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John Lannon has been an active human rights advocate since 1980, mostly with Amnesty International (Irish Section). He is director of an Irish-based development organisation for refugees and asylum seekers, and a founder member of Soweto Connection, a registered charity that helps South African communities cope with HIV/Aids. He has lived in South Africa, where he worked as a lecturer at University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg) and Rhodes University (Grahamstown).

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