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Messages From Our Patrons

"The Sydney Peace Prize [...] is Australia's only international prize for peace, and it inspires us all to think more deeply about the world in which we live and the values we hold dear."

Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney

I commend the Sydney Peace Foundation on its dedication to promoting peace and honouring champions of human rights, including through the Sydney Peace Prize.

The City of Sydney has been a proud supporter of the Foundation and its Sydney Peace Prize since it began eighteen years ago. At the City of Sydney, we are committed to ensuring a socially just and

sustainable future based on tolerance, compassion, social justice and nonviolence.

As Australia's only international award for peace, the annual Sydney Peace Prize is an invaluable way of recognising outstanding contributions to peace, justice, and human rights. It inspires us to think more deeply about our values, and reminds us of the urgent need to address conflict and discord where we see it.

George Gittoes was a very worthy recipient of the 2015 Sydney Peace Prize. He is a brave individual who for the past 45 years has borne witness to the atrocities of war and been an advocate for the oppressed by chronicling their suffering through his art and films.

On behalf of the City of Sydney, I congratulate George on his award, and I wish the Sydney Peace Foundation continued success in 2016.



Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney

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"The Foundation eloquently advocates for peace with justice, which is central to achieving fair and just livelihoods, with adequate access to food, health, education, and most certainly to human rights, dignity and freedom."

Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

As the former Governor of New South Wales and as a former Chancellor of The University of Sydney, I have long been familiar with the inspirational messages which The Sydney Peace Foundation convey, and I have greatly valued the privilege of serving as Patron. I am immensely proud of the important work which the Foundation undertakes.

The Foundation eloquently advocates for peace with justice, which is central to achieving fair and just livelihoods, with adequate access to food, health, education, and most certainly to human rights, dignity and freedom. Through these basic rights, each individual has the opportunity to realise their full potential.

This year the Foundation awarded its eighteenth Sydney Peace Prize, which is the only international peace prize in Australia. The Prize has always honoured the most eminent, brave and effective workers for peace. This year was certainly no different. It is a credit to the Sydney Peace Foundation that it has this year—by design— decided to award the Prize to an artist. The role of the arts as a force for good cannot be underestimated, and ought to be recognised more often.

It was a pleasure to see George Gittoes recognised for the courageous and powerful peace builder that he is, particularly as he is one of our own. His work over the last five decades in

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the war zones of the world is certainly commendable and his commitment to dialogue and our common humanity is admirable. I congratulate the Sydney Peace Foundation for a magnificent choice and a great example of someone working to build peace with justice. I look forward greatly to learning who the 2016 Sydney Peace Prize recipient will be, and to continuing to be part of the Foundation's important work.

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Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO



Freedom Equality Well-being Democracy Nauvislence "Peace with justice
is a way of thinking and acting which
promotes nonviolent solutions to everyday problems
and provides the foundations of a civil society."

Professor Emeritus Stuart Rees AM, Founder of the Sydney Peace Foundation

Sydney Peace Foundation

Who we are

Established in 1998, the Sydney Peace Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation of the University of Sydney. The Foundation is funded by the City of Sydney, and by organisations and individuals committed to peace with justice. The Foundation seeks to create dialogue and partnership between business, media, public service, community and academic interests.

Objectives and strategy

The Sydney Peace Foundation envisions a world in which peace with justice, human rights and nonviolence are valued and realised in the interactions throughout global society. The Foundation promotes this vision primarily by awarding the annual Sydney Peace Prize and by drawing attention to the important work of its recipients. The Sydney Peace Prize is Australia's only international prize for peace, and is a nationally and internationally acclaimed award as this report will show.

What is peace with justice?

Peace with justice is one of the world's most precious commodities. Peace with justice:

- seeks the attainment of universal human rights, regardless of one's gender, sexual preference, culture, religion, economic standing or political affiliation;
- promotes global social justice, where all people are able to fulfill their basic needs, including sufficient food, water, shelter, sanitation, education, health care and a fair wage for their work;
- protects and preserves our precious and fragile environment;
- envisages an end to all forms of violence, from war to poverty, insisting on the resolution of conflict through nonviolent mechanisms.

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Ms Jessica Andrews

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Chair's Report

I am pleased to present this year's Annual Report of the Sydney Peace Foundation. This has been a transition year for us. Overall the changes we have introduced helped to make this a very successful year and they augur well for the future.

In her Director's Report Juliet Bennett reviews many of this year's highlights. Our *Art of Peace* theme yielded a record number of nominations and after extensive deliberations Australian humanist artist George Gittoes was chosen as the winner. George worked closely with us to ensure that the 2015 City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture was, quite literally, a work of art. Music and a puppet show were followed by a riveting talk and slide presentation. His stories were confronting but his message was hopeful. He is a great believer in the power of art to inspire and connect people and in this way to promote peace with justice.

We have moved to a new format with the Peace Prize Dinner at the Hilton Hotel following immediately after the Lecture in the Sydney Town Hall. This created a full evening of Peace Prize events and allowed guests to discuss over a wonderful dinner the ideas covered by George's address. We will be repeating that format this year.

The 2016 Sydney Peace Prize winner was chosen from an even larger pool of nominations within the theme *Women Building Peace*. The identity of the winner will be announced soon; I am certain that her presence in Sydney this November will create a buzz and that her Peace Prize Lecture will be thought-provoking and inspiring.

