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Message from Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

The Sydney Peace Foundation

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

Under the inspired leadership of Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees, Chair of the Foundation, many deep concerns in the building of peace with justice across our world have been placed before us to contemplate and to debate in 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: Professor Muhammad Yunus, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Xanana Gusmao, Sir William Deane, Mary Robinson, Dr Hanan Ashrawi, Arundathi Roy, Olara Otunnu, Irene Khan, Dr Hans Blix, Patrick Dodson, John Pilger, Dr Vandana Shiva, and Professor Noam Chomsky.

The decision to award the 2012 Sydney Peace Prize to the courageous Senator Sekai Holland, brought stories of her passion for peace, reconciliation and forgiveness to an Australian audience. Her work for the education of rural women in Africa, for democracy and an "infrastructure for peace" in Zimbabwe, and her fight against Apartheid forty-years ago, and for the rights of Indigenous people in Australia, is a great example for us all.

Professor Marie R Bashir AC CVO
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14 December 2012

Stuart Rees
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By email stuart.rees@sydney.edu.au

Dear Stuart

Sydney Peace Foundation

I refer to your request for a message of support to be included in the Sydney Peace Foundation's 2012 report.

I'm happy for the following words to be included in the report:

"I commend the Sydney Peace Foundation on its important work furthering the peace and justice movements, including through the Sydney Peace Prize.

The City of Sydney is a proud supporter of this prize, Australia's only international award for peace. In recognising outstanding contributions to peace, justice and non-violence and to human rights, the Sydney Peace Prize advocates for peace and reminds us of the urgent need to take action to address conflict and discord.

Sekai Holland is a worthy recipient of the 2012 prize. An indefatigable leader for the empowerment of women across Africa and a brave advocate for reconciliation and healing within Zimbabwe, Sekai has also made an important contribution to justice in Australia, particularly through her support for the rights of Aboriginal people and her campaigns against the former Apartheid regime in South Africa.

On behalf of the City of Sydney, I congratulate the Sydney Peace Foundation on the continued success of the Sydney Peace Prize."

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clover Moore".

Clover Moore
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 Sydney Peace Foundation is a University of Sydney foundation established in 1998 by the founder and former Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees. The purpose of the Foundation is “to foster understandings of peace with justice and the means to achieve it.”

To achieve its goals the Foundation:

- Selects and awards the Sydney Peace Prize; Australia's only international prize for peace.
- Engages the mainstream and independent media in its strong advocacy strategy.
- Hosts educational seminars and public forums.
- Runs various peace projects, including the Youth Peace Initiative and the West Papua Project.
- Develops corporate sector and community understanding of the value of peace with justice in diverse contexts and countries.
- Sponsors peace initiatives, particularly the work of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPACS) at the University of Sydney;
- Teaches Peace and Conflict Studies and creates jobs for young people in areas of peace research, conflict resolution and the promotion of human rights.
- Awards scholarships and internships in peace, human rights and conflict resolution.

The Foundation is wholly dependent on donations from its supporters, and does not receive funding from the University of Sydney.

The Sydney Peace Foundation

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Chairman's Report

2012 Peace Prize Recipient

This has been a demanding year but in terms of the award of the 2012 Sydney Peace Prize to Senator Sekai Holland, Co Minister for Reconciliation Healing and Integration in Zimbabwe's Unity Government, it has been highly rewarding and successful. One sense of reward must go to members of the jury who chose Sekai. They now know how popular and visionary was their decision. Claims about success revolve around the interest in Sekai's presence in Australia, aided of course by awareness of her torture in Zimbabwe, of her previous work in Australia and by her charisma in promoting ideals of reconciliation and healing. A large public saw a brave, principled citizen, a former African student who, in the 1970's and 1980's had worked tirelessly with Aboriginal Australians, and who had allied herself with Wallaby rugby players in opposing the Springbok players appearing in Australia, part of a wide opposition to the apartheid regime in South Africa.

