

Potential Recipient	Country	Field
Vigdís Finnbogadóttir	Iceland	Politics. First female president in Europe and longest serving elected female head of state (16 years). <i>UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador</i> and a Member of the <i>Club de Madrid</i> (an independent non-profit organisation created to promote democracy and change in the international community; composed of 95 regular members, 64 of which are former presidents and 39 of former prime ministers (some are both) from 65 countries; the Club de Madrid is the world's largest forum of former Heads of State and Government)
Maj Sjövall	Sweden	Culture. Founder of Nordic crime, together with her (late) partner Per Wahlöö
Jan Eliasson	Sweden	Politics. Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations since 1 July 2012. Eliasson is an Eminent Member of the <i>Sergio Vieira de Mello Foundation</i> and he currently sits on the advisory board of the <i>Alliance for Peacebuilding</i> . Eliasson is Chair of <i>WaterAid</i> Sweden. Since 2010 he serves in the UN Secretary-General's Advocates Group for the achievement of the eight <i>Millennium Development Goals</i> (to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, to achieve universal primary education, to promote gender equality and empower women, to reduce child mortality, to improve maternal health, to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases, to ensure environmental sustainability o develop a global partnership for development).
Max Tegmark	Sweden	Science and technology. Swedish-American cosmologist, 'one of the most frequently quoted scientists in the world. Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the scientific director of the <i>Foundational Questions Institute</i> (organisation that provides grants to "catalyze, support, and disseminate research on questions at the foundations of physics and cosmology). He is also a co-founder of the <i>Future of Life Institute</i> (research and outreach organisation that works to mitigate existential risks facing humanity, particularly existential risk from advanced artificial intelligence)
Lisbet Rausing	Sweden	Philanthropist. Co-founder of Arcadia (one of the UK's largest philanthropic foundations, supporting charities and institutions that preserve cultural heritage and the environment) and director of the worldwide farming corporation Ingleby Farms & Forests (Ingleby Company). She also works closely with a family-owned liquid food packaging company, <i>Ecolean</i> . Harvard University Press published Rausing's scholarly biography of Carl Linnaeus <i>Linnaeus: Nature and Nation</i> in 1999. Throughout her career she has published a range of articles on related subjects in scholarly journals including <i>Representations</i> , <i>Configurations</i> , and <i>History of Political Economy</i> . She has also contributed to the Financial Times and The Sunday Telegraph, and has published a number of pieces on the evolution of archive digitisation and on open access to scholarship.
Sigrid Rausing	Sweden	Philanthropist, anthropologist and publisher. Founder of the Sigrid Rausing Trust, one of the United Kingdom's largest philanthropic foundations. Rausing set up the charitable trust the <i>Sea Foundation</i> in 1988. In 1996 she transferred the funds to the <i>Ruben and Elisabeth Rausing Trust</i> , named after her grandparents; the trust was renamed the <i>Sigrid Rausing Trust</i> in 2003 and by 2014, had distributed approximately £208.3 million to human rights organisations globally. In 2004 she was the joint winner of the International Service Human Rights Award, in the Global Human Rights Defender category. In 2005 she won a Beacon Special Award for philanthropy. In 2006 she was awarded the Women's Funding Network's 'Changing the Face of Philanthropy' Award. She is an emeritus board member of the Order of the Teaspoon, a Swedish organisation against political and religious extremism. She was the judge of the Amnesty International Media Awards in 2009 and 2010. She serves on the advisory board of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, ^[22] and is an Emeritus member of the international board of Human Rights Watch. In 2010 she was made an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics. In 2011 she was the recipient of the Morrell Fellowship from the University of York. A monograph based on her PhD, <i>History, Memory, and Identity in Post-Soviet Estonia: The End of a Collective Farm</i> , was published by Oxford University Press in 2004. <i>Everything Is Wonderful</i> , a personal memoir of her year in Estonia researching the remnants of the Estonian Swedish community, was published by Grove Atlantic in the US, and by Bonniers in Sweden, in spring 2014.

