

 **Haldane Society of
Socialist Lawyers**



ELDH European Association of
Lawyers for Democracy and
World Human Rights

present a one-day conference

Defending human rights defenders

Friday 24 February 2012 London

at the Amnesty
International
Human Rights
Action Centre

17-25 New Inn Yard
London EC2A 3EA

Across the globe, human rights defenders face real threats. In Colombia, one human rights defender is murdered every three days. Lawyers, journalists and trade unionists have been murdered in the Philippines. Palestinian activists face assassination, death-threats, arbitrary detention. The Russian state is accused of complicity in the deaths of campaigning journalists. The lesser-known struggle in Swaziland is a campaign for basic democracy, against a feudal

monarchy. These are just five challenging civil societies where activists daily risk their lives for their commitment to human rights and social justice. We will be joined by members of a broad range of national and international campaigning organisations and solidarity movements. The conference will provide opportunities for human rights defenders to publicise their struggles and for British lawyers and activists to offer real, practical solidarity.

For expressions of
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the conference,
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