The citation for the award to Sekai recognized her bravery, her zest for life and the inspiring leadership which she has given to millions, in particular women of Africa. The future grand design for a new Zimbabwean politics is only in the embryo stage, but in this scheme Sekai's role is to encourage non violence, to replace bitter forms of opposition with a spirit of cooperation for a common peace building goal. In this respect and for the record, it's worth repeating the Sydney Peace Prize Jury's citation for the award of the 2012 Prize. It reads: *'Sekai Holland: for a life time 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.'*

The Foundation's Goals

I often hear questions about the Foundation's goals, or the need for a strategy, and in the past I have received management style proposals about ways to re-engineer the Foundation. In response to such requests, let me simply re-visit the brief statements in the opening pages of the annual brochure. These refer to our responsibility to promote an understanding of peace with justice and the means of attaining such a goal. Peace with justice – as distinct from peace – refers to the ideals of non violence, commitment to universal human rights and to visions of a common humanity, i.e. a recognition of all people's interdependence in contrast to a pre-occupation with sovereignty and protecting borders!

The means of achieving such a goal include the award of Australia's only international prize for peace, the staging of the annual City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and our close association with the Cabramatta High School in those students' annual festival of welcome for each year's Peace Prize recipient. Other means of promoting the Foundation's goals include the Youth Peace Initiative (YPI), the numerous social justice seminars conducted throughout the year and our award of scholarships to students from least developed countries. This is a reference to citizens who are poor or in other ways handicapped from pursuing tertiary education.

Awarding Scholarships

This year, in association with the Australian based but Afghan oriented NGO 'Mahboba's Promise', the Foundation provided \$25,000 as payment for the fees for an Afghan student to study at Sydney University's Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies. Given Australia military's involvement in Afghanistan and the continued plight of the people of that country it will be encouraging to welcome this Afghan student to Sydney.

In the past we have provided a similar scholarship to a student from Malawi and have given substantial assistance to students from Uganda and Kenya and to activists from West Papua. In terms of activities in 2013 I have foreshadowed the need to raise funds for a student or students from Palestine.

Seminars and Public Stands

In this Foundation it is imperative to say what we stand for and what actions we are prepared to take in support of those beliefs. At the time of writing, Saturday December 15th, the newspaper The Australian has engaged in three days of attacks against the Centre for Peace and Conflict studies and its Director Dr. Jake Lynch who is also a



Stuart Rees and Sekai Holland at the 2012 Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner

member of the Foundation's Council. That newspaper has criticized Jake for his principled stand in support of the BDS campaign in relation to Israel's policies towards the Palestinians, and for his consequent refusal to support an Israeli academic interested in coming to the Centre to explore the teaching of civics. As part of my personal support for Jake and as an illustration of the peace with justice theme, my letter published in *The Australian*, said, *'History teaches that the chances of respecting human rights are increased, not when a professor tinkers with a civics curriculum, but when courageous individuals take stands against easy establishment views.'*

Throughout the world, human rights abuses and controversial actions against vulnerable people occur daily. During 2012, on behalf of the Foundation I and colleagues have written articles and addressed numerous public meetings and conferences on a range of peace with justice issues, such as:

- Support for the freedom of the courageous whistle blowers Julian Assange and Bradley Manning. I am not only committed to freedom of speech and of the press but also dismayed by the indifference of the Australian government towards Assange and the cruelty of the American government towards Manning.
- Publicizing the cruelty towards the people of Gaza, the West Bank and the Palestinian refugees marooned in Lebanese camps. In this respect, on May 29th, the Foundation hosted General *Filippo Grandi* the UN's *Commissioner for UNRWA*, that UN agency which, since 1949 has provided basic health, housing and educational services for Palestinian refugees.
- Opposition to the notion that violence will solve the problems of dictatorship in Syria's civil war; that opposition included a joint statement from myself and Sekai Holland on intervention to celebrate the Syrian people's differences, and to replace violence.
- Support for the national movement 'Keep War From Our Door' – a coalition of citizens committed to resisting the United States military build up in the region.
- Meetings to publicize the genocide in the last stages of the Sri Lankan civil war and to give support to Tamils fleeing the current Sri Lanka government, despite the Australian government's claims that it is safe for the minority Tamils to return to their country.
- Continued support for the human rights and independence of the people of West Papua, despite successive governments' mantras that West Papua is Indonesian.



