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Professor Noam Chomsky, 2011 Sydney Peace Prize Recipient

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Message from Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

Sydney Peace Prize

As Governor of New South Wales and Chancellor of The University of Sydney, I am delighted to serve as Patron of The Sydney Peace Foundation.

Under the inspired leadership of Professor Stuart Rees, Director of the Foundation, many deep concerns in the building of peace – peace with justice across our world – have been placed before us to contemplate and to debate our association with some of the world's most courageous and eloquent advocates for peace.

These are individuals whom The Sydney Peace Foundation has honoured with its Peace Prize.

One of the several outstanding recipients over the years since the establishment of the Prize in 1998 is Professor Noam Chomsky, recipient of the 2011 Sydney Peace Prize.

Professor Chomsky, a highly acclaimed academic of Massachusetts Institute of Technology USA, is a fearless advocate for peace and for the defence of truth and open dialogue, often in the face of harsh opposition. He has inspired countless individuals world-wide to sustain their integrity and their own uncompromising defence of truth.

The extraordinary crowds who flocked to hear his presentation in Sydney bear witness to the high regard in which his wisdom and his integrity are valued.

Professor Marie R Bashir AC CVO
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Stuart Rees
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By email stuart.rees@sydney.edu.au

Dear Stuart

Sydney Peace Prize

Congratulations on the success of the 2011 Sydney Peace Prize!

I am proud of the City of Sydney's involvement with this event.

I am pleased to provide a message of support for the Sydney Peace Foundation's Annual Report:

"The City of Sydney is proud to support the Sydney Peace Prize, Australia's only international prize for peace. The award advocates for the principles of peace and justice, and is a vital reminder that conflict and discord are universal problems we must all address."

Noam Chomsky is a worthy recipient of this year's Prize. As a long-standing and passionate leader of the anti-war movement and advocate for human rights, Noam embodies the Prize's pursuit of universal peace. On behalf of the City of Sydney, I congratulate you on another exceptional event."

I wish you all success planning next year's event.

Yours sincerely

Clover Moore MP
Lord Mayor of Sydney

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Peace with justice is a way of thinking and acting which promotes non-violent solutions to everyday problems and provides the foundations of a civil society.

The Foundation

- awards the Sydney Peace Prize
- develops corporate sector and community understanding of the value of peace with justice
- supports the work of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies
- Encourages and recognises significant contributions to peace by young people through the Youth Peace Initiative

Why is Peace with Justice Important?

- it provides for the security of children
- it envisages an end to the violence of poverty
- it paints a vision of individual and community fulfilment through the creation of rewarding opportunities in education and employment

The Sydney Peace Foundation is a privately endowed Foundation established in 1998 within the University of Sydney



Post-graduate students at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies who were indispensable in the running of the 2011 Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner.

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Optimism about the Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner and award ceremony. Beth Jackson in conversation with Julian Burnside AO QC and Kate Durham

Chair's Report

The Sydney Peace Foundation is an active and lively organization, whose engagement with the community belies the small team of staff and Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies student supporters. This year saw an increased number of public events, including of course the important City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture, an additional public event held at the Opera House, and the wonderful Sydney Peace Prize dinner, all held over three days in early November.

The 2011 Sydney Peace Prize winner is the distinguished linguist, social scientist and human rights campaigner, Professor Noam Chomsky. Professor Chomsky is an inspiring person for millions around the world, and particularly younger people, as was evident at his first public appearance at the Sydney Town Hall, where he was accorded a standing ovation upon his arrival.

His award was initially announced at a special event in June, where our Patron, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, and Chancellor of the University of Sydney, declared herself delighted with the choice, describing Professor Chomsky as "one of the finest individuals of the 20th-21st centuries". Professor Chomsky's citation referred in part to his "unfailing courage, distinguished scholarship and effective activism in promoting the attainment of human rights". It was a simple joy to listen to Noam at his various public events and to see how warmly people responded to him, including the school children he met at Cabramatta High School on the morning of 4th

November. In one of the most enjoyable events of the year, the Sydney Peace Prize winner and Foundation members joined Cabramatta High School students, and those of several other schools, in celebrating "Voices Inspiring Peace" with Professor Chomsky. Cabramatta High School Principal Beth Godwin continues to delight us all with her students and those from a range of other schools, and adds her own special talent for building a cohesive yet diverse school response to the issues of concern to her young students.

