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Ian Randle is awarded for his leadership in reclaiming local ownership of Caribbean intellectual property; for publishing foundational resources of local knowledge; for transcending language barriers to build capacities in Caribbean publishing and increase dissemination of Caribbean thought to the rest of the world; and for championing independent local publishing and self-representation in other post-colonial contexts.

Extract from the 2012 Prince Claus Awards Committee report

Ian Randle Publishers is pleased to announce that our pioneering Founder and Chairman, Ian Randle, is one of the 2012 recipients of the Prince Claus Award from the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development in recognition of his dedication to culture and development having “transformed the knowledge production and circulation in the Caribbean through his first local independent [scholarly] publishing house.”

The Prince Claus Fund states as its mission, “to actively seek cultural collaboration founded on equality and trust, with partners of excellence, in spaces where resources and opportunities for cultural expression, creative production and research are limited and cultural heritage is threatened.” The Fund, named in honour of Prince Claus of the Netherlands, is based in Amsterdam and is supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Dutch Postcode Lottery. The international Prince Claus Awards have been granted annually since 1997 to honour individuals and organizations reflecting a progressive and contemporary approach to the themes of culture and development.

There have only been two other recipients from the English-speaking Caribbean; Peter Minshall, designer (Trinidad) in 2001; and Erna Brodber, writer (Jamaica) in 2006. Ironically, Ian Randle Publishers has just released Erna Brodber’s newest work, *The World is a High Hill: Stories about Jamaican Women.*

Congratulations to our Chairman, Ian Randle, for your perseverance and commitment. We continue to strive to bring world class books *From the Caribbean to the World.*