property, proceed ¼ mile following the banners to Leir House.

From Eastern Connecticut and Eastern Massachusetts:

Take I-95 South to Merritt Parkway South (Exit 38). Merritt Parkway (Route 15) to Route 33 North (Exit 41). Follow Rt. 33 into Ridgefield. At the Fountain (intersection of Routes 33 and 35), bear left, following Route 35 for one block. Turn right at Route 102 (Branchville Road). Proceed about 1 mile to 220/224 Branchville Road. The Leir Property is on the right side). On property, proceed ¼ mile following the banners to Leir House.