



MARY ROBINSON

Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



President Mary Robinson has the acute ability to focus the global spotlight on highly important humanitarian issues. With compassion at the forefront of her politics, she has led the world with a strong ethical vision for the future.

As the first woman President of Ireland, she elevated the country to a new level of international status by fighting for controversial changes and bridging religious, social, and economic groups. President Robinson's campaign for worldwide democracy

continues today with her work as president of the Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice, a center for thought leadership, education, and advocacy on the struggle for global justice. With the belief that there is a seat at the table for businesses when it comes to solving human rights, justice, and environmental issues, President Robinson is also a member of the Club of Madrid.

A courageous defender of fundamental respect for human life, President Robinson was the first woman to chair the United Nations Commission for Human Rights and is the founder of The Ethical Globalization Initiative. She tirelessly advocates for the integration of human rights, gender sensitivity, and enhanced accountability in politics. She is also on the Council of Elders (along with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, President Jimmy Carter, and Gro Harlem Brundtland), the honorary president of Oxfam International, and Chair of the Board of the Institute of Human Rights and Business. She is currently at work on her memoir, *Everybody Matters*, which will chronicle her remarkable career, beginning with her work as a young lawyer in Ireland crusading for the rights of women.

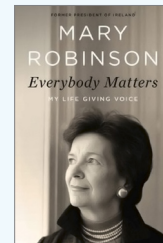
In 2005, President Robinson was deemed a hero and an icon and was listed as one of Time's top 100 men and women whose "power, talent, or moral example is transforming the world." In 2009, President Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom—the highest civilian honor—for her significant global contributions.

Working to leave the world in better condition than how she found it, President Robinson continues to lead by example, acting as a bold, determined catalyst for change.

TOPICS

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- > Making Human Rights the Compass for All Ethical Globalization
- > A Woman Leading the World
- > Corporate Social Responsibility
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One of the most inspiring women of our age, Mary Robinson has spent her life in pursuit of a fairer world, becoming a powerful and influential voice for human rights around the globe. Displaying a gift for storytelling and remembrance, Robinson reveals, in *Everybody Matters*, what lies behind the vision, strength, and determination that made her path to prominence as compelling as any of her achievements.

RAVE REVIEWS

Mary Robinson gave a remarkable presentation. Several commented on the depth and practicality of her solutions to world hunger and poverty—and of her own, personal commitment to changing what can be changed in the world. I highly recommend President Robinson...she is the best possible speaker on the topic of World Hunger and Poverty.

-Augustana College