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Irene Khan, 2006 Sydney Peace Prize Recipient

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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
foundation of a
civil society*



The Sydney Peace Foundation is a partnership between business, media, public service, community and academic interests.

It is a not-for-profit organisation which is wholly funded by our Partners in Peace, and by the support of organisations and individuals with a commitment to the promotion of peace with justice and the practice of non-violence.

The Foundation

- selects and awards the Sydney Peace Prize
- recognises significant contributions to peace by young people through the Schools Peace Initiative
- develops corporate sector and community understanding of the value of peace with justice
- supports the work of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies
- awards scholarship and internships in peace, human rights and conflict resolution

Why is Peace with Justice Important? :

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

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

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*Peace must be just...
it must be neither
punitive nor
vindictive... the fruits
of peace must be
shared equally*

- Mahatma Gandhi



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The activities of the Foundation are dealt with for the most part in the report of the Director. I will confine myself to some general observations and comments on the internal workings of the Foundation.

Our main events this year were marked by the presence of two outstanding individuals, the Peace Prize winner, Ms Irene Khan, Secretary General of Amnesty International, and the Hon Justice Michael Kirby, AC, CMG, Justice of the High Court of Australia. Ms Khan's visit, described in detail in the Director's Report, attracted good coverage and attention to the issue of oppression of women and children.

Michael Kirby's lecture in the Footbridge Theatre drew a large and diverse audience. He spoke on the superficially dull topic of the reception of international law in domestic courts, but made the subject not only meaningful but come alive even for non lawyers. The lecture demonstrated the importance of the justice aspect of the Foundation's mission to seek peace *with justice*.

We are grateful for the continuing support and involvement of the City of Sydney, which strongly supports the City of Sydney Peace Lecture, and which has now agreed to support our work over the next 3 years at the increased rate of \$50,000 per year. The Council deserves both thanks and high praise for its continued willingness to provide that support. We are also grateful for the continued support of the University itself, as it allows us to operate under the umbrella of our status as a foundation; the university also provides valuable assistance with respect to the annual donation campaign referred to below.

Apart from the financial support from the City, our main fundraising activity is the Peace Prize Award Dinner. Some corporate supporters take tables at the Dinner, which is a significant source of revenue for the Foundation. These supporters have in the past also assisted with scholarships and other support for students from least developed countries; we hope that more will be encouraged to do that in the future, and perhaps also to consider partnerships of the kind we have enjoyed in the past. But the bulk of our revenue comes from personal donations, some large, but many small, as a result of what is now an annual campaign. We are extraordinarily grateful to all our donors.

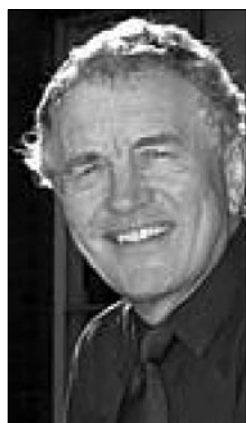
I want to express my appreciation on behalf of the Committee, to various people. First to our indefatigable Director, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees, AM. He has now obtained some relief by the appointment of a new Director for the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies; somehow I suspect he will remain fully employed in retirement. And then to Dr Lynda Blanchard, our Executive Officer, and her assistant, Jaime Koh. They ensured that our affairs were kept in order during the year. Cassandra Graham joined us briefly for the Peace Prize events, which were a great success yet again. Thanks to all of them, is barely adequate.

Finally my thanks to the Committee, and the jury –two groups of volunteers without whom the Foundation would not function at all. We lost the two members of the committee most junior in chronological age, Lucy Robb and Lachlan Harris, in each case because of work commitments taking them away from Sydney - each made a valuable contribution in the short time they were with us. The committee meets at least once a month, and the jury frequently over a period of months – the devotion of each is remarkable – thank you all.

2007 will see the award of the tenth annual Sydney Peace Prize; we are hoping to make this a truly memorable event, not only for the recipient, whoever that may be, but marking in some way the contribution of all of our recipients over the last ten years. In addition, I remain an optimist that progress might at long last be made in new directions, such as the long heralded but not yet realised Schools Peace Initiative. Watch this space!



Alan Cameron, A.M.
Chairman
January 2007



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Foundation's 2006 activities ended with jury deliberations over the choice of the 2007 recipient of the Sydney Peace Prize. The year's activities began with our support for events to honour Tibetan leaders in exile, the Prime Minister Samdhong Rinpoche and the author, scholar Master of Tibetan Religions, Sogyal Rinpoche. Their visit to Australia was made possible by our generous colleague and Buddhist enthusiast, Steve Killelea.