Arthur Chesterfield Evans with Sekai Holland and Steve Killelea enjoying pre-drinks in the Quadrangle before the 2012 Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner

- Sponsorship of the significant Palestinian human rights campaigner *Shawan Jabarin*, Director of *Al Haq* to come to Australia in November. Founded in 1979, *Al Haq* employs forty people in its Ramallah offices and was the first human rights organization in the Middle East
- Evaluation of the intervention policies regarding the lives of Aboriginal citizens in the Northern Territory. That activity was carried out in association with the United Nations Information Centre and resulted, among other things, in a Breakfast Forum “*Stronger Futures for Australia’s Indigenous People*” held on September 21st, the UN’s International Day of Peace.

The technique of recording meetings, media appearances, articles, press releases and other public statements can read like a shopping list. At this point I’ll end this list but the above should convey some of the human rights issues about which the Foundation cares deeply.

Leadership of the Foundation

My earlier reference to this being a demanding year is partly a comment about the role of our Director for 2012, Dr. Arthur Chesterfield Evans. Arthur gave the Director’s reports at the monthly Council meetings and contributed to Council seminars such as the address given by the Director of UNRWA in May. After one year in office we have had to part company, a disappointing and sad experience for everyone and in particular for the Director.

I thank Arthur for the genuine efforts he has made and for those values which he holds, which made me an initial enthusiastic advocate for his appointment. I could dwell on the personal issues which arose over such leadership but we have most to learn by reflecting on the structures and lines of accountability which need to be addressed in any

future appointment of a Director. I acknowledge that there have to be clear lines of responsibility between a Director and Chairman of a Board or Council, and between a Director and staff. In maintaining those differences, the members of Council also have a clear role to play.

In the next few years, it would be empowering if Council members could play a more proactive role. Several colleagues contribute diligently and creatively to the deliberations of the Peace Prize Jury and others have generated ideas and made contacts in the media and politics. But we need far more help in fund raising, in writing commentaries for magazines or newspapers, and in taking responsibility to support and even organize key events. Such support refers in particular to attendance at the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and at the award dinner for each year’s Peace Prize recipient.

The crowded agenda of Council meetings for one hour once a month makes it difficult for Council members to play the proactive roles referred to above. In 2013 we will hold Council meetings every other month, for two hours in evenings.

The 2012 Peace Prize Events

On November 7th, Sekai Holland’s engaging address to a packed Town Hall was marked by her gratitude to all the Australian citizens who had befriended her when she first came to Australia and to those who have continued to support her struggles for democracy and justice in Zimbabwe. Sekai was preceded and followed on stage by performances from Cabramatta High School students whose tribute to Sekai came in their own stories of hope for what they could do and who they might be. Their narrative and tribute were called ‘*A Story of Courage and Peace.*’



Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney



Governor of New South Wales Professor Marie Bashir

The award dinner, held in the McClaurin Hall November 8th was perhaps the most successful ever. The décor, the catering, the support from key organizations such as Amnesty International, The University of Technology Sydney, the Australian Rugby Union and the presence of so many of Sekai's friends gave an enjoyable dynamic to a rewarding evening. Sekai's friends included the Clague family from northern New South Wales, Sol Bellear and numerous Aboriginal friends, plus the various medical and other specialists who had treated Sekai following her torture and severe injuries in Zimbabwe in 2008.

The success of the award ceremony also owes a great deal to the presence and endorsement of the Foundation's work from the Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore who presented the 2012 Peace prize to Sekai. In addition, a special touch to the evening came from the characteristic effort made by the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir to be present and to speak so warmly about the Foundation's work and about the courage of Sekai Holland.

The organization of this spectacular award dinner owes much to our hard working, creative staff and the volunteers who support them. I'll shortly make specific reference to my colleagues the Executive Officer Juliet Bennett and the Projects Officer Melissa McCullough.

On Friday November 9th the festival of welcome at Cabramatta High school was, as usual the year's final Peace Prize event. Twelve other schools participated. Their presence resulted in an audience of approximately 2,000 students who came from over fifty different language groups. This amazing festival included portraits of all fifteen recipients of the Sydney Peace Prize. The inspiration from such an occasion derives from the colours of the students' national costumes, their singing, drumming, dancing, poetry, the

flight of peace doves and Cabramatta's inimitable hospitality. This year's dramatic *Story of Courage and Peace* owes so much to the leadership of our great friend, the Principal of Cabramatta High School Beth Godwin and her supportive staff.