The first 14 Peace Prize Lectures have been compiled in a book, *Conversations in Peace*. This





was launched by long-time Sydney Peace Foundation Patron and former Governor of New South Wales Professor Marie Bashir. The event took place at Gleebooks and included another great Foundation supporter, Steve Killilea, the founder of the Global Peace Index. Sydney Peace Foundation founder Stuart Rees also spoke and there was entertainment by Kurdish musician Veli Toprak.

The Dalai Lama's 80th birthday was celebrated by the publication of *Dear Dalai Lama*, a book of letters to him from Australians. We participated in a reception at Parliament House and also at another event to promote the book at Katoomba in the Blue Mountains.

In our efforts to become more involved in the wider Sydney community the Foundation participated in the Harmony Walk which took place this year in Blacktown. This event celebrates diversity and aims to promote dialogue and understanding among members of Sydney's many ethnic and religious communities. We also attended meetings with The Sydney Alliance, which also aims to encourage local involvement in community projects.

The Foundation also attended several events for the United Nations International Day of Peace in September and a reception to support Zimbabwe's National Peace Trust in July. We have entered into a mutual support arrangement with the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council to extend our connections with those promoting peace with justice in our region.

We also attended the Social Good Summit organised by the University of Sydney Business School. This was an opportunity for the corporate sector to showcase their socially progressive programs and to encourage other businesses to get on board. We had meetings with the organiser who was sufficiently impressed with the Foundation that she will be joining our Council to help promote our message of peace with justice to the wider business community.

Funding the Foundation will be a major objective of the year ahead. Going forward Council will be committed to fundraising. The future of the Foundation depends on it. We are very thankful to the Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore for the commitment to three more years of support from the City. We also have a handful of particularly generous individual sponsors including Steve Killilea and Alan Cameron but need more support from the business community. We will be actively

promoting corporate support in the year ahead.

Our volunteer Council is a hard working group and I thank them for their ongoing commitment to the cause. I want to make special mention of the efforts of our Deputy Chair Linda O'Brien and our Treasurer Errol Sullivan whose wisdom make my stewardship experience Foundation much easier. And none of this would be possible without the extraordinary dedication of Acting Director Juliet Bennett and Acting Executive Officer Katie Gabriel. As Juliet will be leaving us shortly to explore motherhood, Lisa Fennis, who has worked with us for several years now in her capacity as an employee, Council member, and as a key member of our Young Advocates Group, will take over the role of Acting Director.

We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

David Hirsch

February 2016



Director's Report

"It was the best Peace Prize that I have been to" the feedback we received from many long-time supporters. This was my fourth year at the Sydney Peace Foundation, the first in my role of Acting Director. In many ways I agree, 2015 was a very successful year.

Successes

The Sydney Peace Prize Report that follows tells of the great success of 2015 laureate George Gittoes' advocacy through art and the memorable storytelling, photography and puppetry that comprised his City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture.

The trial of a new format of events flowed seamlessly and brought a number of benefits. Rather than having the Award Ceremony and Dinner on a different night, awarding the Prize at the Lecture allowed a larger audience to share in its presentation, and allowed ticket prices to be more accessible. Most importantly, the content of the Lecture stimulated rich dinner table conversation between people from the worlds of business, academia, media, community and public service about peace with justice—which is what the Prize is all about.

Throughout the year there were many other big wins, including the renewal of our City of Sydney grant, the securing of new sponsors including Cellarmasters who generously donated a range of lush wines for the Dinner, and Victoria's Blooms whose stunning centrepieces set the atmosphere for the evening.



Bohemia Group, who hosted the Young Advocates for Peace event in 2014, engaged oOh! Media to provide \$100,000 worth of pro bono advertising space. Billboards displaying Gittoes' artwork and spreading awareness of the Sydney Peace Prize could be found on major highways, in shopping centres and cafes around Sydney in the month leading up to the events.

Perhaps the greatest success of the year has been the building of a highly efficient, effective and enthusiastic team of staff and Council working toward a long-term vision of the Sydney Peace Foundation's future.

Staff and volunteers

For onlookers it can be difficult to appreciate the amount of work that goes into organising the Sydney Peace Prize each year. It is not just about organising a couple of events, although this is certainly an important part. The Sydney Peace Prize involves a year-long program, including calling for and collecting nominations for the following year's Prize, engaging a Jury and facilitating their meetings, fundraising for the \$50,000 award, securing event and in-kind sponsorships, organising subsidiary events, engaging the Australian and international media for the announcement of the recipient and in the lead up to the presentation of the Prize, promoting the advocacy agenda of the recipient, marketing and selling ticket to the events, staying in touch with the work of past Sydney Peace Prize laureates and using their work as a platform for promoting peace with justice.

Having joined the Sydney Peace Foundation as Executive Officer in 2012, I have seen it through quite a transition in our attempt to fill the gap following the retirement of its inimitable Founder and Director, Stuart Rees. This year Jane Singleton stepped down as Director in an honourable move which will assist in guaranteeing the Foundation's financial sustainability. The year's successes would not have been possible without our Chair David Hirsch. David has been extremely dedicated and generous with his time, and is doing far more than is called for as the Chair of the Foundation's Council. He has been helping the Sydney Peace Foundation find its feet as we turn to a new chapter without Stuart as our head.