Further events were held in throughout the year, as part of a conscious effort to carry the message of peace with justice more widely. A focus of some of these events has been the concerns of many at the challenges to freedom of speech and expression, and a review of the role of the media. To this end a public forum was held at Sydney Town Hall on Breaking Australia's Silence, Wikileaks and Freedom in March, and a similar forum was addressed by the Foundation's Director, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees for the Victoria Civil Liberties Annual Dinner in August. I must especially thank our former

Chair, Mary Kostakidis, for her substantial support of many of these events, and Council members generally for their engagement throughout the year.

A number of Council members, including Professor Rees and Dr Ken Macnab, have pursued the critical area of West Papua and its uncertain future. This issue will continue to trouble many, with West Papuans greatly in need of our support.

2011 has been a year of great change: economically and politically. The “Arab Spring” has given new heart to people seeking simple human rights, including freedom of speech, expression and movement, not to exclude democratic rights of government. As at late 2011, Burma is showing nascent signs of new freedoms emerging. Economic challenges have raised issues of poverty and financial hardship, even in some of the most prosperous nations. Government and international organization responses to these issues have varied widely, with a strong role remaining for organizations like the Sydney Peace Foundation to advocate on behalf of those whose voices may be muffled or impeded in their pursuit of peace with justice. For 2012, I personally hope that the Foundation provides strong advocacy for the proposed constitutional change to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders – this is a fundamental issue for all Australians and surely the most compelling for those of us who wish for peace with justice.

The year has seen Council work on a range of issues around policy governance, and the development of strategic, communications, and fundraising plans. We have also increased our staff and financial support for the Youth Peace Initiative, and developed an enhanced online presence to better communicate with our supporters. Our improved website utilizes both the www.sydneypeacefoundation.org.au URL and the University link www.sydney.edu.au/arts/peace_foundation, and some additional work is underway to update and improve the Youth Peace Initiative (YPI) online access. We thank Design Animals for their in-kind support for our web initiatives.

As required by the University of Sydney, along with all other University Foundations, we have developed a Charter for the Foundation, and have amended the Foundation’s Rules to incorporate elements of both our Charter and our Aims and Objectives. We have also developed closer relationships with the University’s Advancement Services team to extend our fundraising efforts. We have benefited from the University’s resources, and the relationship remains a valuable one. With the University’s assistance we will have an improved online giving program for 2012.

To support the work of the Sydney Peace Foundation executive team we have employed a part-time PR/Website officer, who provides additional support for the reinvigoration



Soka Gakkai musicians entertain guests at the Peace Prize Gala Dinner

of YPI. YPI is also assisted by collaboration with a range of other like-minded organizations, including high schools like Cabramatta, and the organization Information and Cultural Exchange, based in Parramatta. It is hoped that this collaborative model will extend to other organizations with whom the Foundation can work to build on our record of developing awareness of, and participation in, peace with justice amongst our younger community.

We continue to enjoy our strong relationship with the City of Sydney and in particular the support of the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore MP, and the CEO, Monica Barone. The Sydney Peace Foundation greatly values the assistance provided to us by Council, both financial in support of the Sydney Peace Prize, and in the use of the wonderful Sydney Town Hall and other City venues. Without the City’s support the Foundation would simply be unable to make the annual Sydney Peace Prize award and to participate in the many other activities Stuart Rees and his team enliven. This year’s events were sold out well in advance, and consequently assisted our fundraising efforts. Thousands of people in Sydney and beyond have the opportunity to hear direct from some of the world’s most significant supporters of peace with justice, thanks primarily to the City of Sydney.

While we have made many efforts to extend invitations to the corporate world to support the work of the Sydney Peace Foundation, unfortunately that ambition remains largely unrealized. We do, however, enjoy the outstanding philanthropy of our peace makers Joe Skrzynski and family, Steve Killalea and family and Alan Cameron and family. It will be a challenge for the Foundation in 2012 to develop our dialogue with corporate Australia. I am pleased to acknowledge the

valuable support of Virgin Australia, whose service Professor Chomsky enjoyed on his flights to and from Australia.