Acknowledgements and Gratitude

To outsiders it may appear that the Sydney Peace Foundation has several full time staff. The continuation of that impression owes much to the professionalism and personally engaging qualities of our Executive Officer Juliet Bennett and to the flair and imagination of the Projects Officer Melissa McCullough. They have also relied on the selfless and skillful contributions made by key volunteers such as Bonnie Kelly.

Juliet has overseen the complex university accounting system, has maintained key communication with our various financial supporters and is always available to give me sound advice and support. When I was absent in Gaza and the Palestinian West Bank earlier in the year and when Melissa travelled with me to Zimbabwe to announce the award of the 2012 Peace Prize to Sekai Holland, Juliet ran the show with characteristic confidence and professionalism.

To Melissa we owe a debt for the contacts with the new caterers, with our new in kind supporters and with various media representatives, from the creative, insightful journalist Nikki Barrowclough of the Sydney Morning Herald's Good Weekend to the significant leader writer Simon Benson from the Daily Telegraph, from members of Channel 10's The Project to presenter Janice Petersen from SBS television. Melissa has been an imaginative and effective media officer. Juliet and Melissa together were also responsible for the new partnership with Singapore Airlines who looked after

Sekai and Jim Holland in their return journeys from Zimbabwe to Sydney.

This reference to partnership underlines the value of our continued support from the City of Sydney, from the Lord Mayor and members of the City Council. The imprimatur of the City on the Peace Prize and the annual Lecture is invaluable. For many years, our patron, the Governor of New South Wales Professor Bashir has been an influential and much appreciated supporter. I like to think that we share her values for social justice; and to sustain struggles for peace with justice, we always need to summon energy similar to hers !

The Foundation could not continue without the support of all our donors but in particular the generosity of Joe Skrzynski, Alan Cameron, Debbie and Steve Killelea. For Steve this has also been a year of several achievements: the continued world wide influence of the Global Peace Index, the creation of centres to study peace economics and, at the end of 2012, the launch of the index which shows which countries are most likely to suffer acts of terrorism.

The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and the University

The Sydney Peace Foundation shares offices in the same building as the University of Sydney's unique Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies. The Centre depends for its life-blood on the political interests and intellectual contributions from the three staff and over seventy postgraduate students. The Foundation also benefits from the University's interest and support, in particular from members of the general staff such as Henora Tanto and other IT specialists.

Interaction with the staff and students from the Centre is part of the every day dialogue about human rights and peace with justice. We are nurtured by that association. Many would see the Centre and the Foundation as synonymous, both believing that you can't be serious about human rights unless you take public stands on major issues. In that respect my final thanks to our close friends, the President of the Centre's Council Ken Macnab and the Director Jake Lynch.



Stuart Rees speaks about Peace with Justice and the origins of the Sydney Peace Prize, at the 2012 Gala Dinner

Stuart Rees,
Sydney, December 9th 2012



Melissa McCullough, Events, Media and YPI Coordinator, and Juliet Bennett, Executive Officer, for a lunch at Yuga with CPACS staff and PhD Candidates

Executive Report

This year marked the 15th year of the Sydney Peace Prize, Australia's only international award for peace. The year was not without its challenges, especially given the retirement of Dr. Hannah Middleton and (attempted) retirement of Professor Stuart Rees, whose shoes are more than hard to fill. We are grateful to Dr. Arthur Chesterfield-Evans for his dedication to the role as the Foundation's Director for 2012, which saw him travelling across the Tasman for numerous Council meetings (while running a full-scale farm in New Zealand!)

2012 was a successful year, with the Chair's charismatic and intelligent leadership, and the support of our Council, our small team of staff also wrote, edited and orchestrated press releases, news articles, tweets, blogs, databases, seminars, forums and, the peak of our year's excitement, the Sydney Peace Prize events. This year we welcome our new partner Singapore Airlines, who flew Senator Sekai Holland and her husband from South Africa to Sydney in the luxury of their world-renowned business class. With the gracious help of our intern Bonnie Kelly and the persuasive enthusiasm of Melissa McCullough, we pulled off what was said to be the "best Gala Dinner in 15 years."

Collaborative SPF events:

July 26 – "Over here: US Marines – and what else?"