Another significant change this year was our former Project Officer Lisa Fennis moving on to a higher-level full-time role with Sydney University's Electoral Integrity Project. Lucky for us Lisa was also voted on as a member of the Foundation's Council. Lisa has been invaluable in her support for staff, on Council, as a leading member of our Young Advocates for Peace Group, and in her volunteeristic attitude helping out throughout the year.

Finding a replacement for Lisa was a challenging process, and for an interim period Jovana Subotic joined as a valued colleague who among other things introduced the Foundation to Cellarmasters, initiating their sponsorship.

In April Katie Gabriel joined us as an eager intern, soon taking on the role of Project Officer and later in the year the role of Acting Executive Officer. Katie's dedication to the Foundation, diverse skill set, and understanding of international relations and peace with justice has been an absolute asset to the Foundation every step along the way.

Another great addition to our team was Kate Mayor, a media expert we engaged as a contractor to take responsibility for Sydney Peace Prize related public relations and media. Kate is a joy to work with and as the media report shows Kate drew impressive media attention to Gittoes and the Prize.

This year we also had the pleasure of working with Chloe Rose, our dedicated intern, for almost six months. Chloe volunteered one to two days a week to help with marketing and promotions, with collecting nominations for next year's Prize, and with organising the Sydney Peace Prize events.

Each year a team of volunteers help tremendously on the night of the Sydney Peace Prize events. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Anu, Ayaka, James, Katie, Julie, Maddie, Lisa, Lydia, Elizabeth, Madeleine, Mujib, Claire, and Patricia for their help this year.

Finances and future

As the financial statements at the end of this report show, we have steadied out our financial system to what it was in 2013, which without an Honorary Director was quite the achievement.

2016 will be a year focused on raising funds, to provide a solid foundation for the 20th year of the



Peace Prize in 2017, and many more Sydney Peace Prizes to follow.

Thank you's

No year can go by without Stuart's favourite Bertolt Brecht quote:

As daily bread is necessary
So is daily justice.
It is even necessary several times a day.

In the fight for justice, one also needs bread. The bread and butter of the Foundation comes from the generosity of many people and organisations, some who I have mentioned above and some more who I would like to thank here.

Singapore Airlines have been supporting us for four years now, providing each recipient with two tickets on their world-renowned luxurious business class flights to be in Sydney for this week. George and Hellen were most grateful, after a terrifying drive down what they called "fury road" in Afghanistan, to be sipping champagne in the Singapore Airlines recliners.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore, and former Governor of NSW, the Hon Dame Professor Marie Bashir, whose messages open this report are invaluable to the Foundation. The City of Sydney is indispensable to the operations of the Sydney Peace Prize, and we are most thankful for their continuing support. I also thank the University of Sydney and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for the services they provide for us, from offices and utilities, to financial advice and reporting.

Our Council of fourteen volunteers meets every month to provide input to the Foundation's direction and to support the Sydney Peace Prize through selling tickets to the events and fundraising. We are most grateful for their dedication and support. We are also grateful to our Advisory Panel and to our founder Stuart Rees, who offer invaluable advice on the Foundation's major decisions and act as our Patrons.

I would also like to thank the talented Hellen Rose, organist Cameron Bruce, the puppeteers, Bruce Shillingsworth, Uncle Max, Ken West, and of course George Gittoes, who made Town Hall so spectacular.

Finally, we are beholden to our regular supporters—those of you who value the ideals of peace with justice and who support each year's Sydney Peace Prize events. I would like to make a special mention of thanks to Steve Killelea and Alan Cameron, for their continuous generosity.

Thank you. We need you. Peace with justice needs you!

Peace with justice

Sometimes people say to me, "I don't really get this peace with justice thing." As a graduate and PhD student in Peace and Conflict Studies, it seems so clear! Hence I wanted to end my report with a few words about what peace with justice means to me.

Peace with justice is respecting the intrinsic value

of all beings—not only other people, but animals, our environment and future generations as well.

Peace with justice strives not for the end of conflict, but for the end of violence. It is not only about addressing forms of violence like wars, shootings, bullying, and the like. Peace with justice also strives to resolve hidden cultural and structural forms of violence that can pervade any society, seeking to address the roots of those pervasive forms of violence such as poverty, racial, sexual and religious discrimination, and the unintentional yet systematic destruction of our environment.

When Stuart Rees started the Sydney Peace Foundation he wanted it to bring people from the corporate world together with media, academia, government and community, to talk about the world's most precious commodity: peace. It is the conversations that take place in Sydney and beyond, as a result of the words and work of the year's recipient, that are what the Sydney Peace Prize is all about.

It is this vision of peace with justice that I am personally committed to, and that we wish to expand upon through broadening the reach and increasing the impact of the Sydney Peace Prize.

Juliet Bennett
December 2015





The Sydney Peace Foundation primarily seeks to shine a light on the tireless work of the most dedicated and effective peace makers by awarding the Sydney Peace Prize annually and garnering media attention and corporate and public support for the recipient's work. Each year, the Sydney Peace Prize recipient spends a week in Sydney being interviewed by the media, delivering the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture, and attending other events including Cabramatta High School's Peace Day. This week not only provides the recipient with a platform from which to spread their message, but also gives the broader Sydney community a unique chance to interact and connect with an individual who has dedicated their life to working towards peace with justice. Sydney Peace Prize week is, above all, about inspiring people to think about and act for peace.