The Sydney Peace Foundation does happily enjoy the support of many individual friends. With your help we have succeeded this year in raising over \$130 000, and we greatly appreciate your generosity. Our ambitions for 2012 include more interaction at school level to promote, on a practical basis, peace with justice concepts and activities, and the provision of scholarships to the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies – with greater support from business and other potential sponsors we will be able to achieve these ambitions.

In an interesting combination of creativity and support for peace with justice, the Foundation was provided with four Wolfgang Sievers photographs by Julian Burnside QC. The Art Gallery of New South Wales agreed to purchase these important photographs for their photography collection and we thank curator Judy Annear and also Dominik Mersch of Dominik Mersch Gallery who kindly assisted this philanthropy. We also thank Pavilion Christofle for their support with the provision of a beautiful silver “Peace” photo frame, to contain a photograph of the Governor and Noam Chomsky.

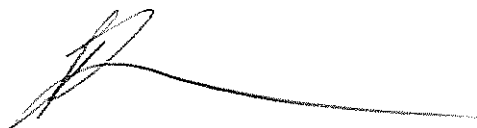
With great personal sadness I record the passing of two significant supporters of both peace with justice and the Sydney Peace Foundation – Stella Cornelius, and James McLachlan. While Stella Cornelius passed away late in 2010, this year saw the unveiling of a wonderful photographic portrait of Stella, who now occupies a special place in the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies.

I would like to thank the Centre’s staff and students for their support of the Sydney Peace Foundation throughout the

year. Associate Professor Jake Lynch, Director of CPACS, is also a member of Council and he and other Council members, most notably Ken Macnab, amplify the Foundation’s message with their own important work at CPACS.

Our thanks go to the staff of the Foundation, including our Director, Stuart Rees, the Executive Officer, Dr Hannah Middleton, and Melissa McCullough (who has greatly assisted with communications, internet and social media developments, and YPI), for all their hard work in a year which has probably seen an unprecedented number of events and activities by the Foundation.

Both Stuart Rees and Hannah Middleton plan a more relaxing 2012 and have advised their intention to retire at the Annual General Meeting. While the Foundation will greatly miss them, they will no doubt continue to be strong voices for peace with justice in Australia and internationally, for which they are already renowned. We wish them both well.



Beth Jackson
Chair





Director Stuart Rees acknowledging guests, his colleagues, supporters and 2011 Sydney Peace Prize recipient Professor Noam Chomsky

Director's Report

Promoting a Culture

To avoid a simple chronological list of a year's events, I reflect on the values which affect our actions and on the individuals whose attitude to peace we applaud. Those values contribute to a culture which reflects the stance of the late Tony Judt, distinguished historian and correspondent for the *New York Review of Books*. Judt said, 'We need people who make a virtue of opposing mainstream opinion.' Thomas Jefferson also expressed such views but more dramatically, 'All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent.'

The opposition referred to by Judt reminds us to challenge abuses of power, to comprehend and champion human rights, to support the interests of the vulnerable and to nullify the unnecessarily constraining arms of bureaucracies. We also need to be abreast of global financial and political trends, including the Occupy Movement which challenges corporate greed and the erosion of human well being caused by large scale unemployment and consequent poverty.

Such observations are tinged by what sounds like a certain righteousness. I apologise. The culture I'm referring to also needs irreverence, humour, disrespect for hierarchies, respect for the spirit which defines professionalism as 'doing more than you have to.' These qualities are required

to promote peace with justice. They also contribute significantly to a work place which is creative and fun. In that latter respect I acknowledge invaluable relationships with my close colleagues, the Executive Officer of the Foundation Dr. Hannah Middleton, the Director of CPACS Dr. Jake Lynch, Melissa McCullough Media Officer of SPF, my inveterate friend the President of CPACS Dr. Ken Macnab, the Centre's volunteer Principal Librarian Peggy Craddock, and the Admin. Assistants for CPACS, Neven Bondjoki (from Jordan), Punam Yadav (from Nepal) plus many post graduate students and staff from CPACS, Dr. Wendy Lambourne, Dr. Lynda Blanchard.

Rewarding Julian Assange

At the end of 2010, members of the Executive decided to award the Foundation's gold medal to the co-founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange. We did so on the conviction that Assange and his colleagues were challenging centuries of assumptions that governments needed secrecy in order to govern. In response to Wikileaks revelations about the conduct of the US government, including the video clip *collateral damage*, American politicians and media commentators argued that Assange should be captured or assassinated. The Australian government responded by saying that Assange would not be welcome in this country and could have his passport confiscated.