Public presentation and collaboration between the Sydney Peace Foundation and Medical Association for the Prevention of War, on the growth in Australia-US military and

intelligence cooperation in the last decade. Speakers: Prof. Richard Tanter Director of the Nautilus Institute and Assoc. Prof. Jake Lynch, Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies.

October 4 – "Reporting Asylum"

"Reporting the World" is a new initiative of the Sydney Peace Foundation involving collaborative discussions with journalists prompting critical reflection over their coverage of selected issues. This discussion took place at CPACS, inviting journalists who report on asylum seeker issues, as well as several prominent non-journalists to share their expertise on the issue, amongst them: Professor Gillian Triggs, the newly appointed Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commissioner; Abdul Hekmat, a Hazara refugee and former boat person, who now contributes to media debates and Jake Lynch, CPACS' Director and a former BBC journalist.

September 16 – "The Forgotten Palestinians"

This event was hosted by the Coalition for Justice and Peace in Palestine, Independent Australian Jewish Voices and the Leichhardt Friends of Hebron, with the support of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and the Sydney Peace Foundation at the University of Sydney. Celebrated Israeli historian, Ilan Pappé whose landmark publication, "The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine" documented the planned removal of 700,000 Palestinians from their lands in 1948, has also written of "The Forgotten Palestinians", those who still live within Israel's borders. This seminar was the first event of Professor Pappé's 2012 Australian speaking tour

including ABC's Q&A and the Sydney Opera House Festival of Dangerous Ideas.

September 21 – “Stronger Futures for Australia’s Indigenous People” – Peace Day Breakfast Forum

Inspired by the theme for the United Nations’ 2012 International Day of Peace, “Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future”, the Sydney Peace Foundation, with the support of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), hosted a unique Breakfast Forum (coffee and pastries) at Sydney’s Customs House to discuss the critical topic of “Stronger Futures for Australia’s Indigenous People”. Speakers included Christopher Woodthorpe, Director of the UNIC for Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, who delivered the UN Secretary General’s message; Matthew Tukaki, Australian representative UN Global Compact, current CEO of Sustain Group and former Head of Drake Australia, who gave the Opening Address, speaking on ‘Business Needs Human Rights, Human Rights Needs Business’.

A Panel Discussion followed, chaired by Kuranda Seyit, Councillor, Sydney Peace Foundation, on ‘Stronger Futures for Australia’s Indigenous People’: with (a) Contribution from Arts & the Media with Elizabeth Ann Macgregor OBE, Director Museum of Contemporary Art and Karla Grant, Founder and Presenter of SBS TV’s ‘Living Black’; and (b) Social Justice Priorities for Indigenous People with Jeff McMullen AM, veteran Australian journalist and long time campaigner for Indigenous rights Jack Manning Bancroft, CEO Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME). Following Q&A from the audience and informal discussion, at 10am Dr. Arthur Chesterfield-Evans, thanked guests and brought the

event to a close. It was a successful and insightful morning. Video is available to stream from our website.

October 17 – “Afghanistan - can we make a difference?”

Mahboba’s Promise partnered with the Sydney Peace Foundation and the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies to bring together this lively forum discussion in the University of Sydney’s Footbridge Theatre on issues surrounding preparing for peace and progress for Afghanistan as international troops leave.

Website and Social Media

The Sydney Peace Foundation’s website has undergone great improvement in the last two years. It provides detailed information about the Foundation, the Sydney Peace Prize Jury nomination and selection process, and links to many resources on peace with justice. SPF maintains a blog, posting articles written by staff and Council.

Public can join our e-mail list to be notified of events and Sydney Peace Prize recipients.

Website and blog: www.sydneypeacefoundation.org.au

Follow us on Twitter: [@SydPeaceFound](https://twitter.com/SydPeaceFound)

Receive our feeds on Facebook: www.facebook.com/sydneypeacefoundation



Panel Discussion: Jack Manning Bancroft, Jeff McMullen, Karla Grant, Elizabeth Ann Macgregor and Kuranda Seyit.



Media Report

The announcement of the 2012 Sydney Peace Prize recipient in Harare on 30 April sparked the attention of renowned journalist Gordon Weiss, who re-introduced Sekai to global readership with his article "A Time of Heroes" published on 1 May in the online newspaper The Global Mail. The Foundation's adventure to Harare was filmed by Walkley award winner Yaara Bou Melhem for an SBS Dateline piece "Sekai's Journey". Airing on 2 October, this was promptly followed by Nikki Barrowclough's outstanding piece of journalism "Our Torture was a Victory" published on October 6th in the Sydney Morning Herald's Good Weekend.

