Rigoberta Menchú Tum

1992 Nobel Prize Winner and Human Rights Activist

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Rigoberta Menchú Tum is a 1992 Nobel Prize Winner and Human Rights Activist. She is a renowned leading advocate of Indian rights and ethno-cultural reconciliation, not only in Guatemala, but in the Western Hemisphere generally, and her work has earned her several international awards.

"Rigoberta represents the dynamic development of international legal norms"

In detail

Born in 1959 in the village of Chimel, Guatemala, a community continuing the millennium-old Maya-Quiché culture. In 1979, Rigoberta joined the CUC (Peasant Unity Committee). That year her brother was arrested, tortured and killed by the army. The following year, her father was killed when security forces in the capital stormed the Spanish Embassy. Shortly afterwards, her mother also died after having been arrested, tortured and raped. Rigoberta became increasingly active in the CUC, and taught herself Spanish as well as other Mayan languages than her native Quiche. In 1980, she figured prominently in a strike the CUC organized for better conditions for farm workers on the Pacific coast, and on May 1, 1981, she was active in large demonstrations in the capital.

What she offers you

The breadth and depth of her knowledge and experience is unique. Rigoberta has great insights into the social justice and human rights arena as well as globalisation and sustainable development.

How she presents

A highly emotional and forceful speaker, the flamboyant Guatamalian is now in great demand as a speaker on political and human rights issues at conferences the world over.

Topics

Globalisation, Another View

Social Justice

Human Rights

Values of Indigenous People

Women´s Rights

Sustainable Development

Languages

She presents in Spanish.

Want to know more?

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How to book her?

Simply phone, fax or e-mail us.

Publications

1998

Crossing Borders

1983

I, Rigoberta Menchu- An Indian Woman in Guatemala

Credentials

1992

The Nobel Prize