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Sakharov Prize 2012 Panel Discussion

***Collaboration between the European Parliament Office in Scotland
& Glasgow Human Rights Network (GHRN)***

The European Parliament's **Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought** is awarded annually to honour exceptional individuals who combat intolerance, fanaticism and oppression. Like Andrei Sakharov himself, all the winners of the prize have shown how much courage it takes to defend human rights and freedom of expression.

The European Parliament Office in Scotland and the Glasgow Human Rights Network host this event at which students will mirror the process by which MEPs choose the winner of the Sakharov Prize. Students will present and argue the case for each nominee to receive the prize. Presentations will be followed by a discussion and vote among those present to determine the shortlist. After a further discussion, a vote will be taken to choose a winner - and we will see if the choice in Glasgow is the same as the choice made in Brussels!

This year's nominees

- **Ales Bialiatski** imprisoned civil society activist fighting for freedom of thought and expression in Belarus.
- **Joseph Francis** founder and director of the Centre for Legal Aid, Assistance and Settlement (CLAAS).
- **Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza, Déogratias Mushayidi, Bernard Ntaganda** imprisoned Rwandan opposition politicians fostering dialogue and reconciliation.
- **Pussy Riot** Russian arrested after protesting in a cathedral against Russian president Vladimir Putin.
- **Nasrin Sotoudeh** imprisoned Iranian lawyer and human rights advocate.
- **Jafar Panahi** Iranian film director, screenwriter and film editor.

Full details of the 2012 Sakharov Prize can be found on the [European Parliament website](#).

Thursday 18 October 2012
17.30 – 19.30

Wolfson Medical School Building, Seminar Room 3 (Gannochy)

Location C8 on [Campus map](#)

***The event will conclude with refreshments served in the Wolfson Atrium
All are welcome – event is free of charge***

Registration essential – please register by **Tues 16 October**

<http://ghrn-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

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