Sekai Holland travelled to Australia two weeks before the peace prize events to take part in the ABC's Q&A panel on Forgiveness and Reconciliation aired on 29 October. The live audience cheered and cried with laughter with the Senator's feisty flair for human rights, honesty and humour. When Tony Jones posed the question: "How did you manage to go from the experience of torture and trauma to working with a government who traumatised you?" Sekai responded: "I'm a politician."

The social media went wild for Sekai. Imogen Bailey tweeted "vote Sekai Holland! We don't often see an audience mesmerised. Strength, intellect & human rights! & no bull! Take note #auspol". Julian Burnside wrote "#qanda it would be beaut to have a few women like Sekai Holland in our Parliament. Maybe the debate would lift to something worthwhile."

This appearance initiated a frenzy of media including a radio interview with Linda Motttram for ABC 702, an article by Deborah Snow for the Sydney Morning Herald's News Review, an interview on SBS World News, and to top it off a 5 minute segment on Channel 10's The Project, airing on the evening of the Award Ceremony. This was the Sydney Peace Foundation's first appearance on commercial television, a reflection of the dedication and persuasive persistence of this year's Media and Public Relations Officer, Melissa McCullough.



Youth Peace Initiative

The Youth Peace Initiative (YPI) was created in 2005 in response to young peoples' interest in human rights, peace and non-violence. The Foundation responded by facilitating YPI projects which engaged students from more than one hundred schools across NSW in the promotion of human rights in their schools, their communities and overseas. These initiatives have included:

- Face-to-Face student mentoring of social justice leaders;
- Video Conferencing, to develop skills in advocating for human rights;
- Online Engagement via the YPI website and social media;
- The dissemination of online peace education resources to high school teachers.



YPI Coordinator Melissa McCullough, with Abe Quadan, and Jane McCormack following a morning of Peer Mediation with Granville High



Granville High Boys visit the University of Sydney

Topics addressed via these activities include: "Social justice in Schools"; "Youth Action for Climate Justice"; "Laughing at Racism"; and "Refugee Rights and Wrongs".

The Youth Peace Initiative (YPI) has supported schools in confronting racism and bullying by promoting practices of non-discrimination and non-violent behaviour. In this respect YPI aims not only to build students' sense of social cohesion, but also to contribute to their mental health and social well-being. In YPI students learn not only to talk about grand visions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but also about the small print of most of the 30 clauses. For example, Article 25 on health and well being, and Article 26 on young peoples' entitlements to free primary education around the world, have been and will continue to be crucial features of dialogues about Human Rights.

Funds were available and generous for the first two years, after which volunteer staff kept the project going until the Foundation agreed to fund a part-time Co-ordinator—Melissa McCullough—for twelve months. In 2012 Melissa, with the help of intern Jane McCormack, facilitated a two-day peer mediation with Abe Quadan, for 15 students from Granville Boys High. This was a great success, and is a good model for the future.

Toward the end of 2012 the YPI Steering Committee—Linda O'Brien, Beth Godwin, Marilyn Stott-Kavanagh, Chris Prabu, Mary Nuttall-Smith, Abe Quadan and Kuranda Seyit—reviewed YPI's plans for the new year. The SPF Council agreed to fund a new part-time co-ordinator to commence one-day per week in the first term of 2013. Promoting peace with justice in schools is an important long term goal for the Foundation and YPI can play a critical role in advancing that cause.



Jake Lynch introducing Sekai Holland, with MC, Lydia Gitau

CPACS Report

The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPACS) was established in 1988 as a specialist research, teaching and advocacy centre within the University of Sydney to promote the understanding and achievement of peace with justice.

