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Dr Vandana Shiva, 2010 Sydney Peace Prize Recipient

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Message from Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

Foreword

As Governor of New South Wales, I am delighted to serve as Patron of the Sydney Peace Foundation at the University of Sydney.

Dr Vandana Shiva, a distinguished Indian Physicist and Environmentalist is the recipient of the 2010 Sydney Peace Prize.

The Sydney Peace Prize is the only international peace prize awarded in Australia.

This Prize has been awarded for the past 13 years, and has illuminated the leadership and work of exceptional people, and particularly their efforts to draw attention to the grave injustices and conflicts which continue to affect millions of our fellows.

The recipients challenge us to think more deeply about these issues, and resolve to make a difference.

Dr Shiva's citation describes her contribution.

"For courageous Leadership of movements for social justice – the empowerment of women in developing countries, advocacy of the human rights of small farming communities and for her scientific analysis of environmental sustainability."

She is indeed a most worthy member of the inspiring group of Sydney Peace Prize recipients.

Professor Marie R Bashir AC CVO
Governor of New South Wales

*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.*

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*Peace
Rights
Justice
Dignity
Security
Freedom
Equality
Well-being
Democracy
Non-violence*



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The Foundation

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

Why is Peace with Justice Important?

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

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

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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



MESSAGE FROM CLOVER MOORE MP, LORD MAYOR, CITY OF SYDNEY

The City of Sydney is proud to support the Sydney Peace Prize, and the Sydney Peace Foundation, as a reflection of the values we want our City to represent – open, diverse, and tolerant, a City which welcomes the world and which supports justice – especially for the marginalised and powerless.

Cities, which now house more than half the world's population, can be powerful agents for change – not only building green and sustainable economies, but building social capital and social justice.

In this century, cities talk to cities, sharing knowledge, talent and ideas and the cities of

the Asia-Pacific region are in many ways leading the way to a sustainable future.

At the City of Sydney, we are committed to ensuring a socially sustainable future – one that is based on tolerance and compassion, but also on social justice.

Our vision of Sustainable Sydney 2030 aligns with the core values of the Sydney Peace Foundation as we work in partnership to create a civil society founded on the ideals of 'peace with justice'.

I commend the Sydney Peace Foundation for their work in 2010 and look forward to our continued relationship.



CHAIR'S REPORT

It has been another busy and fruitful year for the Foundation. Each year the Sydney Peace Prize recognises an individual whose work has highlighted the central place of justice in achieving a lasting peace. The focus this year was on environmental sustainability. Australia's only international prize for peace was awarded in 2010 to scientist and environmental activist Dr Vandana Shiva, who offers solutions to some of the most critical problems posed by the effects of globalisation and climate change on the poorest and most populous nations. We were delighted that the award was presented by eminent environmental scientist Professor Tim Flannery. Both distinguished individuals have made invaluable contributions to our understanding of the way forward if we are to ensure the planet's capacity to sustain all future generations.

Thanks to the work of a promotional team led by Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees, the Prize recipient this year attracted an unprecedented amount of publicity, along with a near capacity audience in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House for the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture.

This year several past prize recipients also graced our shores, along with key international figures in the area of peace and conflict studies.

Nobel laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus spoke at a public event in Sydney co-hosted by the Foundation - along with Business for Millennium Development, World Vision and the Centre for Social Impact - where he engaged us further in keys to unlocking global poverty.

The inaugural Sydney Peace Prize recipient was here to harness the imagination of our business leaders, to inspire them to engage in social business models - innovative ventures that create sustainable opportunities capable

of lifting communities out of poverty - inviting business leaders and politicians alike to consider what he calls the power of small and the imperative of social responsibility.

The public forum was initiated by the Foundation's Director, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees, in order to provide an opportunity for members of the public to engage with Professor Yunus.

We were delighted to host a reception earlier in the year for supporters - an Audience with Peacemakers - where our key speakers were former Sydney Peace Prize recipient and former Secretary General of Amnesty International Irene Khan, a founding father of the discipline of peace and conflict studies, Professor Johann Galtung, and Steve Killelea, founder of the Institute for Economics and Peace, creative force behind the Global Peace Index and one of this country's great philanthropists. Irene Khan and Johann Galtung were in Australia to speak at the International Peace Research Association Conference hosted this year by USYD's Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies.