Elsewhere in the world – in the early months of 2006 – the Palestinian people elected Hamas and Western leaders, despite their encouragement of democracy, moved quickly to stop funds reaching the new government. One thousand people drowned in a ferry disaster in the Red Sea, 1800 people were swallowed in a mudslide in a Philippines village and the killings continued in the Darfur region of Sudan. Following the publication in Danish newspapers of cartoons disrespectful of the Prophet Mohammed, Danish embassies were set ablaze in Syria and Afghanistan.

Early demands on the time of the Foundation's staff - Dr. Lynda Blanchard as Executive Officer and her assistant Jaime Koh – concerned the annual appeal. Details of the moneys raised can be identified in annual accounts. The success of this fundraising depended largely on the continued support of a network of long time supporters and on the generosity of key individuals. If awareness of the Foundation's work became more widespread, we should be able to address our appeal to a much larger network. In the Foundation's 10th year it would be ideal if our data base and thereby a potential appeal constituency could be significantly enlarged.

The Executive committee's early meetings focussed on organizing the important Foundation Lecture by High Court Justice Michael Kirby on the topic, 'Interpreting Freedom: the uses by final courts of interpretations of human rights law.' The Footbridge Theatre was filled for the event, which was chaired with flair by David Hirsch. In his Chairman's Report Alan Cameron comments on that Lecture in greater detail.

Hard on the heels of Justice Kirby's Lecture the Foundation was a co- sponsor – along with the Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies and MAPW (Medical Association for the Prevention of War) – of the *Voices for Peace* seminar in the Seymour Centre. This significant full house occasion featured Cindy Sheehan, and Dr.

Salam Ismael. Cindy Sheehan is the mother whose son was killed while serving in the US army in Iraq. She became a key US campaigner against that war. Dr. Ismael had spent three years on the frontlines of the Iraq conflict.

From mid year onwards, four members of the Executive and three outside colleagues sifted the numerous nominations for the 2007 Peace Prize. These jury deliberations require much reading and careful appraisals of links between nominees' work and such peace processes and goals as social justice, the attainment of human rights, the practice of non violence and the courage required to insist on freedom to speak, research and write. Each jury member would acknowledge the skills of this year's convener and their colleagues' intellectual curiosity and professional judgments. Nine years of inspired choices have rebounded to the credit of the Foundation. At this point of mutual congratulations and a handing out of bouquets, it is timely to recall that the inaugural recipient of the Sydney Peace Prize, Professor Muhammad Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh, was awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. We congratulate Mohammad and the Grameen Bank and we note that it took nine years for the wisdom of the Sydney jury to reach Oslo.

For the latter half of the year, the work to maximize the impact of our choice of Irene Khan, Secretary General of Amnesty International as 2006 Peace Prize recipient owed a lot to my colleagues Lynda Blanchard, Jaime Koh and this year's Events Manager Cassandra Graham. That threesome was always imaginative, industrious and great fun to work with. Their professionalism guaranteed the success of the November Peace Prize events.

Publicity over the Foundation's choice of Irene Khan as the 2006 Peace Prize recipient was a key to public interest in November. In terms of newsprint, this publicity began with a substantial article in June in the *Sydney Morning Herald* by James Button and in October a biographical feature article in the *Good Weekend* colour magazine by Stephanie Bunbury. Of great importance in efforts to promote ideals of peace with justice was Irene Khan's *Open Letter To The Prime Minister* with the sub heading 'Bring David Hicks Home'. This open letter, published in all major newspapers, was generously funded by *Amnesty International*.

Coordination of publicity depended on our close cooperation with Australian staff from Amnesty International and with the Media Office at the University of Sydney. Since the inception of the Peace Prize in 1998, Andrew Potter and staff

from the University have been selfless in their support of our work. So too has been the office of the University's 'Yeoman Bedell'. During a crowded four days in Sydney, they provided a transport service of great courtesy and efficiency for Irene Khan, her family and colleagues.

The week of October 31st onwards began for Irene Khan with a meeting with Indigenous women, arranged by the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs. That Tuesday afternoon exchange, attended by 30 participants was followed by an ABC *Lateline* interview with Irene on the conduct of the Iraq war, the imprisonment of David Hicks and Islamic religious leaders' attitudes to women's dress. The following evening, Irene's City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture to a packed York Theatre in the Seymour covered issues such as violence against women as a major peace issue, a need to acknowledge people's identities irrespective of religious affiliation or appearance and the discouraging effects of powerful governments' indifference to international law and to human rights. Irene was preceded on stage by the *Gondwana Voices* also known as the Sydney Children's Choir. On Thursday November 2nd the Governor of New South Wales, Professor Marie Bashir awarded the 2006 Sydney Peace Prize to Irene Khan. This year's ceremony, held in the Great Hall of Sydney University was chaired with characteristic charm by Mary Kostakidis of SBS Television.

