

Emma González – the student fighting the US gun lobby – will be awarded the Stuttgart Peace Prize 2018 of the German citizens' project Die AnStifter (The Instigators)

Annette Ohme-Reinicke: “Emma González represents ‘another America’”

The presentation of the prize will take place on the 2nd of December in the Theaterhaus in Stuttgart

The Stuttgart Peace Prize 2018 of Die AnStifter goes to the US-American student Emma González. After the Parkland school massacre at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School she and her fellow students have founded the organization Never Again MSD, which stands up for stronger gun control and fights against the political influence of the NRA in the US.

Annette Ohme-Reinicke, the chairwoman of Die AnStifter, assesses the developments in the United States: “Emma González represents a new and young generation, which refuses to accept the publicly condoned abuse of young people as objects of the weapons industry. Emma González and her companions have found blistering words for the often fatal entanglements of politicians and arms dealers. Those young people have not only publicly expressed their own fear of death, but they have given a voice to the many others who suffer from gun violence. Their actions of civil disobedience signal that now a generation has taken the public stage which no longer follows the propaganda of ‘more guns – more security’. This new generation speaks out and demands political change. This gives us reason to hope.

Thus, Emma González represents ‘another America’: The America of that strong civil society which is now adding new zeal to the fight against racism, xenophobia, or the recent state-imposed abuse of small children in order to scare off potential migrants.”

For 15 years Die AnStifter have honored people and projects, that take a firm stand for peace, justice, and solidarity. The prize is worth 5000 Euros.

This year’s Peace Prize will be presented as part of the Gala for Peace in the Theaterhaus on the 2nd of December 2018.