Each Sydney Peace Prize recipient's work and life exemplifies the Foundation's vision of peace with justice. That vision goes beyond the absence of physical violence; it encompasses social justice, respect for human rights, the nonviolent resolution of conflict, the promotion of a common humanity and respect for our fragile environment. Each of our laureates has been recognised for their valuable and effective contributions towards

realising peace with justice in its many forms. Highlighting the achievements of just a small selection of our winners illustrates some of the diverse dimensions of peace with justice.

In 1998 our inaugural recipient Professor Muhammad Yunus told us that "peace is freedom from poverty". He was recognised for the introduction of microcredit and his inspired work for those in poverty, offering impoverished villagers in his native Bangladesh and beyond the tools they needed to transform themselves into successful entrepreneurs. Also vociferous in her opposition to the violence of poverty is writer and activist Arundhati Roy, who received the Sydney Peace Prize in 2004. She insisted that "silence is indefensible" and that "peace is not the opposite of war, but the sibling of justice". The 2007 recipient, Swedish diplomat, weapons inspector and disarmament campaigner Hans Blix, brought a different message to Sydney. His Lecture on the Globalization of Peace focused on the need for universal disarmament and the threat of nuclear weapons. In 2010, Indian environmentalist Dr Vandana Shiva turned our minds to issues of sustainability and ecology urging us to "make peace" with the earth". She also advocated for the rights of small farming communities in their battle for

existence against large multinationals who were pushing them off their lands through the promotion of genetically modified seeds and crops. In 2013 Dr Cynthia Maung introduced Australia to her work at the Mae Tao Clinic, a refuge on the Thai-Burmese border the size of a village, where each year 700 staff provide health services to over 150,000 people including refugees, migrant workers and orphans.

George Gittoes AM, 2015 recipient

This year, one of Australia's own was selected from a large array of peace-promoting artists nominated for the Prize. After long and careful deliberations the Peace Prize Jury selected George Gittoes AM, Australian humanist artist, activist, and film-maker as the recipient of the 2015 Sydney Peace Prize. The citation read: "For exposing injustice for over 45 years as a humanist artist, activist and film-maker, for his courage to witness and confront violence in the war zones of the world, for enlisting the arts to subdue aggression and for enlivening the creative spirit to promote tolerance, respect and peace with justice."

Gittoes' activism evolved through his work as a painter, film-maker and photojournalist. He has chronicled conflicts and social upheavals in places including Nicaragua, Somalia, Cambodia, Western Sahara, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Bougainville, East Timor, South Africa, Palestine, Iraq and Pakistan.

In 1995 Gittoes was a witness to the massacre of thousands of Rwandans at a displaced persons camp where they had sought protection from UN peacekeeping forces. This event inspired his painting *The Preacher*, which later won the 1995 Blake Prize for Religious Art and has recently been acquired by the National Gallery of Australia.

Gittoes is currently located in Jalalabad,



Afghanistan where he runs the Yellow House Jalalabad, an artist collective which seeks to create dialogue and harmony through creativity and art. "I feel privileged to have been able to spend much of my life creating beauty in the face of the destruction of war" says Gittoes. "I have been waging a personal war against war with art."

2015 Sydney Peace Prize events

In a break from previous years, the Foundation decided to hold both the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and celebratory Sydney Peace Prize Dinner on the same night. Over 600 people attended Gittoes' Lecture, and 240 attended the Sydney Peace Prize Dinner.

The City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture was once again held at Sydney Town Hall's iconic Centennial Hall on Tuesday 10 November. The evening commenced with a traditional smoking ceremony conducted by Gadigal Elder Max Eulo outside Town Hall, an opening performance of Pashtun singing by Gittoes' partner Hellen Rose (in a nod to their work at the Yellow House Jalalabad in Afghanistan), and a performance in which two giant puppets symbolising war and peace made their way to the stage in an artistically poignant tribute to the struggle between violence and peace.



Gittoes' Lecture entitled "Art and Not War" demonstrated his ability to draw people in with his narrative, detailing his experiences across five decades working in the world's conflict zones and stressing the power of creativity and art in combatting and subduing malicious forces. George spoke passionately about the human cost of war,

telling story after story of destruction whilst juxtaposing the humanity-restoring power of art. Whether it be sketching someone in their final



moments to bear witness to their life or teaching and empowering young women how to use camera equipment in Jalalabad, Gittoes emphasised the need to involve the "creatives" in the fight against war and destruction. Many attendees have told us that his was one of the best Sydney Peace Prize Lectures to which they have been, and that Gittoes' message was both courageous and accessible.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore presented Gittoes with the 2015 Sydney Peace Prize to resounding cheers from the buzzing audience, and spoke of the City of Sydney's support of and admiration for the Sydney Peace Foundation. After the Lord Mayor closed the ceremony, the war and peace puppets (along with Gittoes' other marvelous Valkyrie puppets which peppered the



stage during his Lecture) led a processional to the Sydney Peace Prize Dinner down the road at the Hilton Sydney.

The Hilton Sydney proved an ideal venue, both grand and intimate, with guests astounded at the beauty of the State Room and the gourmet threecourse meal set before them complete with fine wine provided by Cellarmasters. During the course of the Dinner, George and Hellen made their way around the room greeting every table, participated in a Q and A, and there was even more singing, a special request from guests. The highlight of the Dinner was an impromptu auction of two of Gittoes' Valkyrie puppets to raise donations for the Sydney Peace Foundation and the Yellow House Jalalabad. The Dinner was a resounding success with guests staying on until the wee hours to enjoy every last moment with the Sydney Peace Prize recipient.

