JHR launches the Human Rights Reporting Award for 2018

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Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) in partnership with Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism (ARIJ) has launched the fourth edition of the Human Rights Reporting Award in Jordan.

The Human Rights Reporting Award aims to encourage the production of high quality human rights journalism that can have a positive impact within communities through promoting a constructive public dialogue around human rights issues.

General Eligibility: Journalists are invited to submit a story that address a specific human rights issue from print and online written media that highlight a human rights issue of their concern.

Journalists are encouraged, but not required, to have included elements of data journalism.

Stories must have been published by Jordanian media outlets in Arabic.

Publication Date: Stories should have been published during the period from October 30, 2017 through November 10, 2018.

Submitting Entries: Applicants are invited to out the submission form and email their entries to hraward@jhr.ca.

Deadline: The deadline to submit the entries is November 20, 2018 (until 00:00 Amman time).

Date and location of the ceremony: The Human Rights Reporting Awards will be given to the best three human rights reporting stories and will be announced at an official ceremony on December 1, 2018 during ARIJ's 11th Conference at King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre Managed by Hilton at 7:00 pm.

The three award winners will receive vouchers with the following amounts:

- $ 1000 for the 1st place winner.
- $ 500 for the 2nd place winner
- $ 250 for the 3rd place winner.

Eligible format of stories: applicants are required to submit their stories published through one of the following mediums:

- Print – newspapers or magazine publications: submissions must include a PDF copy of the stories.
- Online – websites: submissions must include a URL address of an appropriate website that contains the story.

The committee will consist of representatives from media and academia and will be judging the stories based on the following criteria:

- Degree of difficulty in obtaining content matter.
- Effective use of storytelling techniques, including clarity and narrative.
- The breadth and scope of research undertaken.
- The degree of change or action created from news coverage.
- The legal knowledge.
- Supporting material and resources used including creativity, originality and innovative reporting tools, such as data journalism.