Our Partner in Peace, the City of Sydney, this year renewed its commitment to support the Foundation for the next five years. The City's support has been critical in enabling the Foundation to make this award and in the process ensuring that thousands of citizens have the opportunity to hear the recipient deliver the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture.

We applaud the City's courage and continued commitment to peace and justice - a commitment that sends a strong global message about the values we hold dear. Our thanks go to Lord Mayor Clover Moore, the City Counsellors and administration.

Our general appeal this year - Friends of the Sydney Peace Foundation - raised \$95,780. We



Inaugural Sydney Peace Prize recipient and Nobel laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus speaking in Sydney

thank those of you who have continued to give, for your generosity has enabled the Foundation to survive the withdrawal of corporate sponsors on the occasion of the Award to Hanan Ashrawi. We also welcome and thank our new Friends who have found in our work a resonance with their own commitment to social inclusion and social justice.

It has been, however, more challenging to secure funding for our education outreach initiative. The program targets youth and explores our notions of fairness and respect for each other as well as providing skills for active citizenship, and an appreciation that our democracy is only as good as our interest in engaging with it.

The Youth Peace Initiative - involving a network of schools - has been pared back to video conferencing pending further funding. Numerous grant applications this year have so far not yielded results.

In a year when the University started to regularise and more closely regulate the Foundations, we have managed to build on our relationship with the University while maintaining our distinctiveness. This was an essential first stage in engaging with new governance requirements at the University and the positive outcome is a reflection of the importance of the Foundation's

connection with the University of Sydney and our mutual benefit. It needs to be built on next year with a governance structure that will provide a sustainable future for the Foundation.

The Foundation has been graced with the consistent and strong support of Chancellor of the University and Governor of NSW, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir. We thank her for her tireless work to promote social justice.

Many thanks on behalf of the Executive Committee to our Executive Officer, Dr Hannah Middleton for all her efforts and the resultant successes throughout the year.

We cannot thank our Director, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees enough. He is the unstoppable force behind the Foundation. It is his national and international network, the high esteem in which he is held globally, his dedication and determination that deliver results.

Mary Kostakidis
Chair

*Non violence is not inaction.
It is not for the timid or
the weak. It is hard work.
It is the patience to win.*

Cesar Chavez



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

International Context

The year ended on a potentially significant note of optimism. Burmese democratic leader Aung Sann Suu Kyi was freed from her many years of detention.

In other parts of the world, grass roots movements pushed the case for people's aspirations to be reflected in politicians' decisions. A popularly elected leader in Ecuador was overthrown then returned to office by dint of poor people's spontaneous protests. In response to overwhelming evidence about the link between the burning of fossil fuels and climate change, scientists and grass roots environmental groups spoke with an almost unanimous voice that a way of life tied tightly to an oil/coal based economy needed to be changed.

The Sydney Peace Prize jury's deliberations reflected this concern: the Indian physicist, environmental scientist and eco feminist Dr.

Vandana Shiva was chosen as the recipient of the 2010 Sydney Peace Prize. In almost all circles, this decision was greeted as significant and timely. It was time to make peace with the earth but elsewhere around the world, the goal of peace with justice still seemed far away.

At the beginning of the year the Chinese government executed a mentally ill British citizen. This brutality was followed by the imprisonment for eleven years of Liu Xiabo (subsequent recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize) for challenging the idea of 'China's harmonious relationship with western democracies'.

Then came the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the massive floods across Pakistan and the bloody end to the cruel civil war in Sri Lanka. The human rights of Sri Lankan Tamils remain at risk and authoritarian governments, such as Iran's, continue to be fascinated with the need to execute their citizens. In Iran Sakineh Ashtiani was sentenced to death by stoning for allegedly committing adultery. After international outcry – letters were sent on behalf of the Foundation – this sentence was changed to death by hanging. Sakineh is still on death row. When will violence cease to be used as the means of maintaining a State?

Carnage in Iraq continued. Military victory in Afghanistan remained a costly illusion and the well planned inhumanity towards the people of Gaza persisted despite international outcry over the killing of Turkish peace activists sailing to raise the siege on that densely populated, impoverished part of the world. Efforts to achieve a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians are still thwarted by the building of illegal settlements, the removal of Arab citizens from East Jerusalem, America's supply of arms and the cowardice of too many governments – including Australia's – on this issue.

Peace with justice is never easy and it does require courage, such as that displayed by the indigenous

people of West Papua despite the often brutal methods used by the Indonesian military to suppress dissent.