We were appalled that Americans' response to a championing of freedom of information was to advocate violence and that Australia's official response reeked of cowardice. In the light of such events, Mary Kostakidis (former Chair of the Foundation), Dr. Hannah Middleton and I met at the Front Line Club in London's Pimlico district where we presented Julian with the Foundation's gold medal 'for exceptional courage in pursuit of universal human rights.'

March 16th, WikiLeaks and Freedom: Breaking Australia's Silence

Following a suggestion – made in early January by journalist and filmmaker John Pilger (recipient of the 2009 Sydney Peace Prize) – the Foundation staff became the catalyst for organising a public forum on the need to 'break Australia's silence' – about the value of freedom of the press and freedom of information as shown by the Wikileaks revelations.

From January to March the SPF staff worked daily to ensure the success of the March 16th forum in the Sydney Town Hall, addressed by John Pilger, Julian Burnside QC and the Independent Tasmanian MP Andrew Wilkie. In organising this significant public event, the support of our Partner in Peace the City of Sydney was crucial. Our commitment to this event also derived from our awareness of and respect for that ruling of the US Supreme Court in the case of Daniel Ellsberg of Pentagon papers fame: 'Only a free

and unrestrained press can effectively expose deception in government.'

On March 16th, the Sydney public broke their silence. Thousands filled the Town Hall. Hundreds were on the streets unable to get in. The significance of the speakers' main message – on the public's right to know – was underscored by the indifference of mainstream media. They ignored the occasion.

June 1st: Announcing the 2011 Peace Prize Recipient

En route to London to make the award to Julian Assange, I spent time at MIT with Professor Noam Chomsky. This was the fourth of our face to face meetings over the past few years. This time we discussed the schedule for the November Peace Prize events. His indefatigable assistant Bev Stohl repeated her request to 'preserve Noam's energy and his voice.'

The values which Professor Chomsky has written about in numerous books and which he expressed in his various appearances in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide came in his message to Julian Assange in London: 'I would like to thank you for fulfilling your responsibilities as a member of free societies whose citizens have every right to know what government is doing.'



Julian Assange receiving the Sydney Peace Foundation Gold Medal

Those sentiments were echoed by the Governor of NSW and Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, when announcing at a Town Hall cocktail party on June 1st that Noam Chomsky had been chosen as recipient of the 2011 Peace Prize.

The citation for Professor Chomsky read: *'For inspiring the convictions of millions about a common humanity and for unfailing moral courage. For critical analysis of democracy and power, for challenging secrecy, censorship and violence and for creating hope through scholarship and activism to promote the attainment of universal human rights.'*

Within days of the award being announced, several universities wanted Chomsky to appear on their campuses. In response to those requests a lot of time was spent negotiating with colleagues at UNSW, Macquarie, UTS and Deakin plus our friends from the Edward Said collective in Adelaide. The November meetings in Sydney with linguistics students, Noam's appearance in the Melbourne Convention Centre and in the Adelaide Town Hall – to give the Edward Said oration – arose from those negotiations.

Other Human Rights Issues

In addition to our main obligation to ensure the success of Noam Chomsky's travel to Sydney and his subsequent various appearances in November, we initiated or co-operated in many other public events related to human rights. Such participation included several articles in publications such as ABC's *The Drum* and in the independent on line publication *New Matilda* and frequent press releases on issues such as Palestinians' latest attempts to attain a land of their own, the continuing siege of Gaza, war crimes in Sri Lanka and our last of the year – issued on Monday 14th November – concerning the Australian Government's reinforcing of its alliance



with the USA by agreement to station 2,500 US marines on bases adjacent to Darwin.

Public addresses which were my responsibility or in which I was a contributor as follows:

April 27th, *'Responsibility to Protect, the Right to Intervene'*, seminar to GAPW in New York

May 11th, *Launching the 'Justice for David Hicks' campaign*, Sydney Univ., Law School.

June 16th, *'Wikileaks is a Force for Good'*, The IQ Debate, City Recital Hall, Sydney

August 2nd, *'Sanity of Bradley Manning v. the Culture of Revenge'*, forum in NSW State Parliament.

