

This year thousands of people decided the time had come to claim their rights. They took to the streets and demanded change. Many found their voices using the internet and instant messaging to inform, inspire and mobilize supporters to seek their basic human rights. Social media helped activists organize peaceful protest movements in cities across the globe—in Tunis, in Cairo, in Madrid, in New York, and in cities and towns across the globe—at times in the face of violent repression. It has been a year like no other for human rights. Human rights activism has never been more topical or more vital. And through the transforming power of social media, ordinary people have become human rights activists.

Human rights belong equally to each of us and bind us together as a global community with the same ideals and values. As a global community we all share a day in common: Human Rights Day on 10 December, when we remember the creation 63 years ago of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On Human Rights Day 2011 we pay tribute to all human rights defenders and ask you to get involved in the global human rights movement. (...)

The article:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Day2011/Pages/HRD2011.aspx>

Sull'argomento:

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Panel on Social Media and Human Rights for the Human Rights Day 2011:

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Selected learning materials:

[http://www.hrea.org/index.php?base\\_id=165&language\\_id=1](http://www.hrea.org/index.php?base_id=165&language_id=1)

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The state of human rights in Asia on International Human Rights Day 2011:

<http://www.humanrights.asia/news/ahrc-news/AHRC-STM-198-2011>

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Diritti umani e popoli indigeni - Tra locale e globale, tra autonomia e cooperazione:

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