No Peace Without Justice is launching a writing contest on LGBTI Rights in the MENA Region and the Arab Spring / Jasmine Revolution.

The contest is open to MENA Region individual activists or associations with an interest in LGBTI rights.

Participants will contribute an essay, paper or article addressing whether and how the Arab Spring/Jasmine Revolution has affected LGBTI Rights and/or how LGBTI rights activists have contributed to the democracy movement.

An international jury of eminent human rights personalities will select and shortlist the best contributions.

Shortlisted essays will be published and promoted by No Peace Without Justice. The top three submissions will each receive a prize of 700 USD.

Deadlines: Participants need to register by Monday 30 April 2012 by mail to lgbti@npwj.org, with a brief description (between 100 and 300 words) of the essay, name (individual or organization), age, email, city and country. Only participants registered by 30 April 2012 will be able to take part in the writing contest.

Essays will be between 2000 and 3500 words, and are due on 30 June 2012.

Participants’ personal information will be kept in the strictest confidence and essays can be published under a pseudonym if preferred. However, No Peace Without Justice will need the real names and addresses of participants in order to transfer funds and comply with copyright requirements.