As 2010 ends I am also reminded of the courageous example always set by one of our previous Peace Prize recipients – the Indian novelist and human rights campaigner Arundhati Roy. In India Arundhati is threatened with charges of sedition for exploring a peace with justice settlement to the India/Pakistan disputes over Kashmir. Freedom of speech - the entitlement to write and speak without fear or favour – remains a precious universal human right but it needs to be defended, vigorously.

Poverty and Human Rights

Although many of us continue to deal with social justice and human rights issues on an almost daily basis (for example I protested directly to the Iranian ambassador to Australia over the prospective execution of Sakineh Ashtiani), it is the public events which affect awareness of our goals.

In March we cooperated with business groups, with World Vision and the Centre for Social Impact at UNSW to host a seminar given by the creator of the Grameen Bank for the poor and inaugural recipient of the Sydney Peace Prize, Professor Muhammad Yunus. If the Foundation had not communicated with Muhammad, he would only have been sponsored to hold private meetings with business representatives in relation to promoting the UN's Millennium goals. The public would probably have been unaware of his return to Australia. At our request Muhammad addressed a capacity audience in the Wesley Centre on 'Abolishing Poverty, the Human Rights Priority'. That meeting was chaired with her usual flair by the Peace Foundation's Chair, Mary Kostakidis. In her Chair's Report, Mary comments in greater detail on that event and on our exchanges with Professor Yunus.

Some other activities

The Foundation was involved in a range of activities this year but for reasons of space I will mention only three here.

In May, together with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, we hosted Professor Bisharat, a lawyer with degrees in anthropology and Middle East studies, who is a professor at Hastings College of the Law at the University of California.

Professor Bisharat spoke to a crowded seminar about the growing international movement in support of boycotts, divestment, and sanctions



Denis Doherty, Stuart Rees and Hannah Middleton at a Friends of Hebron support rally

(BDS) that seeks to compel Israel to comply with international law. He argued that BDS represents a non-violent, morally defensible, and effective strategy for positive change. He dealt with ethical questions surrounding the academic and cultural aspects of the boycott movement.

Also on the Middle East issue Foundation members joined a candle lit event organised by the Friends of Hebron and held in the inner Sydney suburb of Leichhardt.

Together with SPF Executive Officer Hannah Middleton and her husband Denis Doherty I distributed leaflets supporting the rights of the people of Hebron to move freely and safely around their city, free from harassment by members of several small Jewish enclaves in the middle of the city.

Towards the end of the year, together with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, we were delighted to host a seminar on the peace talks in the Philippines.

A viewing of a short video on the conflict by Professor Lynch and Annabel McGoldrick was followed by fascinating speeches by National Democratic Front negotiating panel chair Luis Jalandoni and panel member Consuelo Ledesma.

Indian Interlude

My meeting in April with Dr. Vandana Shiva in Delhi provided an opportunity to discuss her prospective 2010 Peace Prize Lecture and the purpose of the three days of Peace Prize events. Vandana and her doctor sister Mira's hospitality was generous and immediate. We discussed the terms of the memorandum of understanding for which both parties – the SPF and the recipient



Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies volunteers at the Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony

– had obligations. In Vandana's case this concerned the agreement to co-operate in media interviews which would promote her work and the Foundation's objectives.

Consistent with Vandana's stress on curtailing the violence used to exploit the earth's natural resources, I also had meetings with Arundhati Roy who had just finished a three week trek in the jungles of central India in association with the Naxalites – often referred to as Maoist rebels – who have been protesting the removal of millions of indigenous tribal peoples from their lands to make way for the building of dams, mines, smelters and other forms of industrial development. Arundhati's struggle to uphold the rights of tribal peoples matches Vandana's courageous leadership of movements for justice, her advocacy for the rights of small farming communities, and her support for the empowerment of Indigenous women all over the world. Vandana, incidentally, was part of a three person commission to inquire into the legitimacy of Arundhati's meetings with the Naxalites and her campaign for justice for the millions of displaced people. Vandana and her two commission colleagues found in favour of Arundhati's initiatives.

Governance of the Sydney Peace Foundation

(a) Leadership

I owe a great deal to the Foundation's Executive Officer Dr. Hannah Middleton and the Foundation's Chair Mary Kostakidis. Hannah's personal support and her wide sweeping understanding of peace with justice give energy, humour and a sense of vision as to 'what really matters'. Hannah's administrative industry and efficiency contribute significantly to the Foundation's operations and reputation.