CPACS offers postgraduate coursework and research degrees in Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), a social science field that promotes interdisciplinary research and teaching on the causes of conflict and the conditions that affect conflict resolution and peace. In 2012, students and graduates came from countries across the globe, including the Philippines, Thailand, China, Taiwan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Fiji, Egypt, Jordan, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Poland, USA, UK, New Zealand and Australia. More than 70 local and international students were enrolled in PACS postgraduate coursework degrees, either full-time or part-time, studying on-campus or by distance. Subjects studied included reconciliation, peace-building media, human rights, conflict resolution, mediation, cultures of violence, psychology of peace, United Nations and religion, war and peace. More than 20 postgraduate research students were enrolled, completed or graduated in 2012 with a PhD, Doctorate of Social Science or Master of Arts (Research) degree.

Research and publications produced by the Centre cover peace journalism, transitional justice, responsibility to protect, genocide prevention, peacebuilding, gender and refugee and asylum seeker policy and rights. CPACS programs and advocacy projects include the Refugee Language Program, West Papua Project, Sri Lanka Human Rights

Project, Human Survival Project, Human Rights Education and support for the Australian Anti-Bases Campaign, academic boycott of Israel, defence of Wikileaks, and, of course, the Sydney Peace Foundation. CPACS and the Foundation worked closely throughout 2012, co-sponsoring and cross-promoting a number of events, as well as supporting each other's initiatives and endeavours.

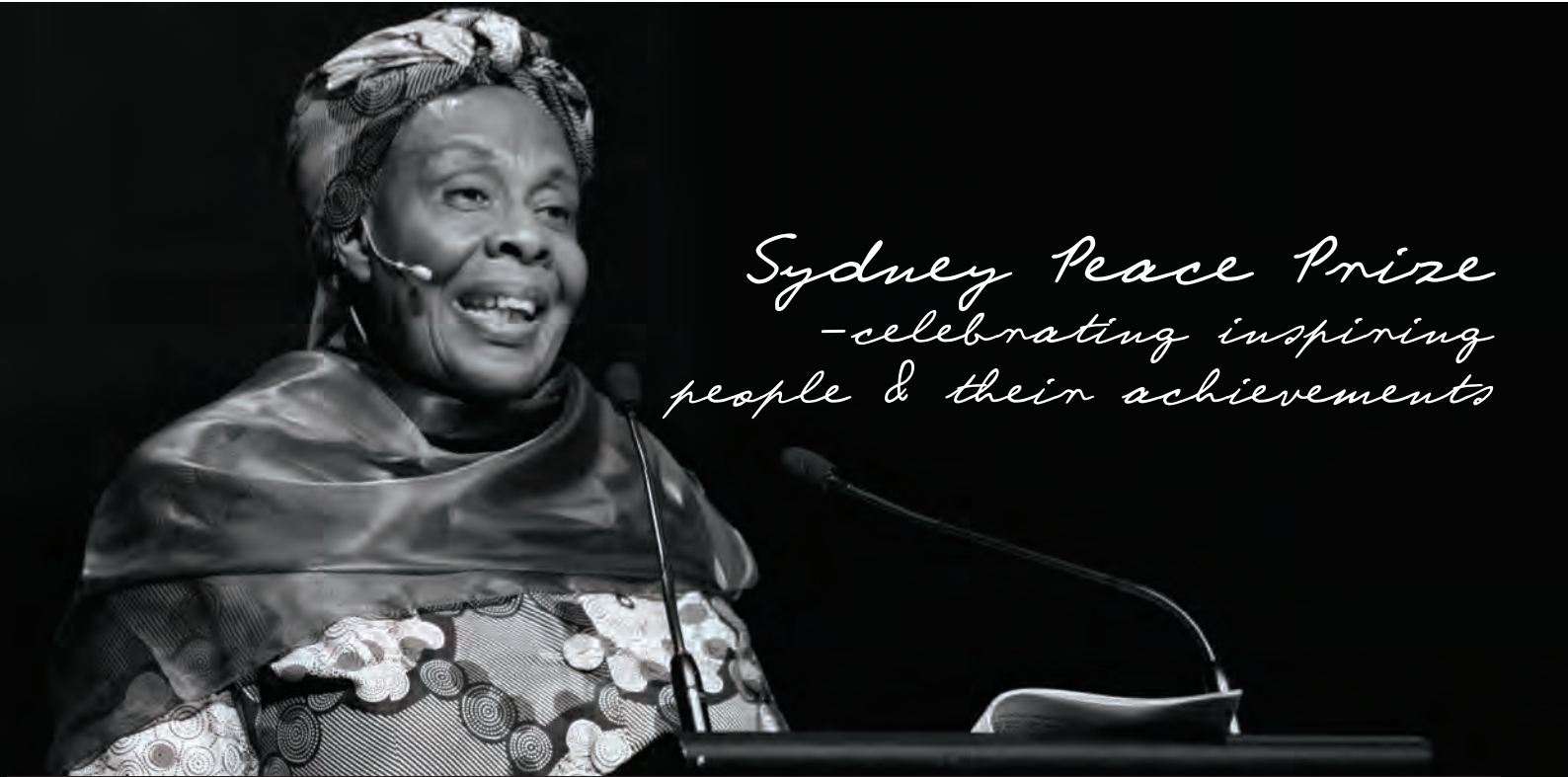
On the morning of the Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner, Sekai Holland visited the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies for an intimate gathering and Q&A session with CPACS staff, students and Council members. CPACS PhD candidate Lydia Gitau, from Kenya, chaired the discussion in which Sekai answered questions from the audience and spoke passionately about the importance of truth, justice and forgiveness, and the need to resolve conflicts 'through talking' and repairing relationships. She pondered 'why haven't men in Africa not worked out a way to run things better, in this way?' She also spoke of the practical need to address land issues and food security in order to support reconciliation. Senator Holland outlined her vision of the four elements of Zimbabwe's infrastructure for peace: 1) National Peace and Reconciliation Council which would be gender-balanced and have no timeframe limitations; 2) History Project to create common ground through discovering a common history for all Zimbabweans, including the diaspora; 3) removal of the coercive machinery and all elements of violence in the governance of the country; and 4) Village of National Healing to address the psychosocial and physical needs of trauma and torture survivors in order to replace cycles of violence with cycles of peacebuilding.