		<p>Rausing writes occasional columns for the <i>New Statesman</i>, and her articles on human rights have appeared in the <i>Guardian</i> and the <i>Sunday Times</i>.</p> <p>In spring 2005, she co-founded the publishing house, Portobello Books, and that Autumn she acquired <i>Granta</i>, a renowned literary journal, and its book publishing arm. She is now the publisher of both <i>Granta</i> magazine and <i>Granta Books</i>, including its imprint Portobello Books.</p>
Daniel Ek	Sweden	<p>Culture. Entrepreneur and a technologist. Ek is co-founder and CEO of the music streaming service <i>Spotify</i>.</p>
Esa-Pekka Salonen	Finland	<p>Culture. Orchestral conductor and composer. Currently Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor of the Philharmonia Orchestra in London, Conductor Laureate of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Composer-In-Residence at the New York Philharmonic, and Artistic Director and in 2003 cofounder of the <i>Baltic Sea Festival</i> which operates in three main areas in order to create a better future for the Baltic Sea region. 'We believe that music can serve as a good platform, and that it can initiate discussions that can solve large and difficult questions. Environmental issues in the Baltic Sea can only be solved jointly. For such calls to be successful it requires good leaders who can get things done, and point out the right way.'</p>
Martti Ahtisaari	Finland	<p>Politics. President of Finland (1994–2000), Nobel Peace Prize laureate and United Nations diplomat and mediator, noted for his international peace work. The Nobel statement said that Ahtisaari has played a prominent role in resolving many conflicts in Namibia; Aceh, Indonesia; Kosovo and Iraq, among other areas.</p>
Tarja Halonen	Finland	<p>Politics. President of Finland (2000 – 2012), the first female head of state in Finland. While she was in office, Finland also had female prime ministers. Halonen is widely known for her interest in human rights issues. She served as the chairman of <i>Seta</i> (the main LGBT rights organization in Finland). During her presidency, she has participated actively in discussion of women's rights and problems of globalisation. She is a member of the <i>Council of Women World Leaders</i> (international network of current and former women presidents and prime ministers). Halonen is a Board of Trustees Member of the <i>Nizami Ganjavi International Center</i> (international intercultural organisation based in Baku, Azerbaijan promoting tolerance, dialogue, learning and understanding). In 2009, <i>Forbes</i> named her among the 100 Most Powerful Women in the world.</p>
Linus Torvalds	Finland	<p>Science and technology. Finnish-American software engineer, creator of the <i>Linux kernel</i> that became the kernel for operating systems, such as GNU and years later Android and Chrome OS. He also created the distributed revision control system <i>git</i>.</p>
Janus Friis Niklas Zennström	Sweden- /Denmark	<p>Communication; Science and technology. Founded Skype (software program that uses the internet to make telephone calls), in cooperation with Estonians Ahti Heinla, Priit Kasesalu, and Jaan Tallinn. In 2005 Friis and Zennström sold Skype to eBay.</p> <p>Friis: Danish entrepreneur, has also founded video streaming startup Vdio in 2011. Friis and Ahti Heinla founded Starship Technologies in 2014, to develop small self-driving delivery robots.</p> <p>Zennström: Swedish entrepreneur, has founded the technology investment firm Atomico (head quarter in London) and has become a significant figurehead for entrepreneurs in the tech sector; he is the co-founder of the charity organization Zennström Philanthropies (giving in the fields of climate change, human rights and social entrepreneurship). Niklas is specifically engaged in combating climate change and improving the state of the Baltic Sea. Green Mentorship Award is an award created by Zennström Philanthropies to shine spotlight on the work being done by entrepreneurs in Sweden to tackle climate change and create a low carbon future. The winner receives personal mentoring from Niklas Zennström for one year.</p>
Claus Meyer René Redzepi	Denmark	<p>Culture. Culinary entrepreneur, food activist, cookbook author, professor and TV host, accredited as the founder of the <i>New Nordic Cuisine</i> philosophy, characterised by inventiveness and clean flavours. 'Ecological sense' is essential.</p> <p>The exclusive Michelin-starred restaurant <i>Noma</i> was founded by Claus Meyer in partnership with head chef Rene Redzepi with the intention of reinventing Nordic cuisine. <i>Noma</i> (portmanteau of the two Danish words 'nordisk' (Nordic) and 'mad' (food) has been rated the World's Best Restaurant in four years.</p>

Lars von Trier	Denmark	Culture. Film director and screenwriter, started <i>Dogme 95</i> (an avant-garde filmmaking movement with rules to create filmmaking based on the traditional values of story, acting, and theme, and excluding the use of elaborate special effects or technology) together with Thomas Winterberg although von Trier's own films have taken a variety of approaches. Known as a provocateur, his work has frequently divided critical opinion. Nevertheless, von Trier is widely regarded as one of the most accomplished and influential directors in world cinema.
Gro Harlem Brundtland	Norway	Politics. Brundtland served three terms as Prime Minister of Norway, and as Director-General of the World Health Organization from 1998 to 2003. She is also known for having chaired the Brundtland Commission which presented the Brundtland Report on sustainable development. Brundtland is a member of the <i>Council of Women World Leaders</i> , an international network of current and former women presidents and prime ministers whose mission is to mobilize collective action on issues of critical importance to women and equitable development. In 2007, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon named Brundtland, with two other people, to serve as UN Special Envoys for Climate Change. Brundtland is also a member of the <i>Club of Madrid</i> , an independent organization of former leaders of democratic states, which works to strengthen democratic governance and leadership. Brundtland serves as Deputy Chair of <i>The Elders</i> , a group of world leaders convened by Nelson Mandela, Graça Machel and Desmond Tutu in order to tackle some of the world's toughest problems.
Jens Stoltenberg	Norway	Politics. Served two terms as Prime Minister. Was appointed by <i>NATO's North Atlantic Council</i> to be the treaty organisation's Secretary General and Chairman of the <i>North Atlantic Council</i> , succeeding Anders Fogh Rasmussen; he assumed his position on 1 October 2014. From 2013, Stoltenberg served as a UN special envoy on climate change (global warming), and has previously chaired the UN High-Level Panel on System Wide Coherence and the High-Level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing. He is a member of the <i>Global Commission for the Economy and Climate</i> .
Åsne Seierstad	Norway	Culture. Freelance journalist and writer, best known for her accounts of everyday life in war zones – most notably Kabul after 2001, Baghdad in 2002 and the ruined Grozny in 2006. She has also published the book <i>One of us</i> , about Anders Breivik.
Per Wimmer	Denmark	Philanthropist, space advocate, entrepreneur, financier and author. Wimmer owns and administers his own international corporate financial advisory firm, Wimmer Financial, which he founded on the 50th anniversary of Sputnik day, October 4, 2007. Wimmer Financial specializes in global corporate finance, shares trading, real estate and natural resources. Furthermore, Per Wimmer is a founding astronaut with Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic; the first astronaut onboard space company XCOR's Lynx rocketplane and holds a trip to space reservation with Space Adventures. In September 2011, Per Wimmer published the book <i>Wall Street</i> , about the bubbles in the financial markets, with anecdotes from his career in the world of global finance. In June 2014 he published his second book <i>The Green Bubble</i> in Sweden for the think tank Timbro, which argues there is a bubble within the renewable energy sector. The book has also been published at one of Denmark's largest publishing houses, Gyldendal. In 2008, Per Wimmer participated in a tandem skydive 17.8 miles away from Mount Everest.