Mary's imaginative leadership and a forthright style when negotiating controversies – such as a persistent tug of war (sorry about the metaphor) over the preservation of the Foundation's logo and the difficulties in creating a new website – have been crucial in sustaining our distinct identity and purpose. Given the Foundation's need to explain peace with justice goals to large and diverse audiences, Mary's engaging and well known communication skills have also been invaluable assets.

I also express my gratitude to colleagues on the Foundation's Executive. Their support, ideas and networks enable the Foundation to be sustained and have the potential to engage with larger audiences, not only around the Peace Prize events in November. Along with three 'outsiders' several Executive colleagues also serve on the Peace Prize jury. Three months of deliberations and attention to due process over the nominations for the Peace Prize have accounted for much of the Foundation's success. Even though we do not name the members of that jury, I express my gratitude for jury colleagues' conscientiousness, skilled analysis and judgments.

(b) Youth Peace Initiative (YPI)

Details of this futuristic part of the Foundation's work are given separate attention in this report. But I do acknowledge with considerable gratitude the creativity of Trent Newman who was the YPI leader until his resignation in mid year. At that point Suzy Lee took up the responsibilities for continuing to stage video conferences such as the last one which included schools from country regions, metropolitan areas and teachers from Armidale teachers' college. Approximately 150 teachers and students were involved in a state wide discussion over refugees' rights. With Suzy's influence, Amnesty International cooperated in staging this conference. The Foundation is committed to continuing the YPI and in 2011 we will renew our efforts to obtain much needed funding.

(c) Partnerships and Funding:

The City of Sydney's renewal of a Partnership for Peace with the Foundation has been generous and reassuring. It provides a sound means for planning and achieving future goals. The Lord Mayor acknowledged the importance of this partnership when thanking Vandana Shiva in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. I leave it to the Foundation's Chair to elaborate the significance of the City Council's support. In similar vein I'll be brief in acknowledging the invaluable interest and generous support of several significant public figures – Steve

Killelea, Joe Skrynzski and Alan Cameron. In response to our annual appeal, we also obtained indispensable financial support from numerous supporters. Such support is identified in the accounts section of this report.

Significant collegueship from Sydney University staff enabled the message from Vandana Shiva to reach wide audiences and facilitated the smooth running of events during the first week of November. The influence of the university's media officer Jackie Chowns was crucial in securing wide media coverage of the award to Vandana Shiva. Jackie was assisted by a skillful and committed student volunteer Melissa McCullough. Transport for the week was provided by volunteers such as the always selfless Denis Doherty and by staff from the Yeoman Bedell's office. Our events manager Jolynn Miller ensured the smooth running of the award ceremony and lifted a significant load from Hannah's shoulders.

(d) Building a Structure:

As the year ends and several long serving and highly supportive colleagues from the Executive – including Maree Whybourne and Jackie Williams - have given notice of their resignations, I am reminded of the need for the Foundation to build a structure which is not disproportionately dependent on the work of a few individuals. The contribution of several colleagues to this report – notably Jake Lynch on the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) conference and Beth Jackson on the Healing the World events at Cabramatta - indicate our commitment to sharing responsibilities. But there is a mismatch between the Foundation's success in staging widely acclaimed events and the limited personal means of doing so. This does not imply any imperative to employ paid staff but rather the opportunity to build structures which could, for example, make the Sydney Peace Prize a household name. With a view to examining this notion of structures and to develop a plan for the Foundation's future, we finish the year in meetings with a well known public relations company. Our team for that task includes two imaginative post graduate students from the Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies.

November's Peace Prize Events

On Melbourne Cup day when Vandana Shiva arrived in Sydney, colleagues on the Executive and several supporters welcomed her in a delightfully informal cocktail party at the Observatory Hotel, an event made possible by Mary's characteristic generosity! As they have done for most of the past 12 years, staff at the



Professor Bisharat spoke on the BDS campaign at a seminar organised by the Foundation and the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

hotel provided inimitable hospitality for Vandana and her sister Dr. Mira Shiva.

The pictures which pepper this report illustrate the sense of theatre in the Peace Prize award ceremony held in Sydney University's MacLaurin Hall on November 4th. Environmental scientist and author Professor Tim Flannery awarded the Prize in the presence of the Governor of NSW Professor Marie Bashir, the Indian Ambassador to Australia, the Indian Consul General and representatives of the Sydney City Council. The ceremony was compered by Debbie Whitmont, an award winning journalist with the ABC's Four Corners.