While the Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and celebratory Dinner are the Foundation's main focus, there are a number of other significant ancillary events, which also take place during Sydney Peace Prize week.

On the morning of Thursday 12 November, The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPACS) hosted a Q and A event with George Gittoes. This event provided a unique opportunity for CPACS students, staff, members, and volunteers to meet and spend time with the Sydney Peace Prize recipient, and also to ask more detailed questions about his career and the nature of his work in Afghanistan. The event was capped off with a lunch reception in the Posters for Peace Gallery.

Cabramatta High School's annual Peace Day closed out the Sydney Peace Prize week on Friday 13 November under the title "Create for Peace". In an awe-inspiring celebration of peace multiculturalism, the students of the school donned their various traditional clothing and performed songs and dances in welcome of Gittoes. There was a processional through the school's Peace Garden which had been decorated with tiny painted yellow houses in honour of Gittoes' work in Afghanistan. The students also unveiled hundreds of portraits of Gittoes, and participated in the freeing of the peace doves. In a serendipitous event, the doves circled above for several minutes before returning on course back to their home, almost as if in celebration and

affirmation of the event. Gittoes took questions and encouraged the enormously talented students of Cabramatta High School to follow their passion and to use their creativity to work towards peace and justice. Gittoes was moved to tears on more than one occasion, declaring the event the highlight of his life.



Advertising

To alert Sydneysiders to the upcoming events, beautiful banners donning the Foundation's iconic peace dove were installed up and down Park Street, George Street, and at various other locations around the city. Advertisements for the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture were splashed across Sydney on supersize billboards and on digital panels in shopping centres and cafes. This exposure, courtesy of oOh! Media, increased the reach of the Sydney Peace Prize message and raised awareness about the Foundation's work.

Media

With this year's internal restructuring and minimal staffing, the Foundation sought the expertise of Kate Mayor, a freelance writer, publicist and broadcaster to manage the Foundation's media engagements. Kate was able to utilize her vast network of connections and experience with public relations to provide George Gittoes with a range of exciting media opportunities. Gittoes received an



enormous amount of media attention on his winning the Sydney Peace Prize, which not only allowed his message of "fighting a war against war with art" to be heard by significantly more people, but also offered an insight into the work he has done in the war zones of the world over the years from Rwanda to Iraq.

This year's coverage kicked off with a feature in The Sydney Morning Herald's *Good Weekend* on 11 April announcing Gittoes as the 2015 Sydney Peace Prize recipient, along with an appearance on ABC's *The Drum* and extensive coverage of Gittoes' new film *Snow Monkey* making its debut at the *Melbourne International Film festival*.

The media coverage throughout included another appearances on *The Drum*, an interview with Margaret Throsby on *Radio National*, and many additional publications in *The Australian*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, and *The Daily Telegraph*. The buzz surrounding Gittoes' work continued for weeks after the Sydney Peace Prize events, with follow up features in *The Daily Telegraph* and *Fairfield City Champion*, and Gittoes' City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture being broadcast on the Australian Public Affairs Chanel twice.

A full list of this year's media features is available on page 18.



Social media

The Sydney Peace Foundation's digital reach received a boost in public interest, with the Sydney Peace Foundation's website visits spiking during the week of the Sydney Peace Prize events. Over 1,600 individuals visited the Foundation's website, 75% of whom were first time visitors and roughly 20% of whom comprised an international audience.

Throughout 2015 the Foundation made a concerted effort to reach out to supporters and to increase public awareness of the Foundation's work. Twitter and Facebook have been particularly valuable tools in maintaining our existing support base, touching new demographics, building relationships with like-minded organisations, as well as for keeping in touch with our past Sydney Peace Prize recipients. The Foundation's intern Chloe Goy was largely responsible for social media, seeking to increase the Foundation's reach and impact online.

This investment in social media has shown to be well worth the time and effort, significantly increasing the Foundation's support base and establishing greater rapport with other NGO's, notfor-profits and other organisations that maintain a focus of peace with justice. The Foundation's Facebook page has seen a significant increase in its reach, with our audience increasing by 30% from January 2015 to January 2016, and our post reach averaging a more consistent high during the same time frame. The social media buzz leading up to and during the Sydney Peace Prize week was impressive, with multiple posts reaching over 1,000 Facebook users and an article about our 2015 Sydney Peace Prize recipient George Gittoes reaching 16,800 people, garnering 1,156 likes, and being shared 170 times in a single day!

The Foundation's Twitter account has also had significant reach and follower spikes. More frequent posting, engaging with past Sydney Peace Prize recipients, diversifying our content focus to include refugees, art, indigenous issues and peace, as well as reaching out to and sharing posts by likeminded NGOs all greatly aided in boosting the Foundation's Twitter following by an astonishing 50%. There was also a dramatic increase in impressions (the number of times a tweet is seen by users on Twitter), with November 2015 seeing a 35% increase compared with the same period in

2014.

The various forms of media exposure Gittoes received during his time in Sydney to receive the Prize, many of which were subsequently shared on the Foundation's social media accounts, connected Gittoes' work to broader social movements and processes. From his work with Occupy Wall Street, to his activism in Rwanda, Gittoes' work to stop violence is visible in broader social momentum.

