

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## 2022 Prince Claus Seed Awards Recipients Announced

The Prince Claus Fund is proud to announce 100 recipients of the 2022 Prince Claus Seed Awards. These Awards recognise emerging artists whose cultural practice and creative work addresses pressing issues in their local communities.

This year's recipients come from more than 70 countries, extending from Latin America and the Caribbean to Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Their work covers a wide range of disciplines and addresses a diversity of social concerns, from gender equality, racial justice and indigenous rights to freedom of expression and the impacts of climate change.

Among the Awardees this year we have Lina Lasso - a Colombia-born afrofeminist artist and activist who is focusing on critical political work to exalt the potential of people of the African diaspora; Erv King - a Tibetan photographer giving a local voice to the complex archives of Tibetan representation; and Svitlana Biedarieva - a Ukrainian artist who focuses on the topics of war, identity, memory, and resistance.

These are just three examples of the 100 creative individuals receiving Prince Claus Seed Awards this year. You can find their stories on our website <u>www.princeclausfund.org</u>

About the Prince Claus Fund

The Prince Claus Fund believes that culture is a basic need. We have been supporting freedom of cultural expression in Latin America, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean since our founding in 1996.

We amplify emerging artistic talent, accelerate future leaders, and recognise change makers, focusing on places where cultural expression is under pressure.

In 2021 the Fund launched three Award categories designed to support creatives at different stages of their development: Prince Claus Seed Awards, Prince Claus Mentorship Awards and Prince Claus Impact Awards.

Prince Claus Seed Awards are meant to give socially engaged artists and cultural practitioners a boost at an early stage in their careers. Recipients are free to use the 5,000 euro Award at their own discretion to further their practice. The Fund also facilitates connections and beneficial exchanges for and among recipients.

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