September 9th, *'Human Rights/Justice/Peace: Indivisibility?'* address to Victorian Civil Liberties Union

September 15th, address to high school students @ PLC Pymble, *'Interpretations of peace with justice: the story of SPF'*

September 15th, *'Western Sahara the Untold Story'*, Sydney Mechanics School of the Arts

September 20th, *'Peace Prize history & current human rights priorities'* seminar to SGI personnel, Homebush, NSW

September 21st, *'Unveiling Portrait of Stella Cornelius'*, Posters for Peace Gallery, CPACS, Univ. of Sydney

September 22nd, address to South Coast (Berry) peace forum: *'Peace with Justice: Controversy and Freedom'*,



The Sydney Peace Foundation team - Melissa, Hannah and Stuart - with Professor Noam Chomsky

October 10th, *'Accountability for Justice and Freedom in Sri Lanka'*, Tamil Congress, Sydney

October 26th, presentation to law firm Gadens, *'The Cultural and Legal Implications of Peace with Justice.'*

The November Peace Prize Events: Honoring Noam Chomsky

Publicity preceding Professor Chomsky's arrival in Sydney included a beautifully crafted article by Jane Wheatley in the *Sydney Morning Herald's* Good Week End magazine. That article was entitled, *'Critical Thinking: Noam Chomsky on Power Politics and Losing the Love of His Life.'*

November's Peace Prize events were as follows:

November 1st Reception held by the Governor of NSW at Government House

November 2nd, Noam Chomsky's 2011 City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture in Sydney Town Hall

November 3rd, 'Noam Chomsky in Conversation with Mary Kostakidis', Q&A in Sydney Opera House.

November 3rd, award of the 2011 Sydney Peace Prize to Professor Noam Chomsky. That award made by Australia's 'father of reconciliation' and 2008 recipient of the Sydney Peace Prize Patrick Dodson. Patrick was introduced by the Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore MP.

Tributes to Professor Chomsky included the highly significant message from his friend the Indian novelist, human rights

campaigner and recipient of the 2004 Sydney Peace Prize Arundhati Roy. Arundhati wrote,

'It is wonderful that Noam Chomsky is being honoured this evening with the Sydney Peace Prize. But we must remember this is a man who is beyond prizes. He is somebody who has helped the world to deepen its understanding of what peace means and what war means, and to expose the subterfuge that lies under the easy deployment of those words. If I had been there right now, I would have given him a hug that would have embarrassed him in public. I love him.'

November 4th, 'Voices Inspiring Peace' Cabramatta High School's unique welcome to this year's Peace Prize recipient. Twenty one schools participated on this colourful, inspiring occasion. Principal Beth Godwin and her staff are wonderful colleagues of ours and via them so are their students.

Final Expressions of Gratitude.

In the forthcoming 15th year of the Sydney Peace Foundation, I intend to step down as Director. In that respect my considerable thanks go to the numerous friends who have supported our work over those years. There will perhaps be another occasion when I can identify them and say a special 'thank you'.

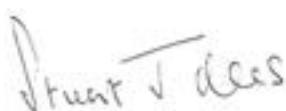
This final year has perhaps been the most demanding but we have been well supported by the Chair of the Foundation my colleague Beth Jackson and by all the members of Council who give their valuable time so generously. I especially want to thank those members of the Council who have facilitated seminars and meetings which introduce conversations about peace with justice to a wider public.

There is a tradition of not naming the members of the Peace Prize jury. But I do need to emphasise that the years of careful attention to due process by jury members have been a major reason for the Peace Foundation's success and reputation. As in previous years I sincerely thank members of the jury for their reflective and careful deliberations.

I'll leave the Foundation's Chair to acknowledge our donors. Suffice for me to say that we would find it difficult to survive without the generous support and interest of the Council of the City of Sydney, or those special colleagues Steve Killelea, Joe Skrzynski, Mark and Jane Fulton, Rob Thomas and former chairs of the Foundation, Alan Cameron and Mary Kostakidis.

I have already mentioned the work of the Foundation's Executive Officer Dr. Hannah Middleton. This will also be Hannah's last year in this position. I owe so much to her political insights, analytical skills and overall sense of a common humanity. In similar vein Melissa McCullough has been a creative and highly skillful colleague, not least with regard to the use of social media. As always my early morning appraisal of current affairs have been made possible by coffee conversations with my immediate CPACS neighbour and ex University Senate mate Dr. Ken Macnab.