Looking ahead

2016 promises to be a sensational year for the Sydney Peace Foundation. The call for nominations for the 2016 Sydney Peace Prize took place between June and August. Nominations were solicited within the theme "Women Building Peace" to highlight the pivotal, though often unacknowledged, role that women play in the struggle for peace with justice. The call for nominations was spread far and wide by the Foundation's interns, which resulted in the receipt of over 60 nominations from within and beyond Sydney, many from members of the international community. The call for nominations helped the Foundation develop relations with a wide range of interested and supportive networks with which we hope to follow up this year. After extensive deliberations by the Peace Prize Jury, a sensational recipient has been selected. The Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and Dinner taking place on Friday 11 November, and the subsidiary events in the lead up, are not to be missed!

Katie Gabriel

January 2016

Media Coverage

Television and radio

Nov 14, 2015, George Gittoes' City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture, on Australian Public Affairs Channel (A-PAC on Foxtel) 6.30am, 12.20pm, 6.10pm (television)

Nov 10, 2015, Listen: George Gittoes on Mornings, Greta Balog and Nicholas Watts, FBI Radio (radio)

Nov 9, 2015, Meet George Gittoes, Monique Schafter, ABC 7:30 report (television)

Oct 21, 2015, George Gittoes with Margaret Throsby, Margaret Throsby, Radio National (radio) Apr 17, 2015, War artist and film maker George Gittoes discusses his time in the Afghan city of Jalalabad filming with impoverished youth, The Drum, ABC TV (television)

Apr 13, 2015, George Gittoes wins Sydney Peace Prize, ABC Radio National with Phillip Adams (radio)

Apr 10, 2015, War artist George Gittoes awarded Sydney Peace Prize, SBS (television)

Print and online news

Feb 18, 2016, Artists without borders, Creative City Sydney (online)

Nov 18, 2015 Peace Prize artist George Gittoes joins students at Cabramatta High School to spread message, Marie Hogg, Daily Telegraph Fairfield Advance (newspaper)

Nov 17, 2015 Students delighted to host a man of peace, Kirstie Chlopicki, Fairfield City Champion (newspaper)

Nov 14, 2015, Art's Pied Piper of Conflict, Elizabeth Fortescue, Daily Telegraph (newspaper)

Nov 12, 2015, Gittoes honoured with Peace Prize for work as humanist artist/filmmaker: gallery, Jim Gainsford, The Leader (online)

Nov 9, 2015, Artist George Gittoes to perform with giant puppets when he receives Sydney Peace

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18 Years of the Sydney Peace Prize

Each year the Sydney Peace Prize is awarded to an individual:

- who has made significant contributions to the achievement of peace with justice locally, nationally, or internationally;
- whose role and responsibilities enable them to use the prize to further the cause of peace with justice and the promotion and attainment of human rights;
- whose work illustrates the philosophy, language, and practice of nonviolence.

The Award has national and international significance in terms of support given to leaders for peace, as it provides the recipient with a platform from which to spread their message. It also identifies Sydney as a city with a prominent peace agenda and gives the broader Sydney community a unique chance to interact and connect with an individual who has dedicated their life to working towards peace with justice. The awarding of the Sydney Peace Prize is, above all, about inspiring people to think about and act for peace.

Sydney Peace Prize recipients

2015 - George Gittoes AM

Australian humanist artist, activist and film-maker. Recognized for exposing injustice for over 45 years, for his courage to witness and confront violence in the war zones of the world, for enlisting the arts to subdue aggression, and for enlivening the creative sprit to promote tolerance, respect, and peace with justice.

2014 - Julian Burnside AO QC

Australian barrister. Recognised for his brave and principled advocacy for human rights, for insisting we respect our international legal obligations toward those seeking asylum, for his unflinching defense of the rule of law as a means to achieve a more peaceful and just society.

2013 - Dr Cynthia Maung

Humanitarian doctor and founder of the Mae Tao Clinic. Recognised for her dedication to multiethnic democracy, human rights, and the dignity of the poor and dispossessed, and for establishing health services for victims of conflict.

2012 - Senator Sekai Holland

Co-Minister for Reconciliation Healing and Integration in the Cabinet of President Robert Mugabe and Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai. Recognised for a lifetime of outstanding courage in campaigning for human rights and democracy, for challenging violence in all its forms, and for giving



such astute and brave leadership for the empowerment of women.

2011 – Professor Noam Chomsky

Distinguished American linguist, social scientist and human rights campaigner. Recognised 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 nonviolence.

2009 - John Pilger

World renowned journalist, author and film-maker. Recognised for his 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 lifetime 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 nonviolence, 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 as a priority in the campaign 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

Writer and human rights activist. Recognised for her courage in campaigns for human rights and for her advocacy of nonviolence 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). Recognised for her work 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.

2002 - Mary Robinson

Distinguished lawyer, former President of Ireland and United Nations High Commissioner for Human

Rights. Recognised for her work as a dedicated and courageous champion for the rights of the powerless, and her vision of peace with justice through respect for human rights.



2001 - Sir William Deane AC KBE

Former Governor General of Australia. Recognised for his strong commitment to improving the quality of life of disadvantaged Australians in particular indigenous peoples.