On the evening prior to the award ceremony Vandana gave the 2010 City of Sydney Peace Prize address 'Making Peace with the Earth' in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. The Tamil percussion, singing and dancing group – 'Heartbeat' – gave a sub continent overture to Vandana's lecture. After the Lord Mayor's expression of gratitude to Dr. Shiva, the Australian Aboriginal soprano Deborah Cheetham paid tribute to Vandana by singing an aria from her own opera 'Pecan Summer' and a Richard Strauss composition - Zuiegnung.

The following morning, Friday November 5th, was Vandana's birthday. This coincided with the Festival of Diwali and with Cabramatta High School's characteristically well crafted celebration 'Healing the World' . This event depends on the inspirational leadership of Cabramatta's principal Beth Godwin and her staff. I leave my colleague Beth Jackson to describe such a colourful and inspiring end to the year later in this report.



Stuart Rees AM
Director



Communicating Peace

International Peace Research Association (IPRA) Global Conference

July 6-10, 2010

By Sydney Peace Foundation Executive member Associate Professor Jake Lynch, Director Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

"This conference... had a wonderful array of talks: on Maoists in Nepal, human traffickers in central America, Serbian extremists and the internet, even 'the strategic use of humour for non-violent resistance', to name a few topics" – so wrote Hamish McDonald, Asia-Pacific Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, reviewing the IPRA conference.

The event took "a look at every kind of conflict", he went on, "and the performance of governments, armies, United Nations agencies, companies, aid groups and journalists in dealing with them".

Judged by participants as one of IPRA's best ever conferences, Communicating Peace saw presentations – on the plenary stage and to the Association's 20-odd specialist Commissions – by 362 scholars, activists and advocates, who converged on Sydney from dozens of countries, rich and poor alike, around the world.

Two keynote speakers were Professor Johan Galtung, principal founder of Peace Research, and Irene Khan, past Secretary General of Amnesty International and the 2006 winner of the Sydney Peace Prize. The pair spoke at a special Sydney Peace Foundation cocktail evening, along with Steve Killelea, presented by Mary Kostakidis, at the Sydney Town Hall.

Irene, whose trip was part-paid for by the Sydney Peace Foundation, was in great demand from media, who interviewed her on a range of human rights and peace concerns.

Plenary sessions, including those by Irene and Johan, were recorded on video, and screened the following day on APAC, Australia's Public Affairs Channel, available via satellite and cable. They can now be viewed here: http://fora.tv/conference/IPRA_peace_2010

In addition to the presentation schedule, the IPRA conference offered 16 Fringe events, such as book launches, film screenings – with the authors and directors, respectively, in attendance – and a special extra evening session with Professor Johan Galtung, the keynote speaker, held at Customs House in partnership with the City of Sydney, through the City's generous sponsorship of the Foundation.

Hamish's was just one of the many generous tributes that have continued to pour in since the conference finished. A selection:

"The best IPRA conference I have ever attended"
– Professor Johan Galtung, keynote speaker at the conference and one of IPRA's co-founders.

"The scholastic quality [of the conference] was much higher than at earlier ones and many interesting themes were introduced and developed through the plenary/workshop format"
– Professor Kevin Clements, IPRA Secretary General, 2008-2010.

"Great efforts – appreciation to the organisers, volunteers and the students"
– Associate Professor Ramu Manivannan, University of Madras, India.



Professor Jake Lynch, Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney



Professor Johan Galtung speaking at the IPRA conference

"A great conference: the most genuinely international I've attended; great people; wonderful work by CPACS with doubtless limited resources"

– Professor Robert Hackett, Simon Fraser University, Canada.

"A genuinely inspiring and creative conference – all thanks to Jake and his magnificent team"

– Dr Steve Wright, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK.

"A very enlightening, very educative conference – thank you"

– Eleanor Nandutu, Gender and Peace Commission, Uganda.

"A great opportunity to share so many experiences from all over the world, and also to be with people with the same commitment about peace – thank you, well done"

– Diana de la Rua Eugenio, Argentina.

"A+: excellent. Thanks to all who helped to make this conference a great success"

– Professor George Kent, University of Hawaii, USA.

"Fabulous conference – staff friendly and efficient, great books available, great fringe events" – Marty Branagan, University of New England, Australia.

"I have been so incredibly inspired this week and made wonderful connections – overall, great job hosting. Sydney has been so welcoming!"

– Rebecca Norlander, USA.