I look forward to continuing to support the work of the Sydney Peace Foundation, albeit not from the lofty heights of Director.



Stuart Rees

Director



Director Stuart Rees in conversation with Cabramatta High student in the Peace Garden at Cabramatta High



Professor Noam Chomsky giving the 2011 City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture

Sydney Peace Prize

Each year the Sydney Peace Prize is awarded to an individual

- who has made significant contributions to global peace including steps to eradicate poverty, racism and entrenched unemployment – conditions often labelled as “structural violence”.
- whose role and responsibilities enable them to use the prize to further the cause of peace with justice.
- whose work illustrates the philosophy and principles of non-violence.

The award has national and international significance in terms of support given to leaders for peace. It also identifies Sydney as a city with a prominent peace agenda.

Sydney Peace Prize Recipients

2011 – Professor Noam Chomsky

Distinguished American linguist, social scientist and human rights campaigner Professor Noam Chomsky recognized for inspiring the convictions of millions about a common humanity and for unfailing moral courage. For critical analysis of democracy and power, for challenging secrecy, censorship and violence and for creating hope through scholarship and activism to promote the attainment of universal human rights.

2010 – Dr Vandana Shiva

Scientist, environmentalist and feminist, recognised for her courageous leadership of movements for social justice – the empowerment of women in developing countries, advocacy of the human rights of small farming communities and through her scientific analysis of environmental sustainability, as well as for conducting such advocacy and leadership through the language and practice of non violence.

2009 – John Pilger

World renowned journalist, author and film-maker John Pilger recognised for his work as an author, film-maker and journalist as well as for courage as a foreign and war correspondent in enabling the voices of the powerless to be heard and for commitment to peace with justice by exposing and holding governments to account for human rights abuses and for fearless challenges to censorship in any form.

2008 – Patrick Dodson

Chairman, Lingiari Foundation, recognised for his courageous advocacy of the human rights of Indigenous people, for distinguished leadership of the reconciliation movement and for a life time of commitment to peace with justice.

2007 – Dr Hans Blix

Chairman, Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (WMDC), recognised for his principled and courageous

opposition to proponents of the war in Iraq, for life long advocacy of humanitarian law and non violence and for leadership of disarmament programs to rid the world of weapons of terror.

2006 – Irene Khan

Secretary General of Amnesty International, recognised for her leadership as a courageous advocate of universal respect for human rights, her skills in identifying violence against women as a massive injustice and therefore a priority campaigning for peace.

2005 – Olara Otunnu

Former United Nations Under Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict, recognised for his lifetime commitment to human rights, his ceaseless efforts to protect children in time of war and his promotion of measures for the healing and social reintegration of children in the aftermath of conflict.

2004 – Arundhati Roy

Indian writer and human rights activist recognised for her courage in campaigns for human rights and for her advocacy of non-violence as expressed in her demands for justice for the poor, for the victims of communal violence, for the millions displaced by the Namada dam projects and for her opposition to nuclear weapons.

2003 – Dr Hanan Ashrawi

Founder and Secretary General of the Palestine Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH). As a writer, academic, political activist and campaigner for human rights, her advocacy has played a central role in the development of a self-governing Palestine.



2010 Sydney Peace Prize Precipient – Dr Vanada Shiva

2002 – Mary Robinson

Distinguished lawyer, former President of Ireland and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Dedicated and courageous champion for the rights of the powerless and a vision of peace with justice through respect for human rights.

2001 – Sir William Deane

Former Governor General of Australia. Strongly committed to improving the quality of life of disadvantaged Australians in particular indigenous peoples.

2000 – Xanana Gusmao

President of the National Council for East Timorese Resistance and subsequently the first President of East Timor. Courageous and principal leader for the independence of the East Timorese people, a statesman in the causes of human rights and peace with justice.

1999 – Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

For his work as Chairman of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Nobel Prize winner, leader of the anti-apartheid movement against racial oppression, tireless campaigner for reconciliation through tolerance and forgiveness.

1998 – Professor Muhammad Yunus

Founder of the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh. Innovator in work enabling the world's poor to become independent through access to microcredit. Inspiring advocate of the view that poverty is the denial of all human rights and that peace is freedom from poverty.