Cabramatta Peace Day



*Sydney Peace Prize
-celebrating inspiring
people & their achievements*

Senator Sekai Holland, 2012 Sydney Peace Prize Recipient

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

2012 – Senator Sekai Holland

Co Minister for Reconciliation Healing and Integration in the Cabinet of President Robert Mugabe and Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, Senator Sekai Holland, was 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 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.

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.



Arundhati Roy, 2004 Sydney Peace Prize recipient



Patrick Dodson receiving the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize from Kevin Rudd

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Financials 2012

Sydney Peace Foundation

Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure for the twelve months ended 31 December 2012

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

	2012	2011
INCOME	\$	\$
Interest income	9,796	8,258
Donations, Sponsorships and Scholarships		
Appeal Campaign	108,865	136,642
City of Sydney	50,000	50,000
Special Events Income		
Gala Dinner	69,916	80,827
Sydney Peace Prize Lecture	15,905	46,350
Opera House Q&A		14,748
Other Income	7,385	4,314
Total Income	261,867	341,139
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and associated costs	129,350	72,073
Contract Employment	2,000	31,066
Special Events - Catering and hiring charges	48,230	58,974
Printing & Photocopy	8,800	5,927
Postage & Communication	2,774	2,282
Travel and Accommodation	14,554	9,493
Sydney Peace Prize	50,000	50,000
Sydney Peace Prize - Trophy	1,364	1,204
Stationery and Office Supplies	829	1,052
Graphic Design	9,160	10,591
General Expenses	207	1,976
Fund raising expenses	539	
Advertising and Promotions	900	623
Equipment, Leasing & Repairs & Maintenance	209	777
Donation - Medical Association for Prevention of War	9,000	10,000
Total Expenditure	277,916	256,038
Surplus/ (Deficit)	-16,049	85,101
Accumulated Funds as at 1 January	330,879	245,778
Accumulated Funds as at 31 December 2012	314,830	330,879

Financials 2012

Sydney Peace Foundation

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012

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

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Funds Participating in University Pool Interest	323,471	284,761
Accrued Income - Peace Prize		50,000
Total Current Assets	323,471	334,761
TOTAL ASSETS	323,471	334,761
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	8,641	3,882
Total Current Liabilities	8,641	3,882
NET ASSETS	314,830	330,879
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	314,830	330,879
TOTAL EQUITY	314,830	330,879



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Finance Director
Humanities Cluster
14 February 2013

Governance

Details of the Foundation's governance, as approved under the authority of the University Senate, are available in the Foundation's office.

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