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## **GRETA THUNBERG AWARDED THE PRIZE OF FREEDOM BY WORLD NORMANDY FORUM FOR PEACE**

**ELECTED WITH 41.67% VOICES**

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**USPA NEWS** - Promise held! Greta Thunberg went to the Abbaye-aux-Dames, Caen, this Sunday, July 21, 2019, to receive his trophy. Laureate of the 1st edition of the Normandy Region Freedom Award, the latter who had not been able to attend the ceremony organized on the 5th of June as part of the World Normandy Forum for Peace in Caen had promised to come to Normandy as soon as she could. In the presence of Hervé Morin, President of Normandy Region, Charles Norman Shay, and Léon Gautier, veterans and sponsors of the Freedom Award, as well as Yacine AIT KACI, said YAK, Vice-President of the ELYX Foundation, President of the Jury of the Freedom Award 2019, the young activist, who has become known for her fight against global warming, was awarded a check for 25,000 euros to defend her cause and a trophy made by the first class BMA cabinetmaking at the Lycée des métiers d'art Augustin Boismard in Brionne, Eure." Says the Communiqué of World Normandy Forum for Peace launched two years ago by Herve Morin, President of the Region fo Normandy.

"I am delighted to receive Greta Thunberg in Normandy for the 2019 Freedom Award. There is probably one of humanity's greatest challenges since its inception, that of not creating the conditions for its own destruction. . Greta Thunberg, with her young age, was able to participate in this collective awareness and put everyone in charge of her responsibilities,"said Herve Morin, President of the Normandy Region.

**THE FREEDOM PRIZE IS AN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT DISCLAIMS IN THREE STEPS-----**

The Freedom Award is an initiative of the Normandy Region, in partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, the Academic Authorities of Normandy, the Canopé network and Ouest France. It allows young people from any country, aged 15-25, to nominate each year a personality or an organization engaged in an exemplary fight for freedom. The 2019 edition was articulated around an educational device in 3 main stages, encouraging the involvement of young people from one end to the other of the process:

- 1) A call for applications, launched from June 6, 2018 to January 15, 2019, to propose personalities or organizations: 113 files were received, proposing 100 different applications
- 2) An international jury, composed of 30 young people from 15 to 25 years old (12 internationals, 7 national, 11 Normans) who met on 8 and 9 February 2019 in Caen to select the three finalist candidates: Greta Thunberg, Raif Badawi and Lu Guang were selected by the jury.
- 3) A digital voting, open from 1 to 31 March 2019, to young people aged 15 to 25, of any nationality

**GRETA THUNBERG WINNER OF THE 2019 LIBERTY AWARD WITH 41.67% VOICES-----**

After the online vote, Greta Thunberg was awarded the Freedom Award with 41.67% of the vote. Raif Badawi obtained 37.21% of the votes and Lu Guang 19.68% (1.44% of the white votes). Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish high school student, has become known for her fight against the inaction of Heads of State and Government and lack of awareness of the climate emergency. She misses school every Friday to protest in the Stockholm Parliament. In particular, she took part in COP24, in December 2018 in Katowice (Poland), and at the Davos Economic Forum (Switzerland) in early 2019.

"I am very honored and very grateful to receive the Freedom Award. This award is for the entire Fridays For Future movement because we did that together. The fight for climate justice is a struggle for freedom because the climate crisis will affect the lives of many people. Billions of people are likely to have their lives ruined by this crisis with floods, droughts, extreme weather ... In the future, the climate crisis is likely to be the cause of many conflicts and wars. It threatens the entire civilization and it is the people who are the least responsible who will pay the highest price. We have to face the climate crisis to save lives,"said Greta Thunberg. Greta Thunberg has decided to donate the entire prize to four organizations committed to climate justice: CARE - helping women and girls in southern countries to fight the effects of rising temperatures and climate change , The Adaptation Fund - helping vulnerable communities in developing countries adapt and fight climate change, 350.org and Greenpeace International, both fighting for climate justice, the environment and against climate change extraction of fossil fuels.

**LAUNCH OF THE SECOND EDITION OF THE LIBERTY AWARD-----**

On the occasion of this ceremony in honor of Greta Thunberg, Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy Region, officially launched the second edition of the Freedom Award. "Many situations around the world show that freedom remains fragile, often damaged. The fight for freedom defends itself constantly and relentlessly. By inviting young people from around the world to elect each year a personality who will have committed exceptionally to this ideal, the Freedom Award intends to relay this message beyond the borders and thus make education and transmission work "reminded Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy Region. The call for proposals "Our Freedom 2020 Award" allowing young people, aged 15-25, of any nationality, to propose personalities or organizations will be open until January 17, 2020. An international jury will meet on 14 and 15 February 2020 at the Abbaye-aux-Dames to nominate the 3 finalists. The laureate will be nominated after a digital vote, open from March 9 to April 12, 2020. Source : World Normandy Forum for Peace

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