

## CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights<sup>1</sup>



**Name of Organisation:** Front Line Defenders

**Website of Organisation:** <https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/>

**Facebook of Organisation:** <https://www.facebook.com/FrontLineDefenders/>

**Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N:** Yes

Front Line Defenders was founded in Dublin in 2001 with the specific aim of protecting human rights defenders at risk (HRDs), people who work, non-violently, for any or all of the rights enshrined in the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (UDHR). Front Line Defenders addresses the protection needs identified by HRDs themselves.

Front Line Defenders provides rapid and practical support to human rights defenders at risk through:

- international advocacy on behalf of human rights defenders at risk, including emergency support for those in immediate danger;
- grants to pay for the practical security needs of human rights defenders;
- trainings and resource materials on security and protection, including digital security;
- rest, respite and other opportunities for human rights defenders dealing with extreme stress;
- opportunities for networking and exchange between human rights defenders, including at the biennial Dublin Platform;
- the annual Front Line Defenders Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk;
- an emergency 24-hour phone line for human rights defenders operating in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

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<sup>1</sup> The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2600 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP ([www.dtp.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote human rights more broadly.