The last formal event of peace prize week occurred at Cabramatta High School. This inimitable school's welcome to Irene Khan and to members of the Foundation owes a great deal to the imaginative and supportive leadership of Beth Godwin the School Principal. In the school gymnasium a skilfully crafted programme called 'Make Noise for Peace', included a performance of peace songs, a display of art works depicting interpretations of peace, readings of peace poetry and a chance to ask Amnesty's Secretary General a range of questions. This first half of the morning – this concert programme – culminated in forty children in national costumes from many parts of the world but all attending Cabramatta High escorting Irene Khan to the School's peace garden, a parade made in front of 1,500 school children from twelve different High Schools. The release of white doves from the garden marked the finale of Irene Khan's visit to Cabramatta.

The year ended with the Sydney City Council – our major partner for the past five years – agreeing to continue to support the Foundation for another three years at \$50,000 per annum. The imprimatur of this great city is invaluable. We are grateful for the City's financial support and for the enthusiastic interest of the Lord

Mayor Clover Moore and her Councillor colleagues. In addition to our partnership with the City, we have also benefited from the in kind support of the Observatory Hotel and Qantas.

The Foundation's achievements depend in large part on the creative teamwork of the Executive Committee. In this respect I owe special thanks to Alan Cameron for his committed leadership and very significant facilitative skills. In his Chairman's Report, Alan comments in greater detail on the Executive's roles and membership.

The 10th year of our activities provides a great opportunity to create occasions to advocate those crucial ingredients of peace – human rights, non violence and all the dimensions of social justice. Although the experience of peace remains elusive for millions, its essence can be captured in different art forms - music and dance, painting and poetry- hence my ending this report with one line extracts from hopeful and tender poems written by Cabramatta students and published in their 2006 *Peace Day* collection.

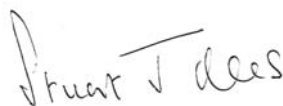
Peace is the sound of gunfire ceasing.
Sophie Phan.

Peace is the only thing that will make the world live longer.
Romeo Ilunga

Peace looks like a soaring rainbow that falls into your hands.
Monica Phan

Peace is found in friends of all colours.
Lisa Ngo

Peace is a train that takes people to a joyful land.
Vatvey Seng



Stuart Rees A.M.
January 2007

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



Irene Khan and guests at the 2006 City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture



The awarding of a Peace Prize is a celebration of inspiring people and their achievements. 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.

Each year the 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.

Sydney Peace Prize Recipients

2006 – Irene Khan

Security 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 in 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 by 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, who has proved himself as a statesman in the twin 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 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.

Sydney Peace Prize Events 2006

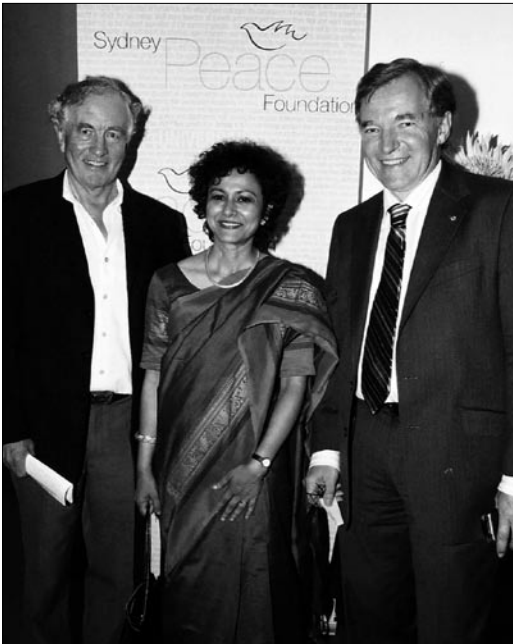


Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, the Governor of New South Wales presenting Irene Khan with the 2006 Sydney Peace Prize at the Great Hall, University of Sydney on 2 November 2006.



Professor Stuart Rees introduces Irene Khan at the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture 2006 entitled "Tough Choices in a Tough World: peace, security and human rights" delivered in the Seymour Centre on 1 November 2006.

City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture



Professor Stuart Rees, Irene Khan and Mr Alan Cameron.



Irene Khan delivers the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture 2006.



Irene Khan with guests at the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture 2006.

Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony



Irene Khan with Mara Moustafine, Ros Horin and Joe Skrzynski.



Irene Khan with daughter, Soraya and husband Josef Auer.



Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, the Governor of New South Wales, with Irene Khan, Stuart Rees and guests.