2000 - Xanana Gusmão

President of the National Council for East Timorese Resistance and subsequently the first President of East Timor. Recognised for his courageous and principled leadership 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

Nobel Prize Winner, Chairman of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Recognised for his work as a 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. Recognised for his innovative 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.



"Peace which is silent, accepting of great wrongs and ignoring accountability of those responsible, is ultimately meaningless. [...] The basic needs for shelter, food, civil justice and rights to receive and express divergent opinions are the essence of peace. So is human dignity. The Sydney Peace Foundation understands this."

The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG

Events Report

While the Sydney Peace Prize program is the key focus of each year, the Foundation also organises, co-hosts and supports various events related to peace and justice. A few highlights from 2015 include:

Book Launch of Dear Dalai Lama - 4 August 2015

Dear Dalai Lama is a collection of intimate letters to the Dalai Lama, featuring a foreword by Professor Emeritus Stuart Rees AM, alongside a number of contributors including the 2014 Sydney Peace Prize laureate, Julian Burnside AO QC and Sydney Peace Foundation Advisory Panel member Steve Killelea AM. An official launch event was held at NSW Parliament to a sold out audience.

Book Launch of *Conversations in Peace* – 11 August 2015

The Foundation's new book Conversations in Peace was launched by Dame Marie Bashir at the Gleebooks launch event. Edited by former Sydney Peace Foundation Executive Officers Dr Lynda Blanchard and Dr Hannah Middleton, this volume contains the speeches of the first fourteen recipients of the Sydney Peace Prize, including Nobel Laureates Muhammad Yunus Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and also honours the Foundation's Founder Stuart Rees. The book received a rave review from the New South Wales Teachers Federation's journal Education, and is available for purchase online and at the CPACS office.



UN International Day of Peace events — 20-21 September 2015

Sydney Peace Foundation Council member Victoria Sharp attended two events in Sydney for UN

International Day of Peace: St Mary's Solemn Choral Mass at St Mary's for Peace on Sunday 20 September, and also an open air concert at Martin Place honouring World Peace Day on 21 September. Ms Sharp also represented the World Peace Flame Foundation in her capacity as the keeper of the flame in Australia.



The Social Good Summit - 10 October 2015

The Social Good Summit Australia is a one-day conference examining the impact of social good initiatives around the world. Held at the University of Sydney, the Social Good Summit Australia united a dynamic community of global and local leaders and grassroots contributors to discuss solutions for the greatest challenges of our time, including the UN Global Goals.



Harmony Walk – 8 November 2015

In celebration of Australia's diversity and unique cultural identity, Blacktown's Harmony Walk aims to build an inclusive society by bridging differences among communities. This event included a variety of music, entertainment, and food from Australia's multicultural community and was truly an event not be missed.

Internship Report

My internship with the Sydney Peace Foundation came about thanks to Katie Gabriel (Acting Executive Officer of the Foundation) with whom I had attended University. I had completed my Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Social Justice with a minor in Politics and International Relations) last year and decided to defer my honours course until 2016. I was looking for volunteer and intern opportunities when Katie approached me about undertaking an internship with the Foundation. I was ecstatic and eager to be involved with an organisation that had core values of peace, nonviolence and human rights.

My very first task for the Foundation was to attend the *Conversations in Peace* book launch at Gleebooks. This was a great introduction to the Foundation's focus, as well as an opportunity to meet many of the Foundation's Council Members, donors and supporters.

From then on my main task was to get in contact with NGO's, not-for-profits and any other organisation or business that might be interested in nominating someone for the 2016 Peace Prize. I also had the opportunity to write a few nominations myself, which was a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening experience.

Once the nominations had closed I moved on to help improve the Foundation's social media

accounts. As a self-proclaimed social media addict, this was a dream come true! With the help of Juliet Bennett (Acting Director) and Kate Mayor (freelance writer, publicist, and broadcaster), we established social media connections with our supporters and donors as well as creating new ones by following hundreds of relevant accounts, re-tweeting and scheduling tweets for weeks in advance. Seeing the statistics on Facebook and Twitter was a great testimony to how successful the strategies had been.

The other key task was to assist with preparation for the 2015 Sydney Peace Prize events. This involved working with volunteers, helping set up the Sydney Town Hall, and selling tickets among many other things. This experience gave me insight into how much work and effort goes in to running events and for that I am very grateful.

I have learnt so much and have had the rare opportunity to see the ins and outs of a not-for-profit organisation. While it was challenging at times, this experience has been invaluable and I thank the team at the Sydney Peace Foundation for allowing me to assist with their fantastic work.

Chloe Rose November 2015



Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies Report

The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPACS) hosts a number of programs and advocacy projects designed to further its goal of peace with justice, including the Refugee Language Program, West Papua Project, Human Rights Education, Human Survival Project, Sri Lanka Human Rights Project, and supports the Australian Anti-Bases Campaign and Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign. In 2015 CPACS organised seminars and other events on topics ranging from the realities of nuclear disaster, human rights in Afghanistan and West Papua to the threat of chemical weapons in Syria and recognition of Australia's first peoples in the Constitution. The Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University, Brother Peter Bray, gave an inspiring talk about the challenges and opportunities of studying under Israeli occupation, while Dr Olivera Simic from Griffith University presented a fascinating account of the role of art in promoting peace and reconciliation in post-conflict societies, looking specifically at Bosnia and Rwanda. Visiting Scholar, Dr Shabbir Hussain from Pakistan gave a seminar on his original research on peace journalism, arguing for a more flexible, contextual and pragmatic approach in both theory and practice.