Patrick Dodson presenting Professor Noam Chomsky the 2011 Sydney Peace Prize



Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner



Over 400 guests celebrate the award of the Sydney Peace Prize to the 2011 recipient, Professor Noam Chomsky, in the stunning surrounds of the MacLaurin Hall, the University of Sydney.



The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, hosts an intimate reception for 2011 Sydney Peace Prize recipient and friends of the Sydney Peace Foundation at the historic Government House in Sydney's Botanic Gardens



City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture



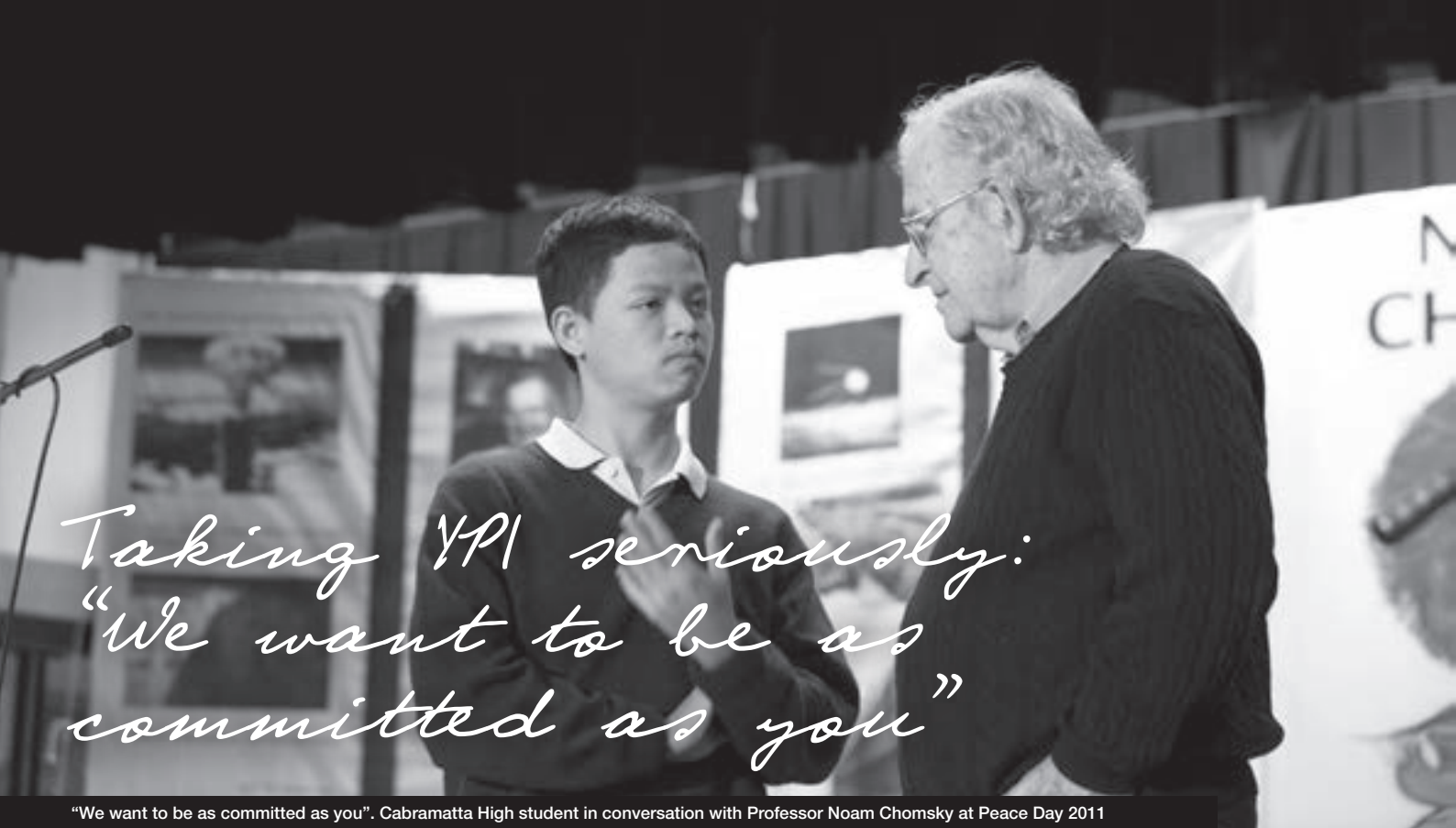
Entertainers include Natalie Pa'apa'a of Blue King Brown and drummers and singers from Cabramatta High, Granville Boys and Fairfield primary



