

The United Nations and the ECPM present:

Lindy Lou, Juror Number 2



Florent Vassault
Director of the film

Florent Vassault is a French film director and editor from Aix-en-Provence. After several short films and a documentary (Bernard Thomas, les secrets de la gloire in 2007), he turned towards documentaries and co-directed, with sociologist Arnaud Gaillard, Honk! in 2011, a plunge into the death penalty in America. During this production, he met Lindy Lou Isonhood, member of a jury which sentenced a man to the death penalty in 1994. He then released his second film on capital punishment entitled Juror number 2 in 2017, retracing the journey of Lindy Lou.



Sandrine Ageorges-Skinner
Activist against the death penalty, and wife of death row prisoner Hank Skinner

Sandrine Ageorges-Skinner has been an abolitionist since adolescence. She is a board member of the organisation Ensemble contre la peine de mort (ECPM), which she has represented on the steering committee of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty since 2009. She was responsible for the programme of debates at the 5th World Congress against the Death Penalty. She is the wife of Hank Skinner, sentenced to death in Texas in March 1995, and has been fighting with him for more than 20 years to prove his innocence and obtain his release. With him, she fights to improve the living conditions of death row prisoners, a subject for which she has carried out numerous legal and medical research in collaboration with American experts.



Paul d'Auchamp
Deputy Regional Representative for Europe, UN Human Rights Office

Paul d'Auchamp is Deputy Regional Representative at the UN Human Rights Regional Office for Europe since 2012. A political scientist by training, he began his career in the Municipality of Copenhagen, working on integration issues and inter-ethnic relations. He joined the United Nations in 2000, initially working at the Geneva HQ of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), where he worked on indigenous people's rights and victims of torture. In 2003, he joined the OHCHR Africa Branch. In 2009, he moved to Dakar, Senegal, as OHCHR's Deputy Representative for West Africa. In the OHCHR Europe Office, he has focused on rule of law and civic space issues inside the EU, as well as on human rights in EU external action.



Petra Hongell
Information Officer at UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre

Petra works as an Information Officer at the United Nations Regional Information Centre, responsible for communication and public outreach to the Nordic countries. She is the moderator of the debate as well as the Coordinator of UN Cinema (Ciné ONU) in Sweden and Finland. Previously, she has worked for the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Finnish Permanent Representation to the European Union within the sector for Energy, Research and Competitiveness. She holds a Master of Science in Political Sciences from the University of Åbo Akademi, Finland.

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"I commend the efforts of the great majority of Member States to end the practice, and I call on those remaining to join that majority and put an end to the death penalty now" - UN Secretary General, António Guterres

More than 160 Members States of the United Nations with a variety of legal systems, traditions, cultures and religious backgrounds, have either abolished the death penalty or do not practice it. Yet, prisoners in a number of countries continue to face execution.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, with its mandate to promote and protect all human rights, advocates for the universal abolition of the death penalty. The UN Human Rights Office argues this position for other reasons as well, including the fundamental nature of the right to life; the unacceptable risk of executing innocent people; and the absence of proof that the death penalty serves as a deterrent to crime.

7th World Congress Against the Death Penalty

The 7th World Congress Against the Death Penalty is being held in Brussels for the first time, from 26 February to 1 March 2019.

The goals of the congress include: encouraging a variety of private and public sector groups to be involved in the international anti-death penalty movement; put in place a global strategy to move the last retentionist countries towards abolition; and to raise awareness among the Belgian population and youth.

The congress is being organised by ECPM (Together Against the Death Penalty). Since 2000, ECPM have been fighting against the death penalty worldwide by uniting and rallying abolitionist forces across the world. They advocate with international bodies and encourage universal abolition through education, information, and public awareness campaigns. They strengthen the capacities of abolitionist actors and act alongside them on a local scale.

Information and free registration for the 7th world congress at congress.ecpm.org

