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What We Do

- Leader in international freedom of expression campaigns
- Central to the campaign for the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Liu Xiaobo, founder and former president of the Independent Chinese PEN Centre
- Leader in the successful campaign to stop the Religious Defamation movement at the United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva
- Defender of free expression on the Internet
- Leader of the movement to have a Declaration of Linguistic Rights recognized in international law
- Research and campaign centre for Writers in Prison work
- Central to the support of writers forced into exile
- Creator of programs marrying literature and literacy delivered by 17 African PEN Centres, including the creation of school libraries and PEN writers volunteering in the schools
- Advocate of programs supporting smaller and endangered languages
- Founder and coordinator of the growing number of “Free the Word” literary festivals around the world.