CPACS celebrated 27 years since its founding in 1988 with a 25+ Anniversary Forum and Dinner held on 25 February 2015. The Forum, organised and facilitated by inaugural CPACS President, Dr Peter King, was opened by CPACS Director, Associate Professor Jake Lynch, and comprised two sessions, Looking Back and Looking Forward. The Looking Back key speakers who reflected on the significant history and achievements of the Centre included founding Director, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees; former CPACS President, Dr Keith Suter; founder of the Staff Student Committee for the Introduction of Peace Studies, Mary Lane; and longest serving CPACS Council Member, Roger Wescombe. The Looking Forward session chaired by CPACS President, Dr Ken Macnab, featured key

speakers who shared creative ideas about the future role of the Centre in promoting peace with justice, including Dr Meredith Burgmann, former member of the NSW Legislative Council; Dr Wendy Lambourne, CPACS Deputy Director; Patricia Garcia, CPACS Visiting Scholar and Council member; and Paul Duffill, CPACS graduate, Visiting Scholar and Council member. The dinner following that night was hosted by Yola Lucire and former Australian Member of Parliament, Bruce Childs, with guest speaker, Dr Meredith Burgmann. The talks from the Forum are available to view on the CPACS website.



A strategic planning group was formed to consider how CPACS should respond to the Review of the Centre completed in early 2015 and the challenges of ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the Centre and its highly successful academic program. CPACS offers postgraduate coursework and research degrees in Peace and Conflict Studies, a field of study that covers peace research and the analysis and resolution of conflicts at interpersonal, organisational, community, national and international levels. A primary focus of the Centre's teaching is to apply theory to practice, and to provide students with the opportunity to become involved in advocacy and nonviolent activism in peace and human rights and to study courses with leading scholars and experienced practitioners in peace journalism, transitional justice, conflict resolution, nonviolence, human rights, psychology

of peace, community mediation and the United Nations, peace and security.

Staff, students and graduates of the PACS postgraduate program support, work with and volunteer their time with the Foundation, including at the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture at Sydney Town Hall on 10 November 2015. On the morning of 12 November CPACS hosted an intimate Q and A session followed by refreshments in the CPACS Posters for Peace Gallery with the Sydney Peace Prize winner, George Gittoes. Recent MPACS graduate and former SPF scholarship recipient, Mujib Abid, facilitated the Q and A with staff, students, alumni, members and other guests.

Another SPF scholarship recipient, Shamikh Badra from Gaza, was thrilled to graduate with his Master of Peace and Conflict Studies in December. Already an activist for Palestinian rights, Shamikh has, since completing his MPACS degree, initiated a number of projects focusing on nonviolent strategies and

achieving 'real reconciliation in Palestine' working with the Youth of the Palestinian People Party.

Further details about CPACS activities and achievements, including research and publications on peace journalism, transitional justice and peacebuilding, can be found in the 2015 Annual Repot — CPACS also publishes a biannual newsletter, *PeaceWrites*, in which you can find peace, development and human rights stories written by staff, students and alumni from around the world.

Dr Wendy Lambourne

Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director

Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

February 2016



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Income and Expenses



Sydney Peace Foundation

Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure for the twelve months ended 31 December 2015 (Account Codes: D7801 22222, D7801 D0630, D7802 22222)

	2015	2014 \$
INCOME	\$	Φ
Interest Income	15,984	16,691
General donations	55,147	62,201
City of Sydney	65,000	63,250
Sydney Peace Prize Gala Reception	25,449	26,510
City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture	11,297	27,859
Other events	-	5,055
Faculty contribution to UEM service attribution	57,596	84,452
Publications	2,422	-
Other Income	2,541	_
Total Income	235,436	286,018
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and associated costs	100,202	163,093
Contract employment	6.744	18,390
Venue, catering, AV and other event costs	31,256	24,406
Printing	3,220	4,327
Postage and communication	1,848	1,578
Sydney Peace Prize - travel & accomodation	2,967	3,148
Sydney Peace Prize - award	50,000	50,000
Sydney Peace Prize - trophy	1,364	1,364
Publication expenses	3,838	.,00.
Office supplies	200	189
Graphic design	1,960	3,072
Fund raising expenses	_	1,381
Advertising and promotions	5,087	10,092
Equipment, repairs and maintenance	213	2,400
Student scholarships	2,970	29,218
UEM service attribution	57,596	84,452
Total Expenditure	269,465	397,110
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(24,020)	(111,000)
Surplus/ (Deficity	(34,029)	(111,092)
Accumulated Funds as at 1 January	169,987	281,079
Accumulated Funds as at 31 December 2015	135,958	169,987

I certify that the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with the University's accounting practices and procedures. These Foundation accounts form part of the University of Sydney's financial reports.

M Molloy, BA FCPA Finance Director Humanities Cluster 23rd February 2016

Balance Sheet



Sydney Peace Foundation

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2015

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

	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS	*	•
Funds Participating in University Pool Interest	135,958	169,987
Total Current Assets	135,958	169,987
TOTAL ASSETS	135,958	169,987
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	<u> </u>	
Total Current Liabilities		
NET ASSETS	135,958	169,987
EQUITY	,	
Accumulated Funds	135,958	169,987
TOTAL EQUITY	135,958	169,987

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