



Laureates:

Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Guatemala (1992)
Jody Williams, USA (1997)
Shirin Ebadi, Iran (2003)
Tawakkol Karman, Yemen (2011)
Leymah Gbowee, Liberia (2011)

Ottawa, June 2, 2020.

Feminist solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement

We stand in solidarity with protestors uniting against anti-Black racism in the United States and around the world.

As a global feminist organization working towards peace, justice and equality globally, we witness daily how systemic, militarized anti-Black racism perpetrates inequality and chains us to a colonial history. Viewing Black lives as less than human made slavery possible, and today chains millions of people around the world to a life of poverty and injustice.

The heavily militarized response deployed to silence the Black Lives Matter movement today is the same that fuels war and the destruction of life—Black women's lives in particular. For generations, Black women have borne the burden of devastation caused by white supremacy and state-sanctioned brutality. Racism is a feminist issue, and we stand in solidarity with Black women who endure the double burden of race and gender inequality.

We call for justice for Breonna Taylor. For George Floyd. For Tony McDade and every Black life lost to racism in the United States. For Regis Korchinski-Paquet in Canada. For Adama Traoré whose family is marching in Paris today.

We urge U.S. authorities to uphold the universal right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Martial law has no room in a democracy. There will not be peace and security in this world until there is peace and security for each and every Black person.

Black lives matter, today and every day.

Advocating for peace, justice and equality