Irene Khan visits...

New South Wales Department of Aboriginal Affairs



Irene Khan with colleagues from the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Amnesty International Australia, 31 October 2006.



Ms Jody Broun, Director General of NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, presents flowers to Irene Khan.

The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

Irene Khan talks with students and friends at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies,
2 November 2006



Cabramatta High School



Cabramatta High School students welcome Irene Khan to their "Make A Noise For Peace" festival, 3 November 2006.



Irene Khan talks with a Lebanese student at Cabramatta High School, 3 November 2006.



Foundation Events 2006

INTERPRETING FREEDOM

The Use by Final Courts of International Human Rights Law

Presented by The Honorable Justice Michael
Kirby AC CMG



The Honorable Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG chatting with students after the public lecture at the Footbridge Theatre, University of Sydney, on 22 May 2006.

PICTURING PEACE



Professor Stuart Rees, Dr Stella Cornelius introduce student artists, in front of their artworks donated to the Posters for Peace Gallery.



Dr Stella Cornelius, Director Conflict Resolution Network, with the student artists from Cabramatta High School.



Mr Denis Doherty and Dr Hannah Middleton, co-ordinators ANTI-BASES Campaign.

Sydney Peace Foundation in the Press 2006

Professor Muhammad Yunus 1998 Sydney Peace Prize Recipient 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient

The Sydney Peace Foundation is grateful that their wisdom in choosing Muhammad Yunus as the inaugural winner of the Sydney Peace Prize – eight years ago – has finally reached Oslo. We congratulate Muhammad Yunus on his achievement and the Nobel Committee for their wisdom in imitating the choice of the Sydney Peace Prize Jury of 1998.



Russian Peace Foundation visits Sydney, April 2006.



Visit from Olga A. Shmelkova, President of the Vladivostok Peace Foundation in April 2006.

IRENE KHAN RECEIVES SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE

Congratulatory Message from Sydney Lord Mayor, Clover Moore to Irene Khan

I congratulate Irene Khan, the Secretary General of Amnesty International, who received the 2006 Sydney Peace Prize on Thursday night at a ceremony in the Great Hall of The University of Sydney. Awarded each year by the Sydney Peace Foundation, it is the only international peace prize in Australia.

In selecting Irene Khan, the Peace Prize jury acknowledged her "leadership as a courageous advocate of universal respect for human rights, and her skills in identifying violence against women as a massive injustice and therefore a priority in campaigning for peace".

The Foundation brings together people from business, media, the public sector, universities and the community, who aim to influence public interest in and understanding of the meaning of peace.

As well as administering the Sydney Peace Prize, the Foundation organises the annual City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and is developing a school peace initiative, which encourages students from years ten, eleven and twelve to develop projects which contribute to peace with justice in their schools and communities.

Clover Moore, MP
Lord Mayor of Sydney
3 November 2006



Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore MP, with Irene Khan and Mary Kostakidis at the 2006 Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony.

Financials 2006

SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION

Statement of Income for the year ended 31 December 2006

(Account Code: D7801 22222)

	2006 \$	2005 \$
INCOME		
Interest	11,159	9,408
Donations, sponsorships and scholarships		133,087
----Appeal campaign	70,600	
----Public Lecture	600	
----Sydney City	30,000	
Special events income		
----SPP Dinner	90,298	79,013
----SPP Lecture	6,548	
Miscellaneous income		298
Total Income	209,205	221,806
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and associated costs	55,256	54,394
Equipment lease	805	-
Special Events - Catering and hiring charges	38,24	39,274
Printing	2,469	6,394
Advertising and promotions	0	2,600
Equipment, repairs and maintenance	0	551
Travel and accommodation	122	1,347
Sydney Peace Prize	50,000	50,000
Sydney Peace Prize - Trophy	1,364	1,325
CPACS Annual grant		16,726
CPACS Administration charge		2,443
CPACS Scholarship	6,500	
Stationery and office supplies	217	564
Communications	1,348	1,199
General expenses	531	3,227
Total Expenditure	156,858	180,044
Surplus/(Deficit)	52,347	41,762
Accumulated funds as at 1 January	170,704	128,942
Prior years expenses adjustment	20,103	
Accumulated funds as at 31 December	202,948	170,704

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SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2006

(Account Code: D7801 22222)

	2006 \$	2005 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash Balance earning University Pool interest	202,948	173,163
Total Current Assets	202,948	173,163
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expense	-	2,460
Total Current Liabilities	-	2,460
NET ASSETS	202,948	170,703
EQUITY		
Accumulated funds	202,948	170,703
TOTAL EQUITY	202,948	170,703

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