Cabramatta High Peace Day



More than 2000 students from high schools across NSW gather at Cabramatta High's annual Peace Day, a student-led celebration in honour of the Sydney Peace Prize recipient which showcases multicultural Australia at its best



"We want to be as committed as you". Cabramatta High student in conversation with Professor Noam Chomsky at Peace Day 2011

Youth Peace Initiative

In mid-2011, the Sydney Peace Foundation recommenced the Youth Peace Initiative (YPI) - the Foundation's project engaging young people in discussions about peace with justice. I was appointed as Coordinator for 2 days per week.

2011 has been a time to take stock of the objectives and activities of the project, foster new partnerships with community and educational service providers, craft strategies for engaging high schools across NSW in 2012, and to seek funding from philanthropic and government sources. Much consultation, discussion and head scratching has taken place and as a result, the YPI is in an advantageous position to re-engage with young people, their high schools and their communities in 2012.

Our plans for 2012 are ambitious and feasible: we will deliver peace education to NSW high school students via four main project areas:

- Face-to-Face student mentoring of social justice leaders (from mid-2012)
- Video Conferencing
- Online Engagement via the YPI website and social media
- The dissemination of online peace education resources to high school teachers

In mid 2012, the YPI will launch its first e-Zine – a quarterly newsletter discussing school peace projects published by high school students with the assistance of the YPI Project Coordinator.

In late 2011 the YPI facilitated its first video conference in over a year. Hosted by Engadine High, the conference included the participation of six high schools across NSW from Sydney through to Bega. It was impressive to see these young people voluntarily give up their lunch break to talk with their peers about issues of peace with justice. As the students' nerves subsided, some felt comfortable to share their own stories of arriving in Australia as a refugee; illustrating and personalising what can often remain abstract.



The positive effect of this was significant. Students listened to each other with a level of respect often absent from our mainstream media and politics. I walked away from the video conference having learnt much more from the students than I was able to “teach them”, and feeling energised by their interest in each other’s stories and their commitment to making a difference.

I congratulate and thank the two previous coordinators of the YPI, Mr Trent Newman and Ms Susy Lee, whose vision, creativity and hard work have created an exceptional programme, on which future YPI projects will draw deeply. An enormous thank you also goes to Stuart Rees, Beth Jackson, Abe Quadan and Jake Lynch for their interest and support in getting the YPI up and running again in 2012. With all this at the fore, 2012 will be a demanding year for YPI.

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Financials 2011

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Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure for the twelve months ended 31 December 2011

(Account Codes: D7801 22222, D7801 D0630, D7802 22222)

	2011	2010
INCOME		
Interest income	8,258	11,336
Donations, Sponsorships and Scholarships		
Appeal Campaign	136,642	102,470
City of Sydney	50,000	50,000
Special Events Income		
Gala Dinner	80,827	66,627
Sydney Peace Prize Lecture	46,350	
Opera House Q&A	14,748	14,988
Other Income	4,314	
Total Income	341,139	245,421
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and associated costs	72,073	92,936
Contract Employment	31,066	12,900
Special Events - Catering and hiring charges	58,974	58,350
Printing & Photocopy	5,927	8,584
Postage & Communication	2,282	1,923
Travel and Accommodation	9,493	12,718
Advertising and Promotions	623	400
Sydney Peace Prize	50,000	50,000
Sydney Peace Prize - Trophy	1,204	1,364
Stationery and Office Supplies	1,052	607
Graphic Design	10,591	8,553
General Expenses	1,975	2,961
Equipment, Leasing & Repairs & Maintenance	777	557
Donation - Medical Association for Prevention of War	10,000	-
Transfer to CPAC (conference support)		2,000
Total Expenditure	256,037	253,853
Surplus/ (Deficit)	85,102	-8,432
Accumulated Funds as at 1 January	245,778	254,210
Accumulated Funds as at 31 December 2011	330,880	245,778



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