"Enhanced societal learning about peace on inter- and trans-disciplinary approaches with the mixing of participation by both academics and practitioners (NGOs)"

– Pranil Kumar Upadhayaya, Nepal.

"The only frustration was too much good stuff at once – impossible to choose! Thanks for the very impressive level of organisation and attention to detail"

– Susy Lee, Australia.

"I have been to many conferences in peace and conflict and non-violent action in the last ten years, but the energy, enthusiasm, creativity and optimism of this group stands out. I am humbled by this group's devotion and commitment"

– Cynthia Boaz, USA.

"I wonder if Jake can also juggle – because he handled all the juggling of bringing us a quality conference with brilliant success!"

– Terri Shafner, USA.

"The professional/academic content of this conference was among the very best of the IPRA conferences I have attended (and I have attended most since 1981). Most plenaries and the commission sessions I attended were excellent" – Birgit Brock-Utne, Norway.

"Future organisation of the IPRA global conference must follow the process, methods and means adopted by our Australian friends"

– Muhammad Kamal Uddin, Bangladesh.

Sydney Peace Prize – celebrating inspiring people & their achievements



Dr Vandana Shiva

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

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



Irene Khan, 2006 Sydney Peace Prize recipient and former Secretary General of Amnesty International

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.

Sydney Peace Prize Events 2010



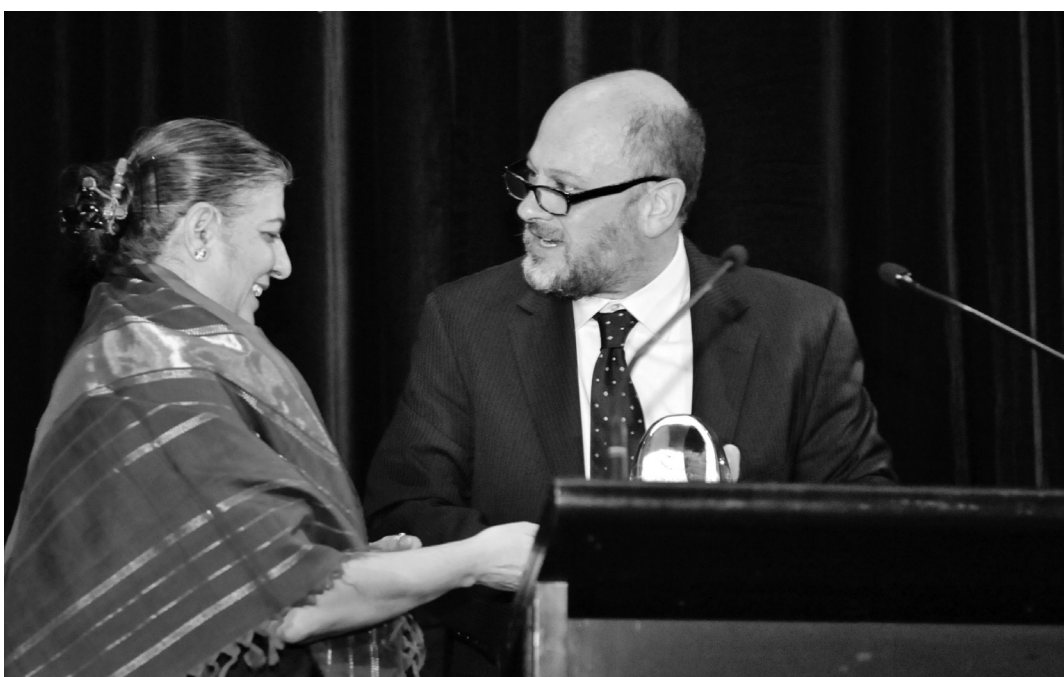
Dr Vandana Shiva with Australian Aboriginal soprano Deborah Cheetham on stage in the Concert Hall at the Sydney Opera House



Heartbeat – Tamil music and dance group at the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall



Ragnhild Rees, Mira Shiva, Stuart Rees and Vandana Shiva



Professor Tim Flannery awarding the 2010 Sydney Peace Prize to Dr Vandana Shiva

Healing the World Cabramatta High School Schools Peace Festival



Dr Vandana Shiva with Aboriginal elder Aunty May at Cabramatta High School

By Sydney Peace Foundation Executive member Beth Jackson

On Friday 5th November, Cabramatta High School, through its principal Beth Godwin, teaching staff and students, hosted a wonderful ceremony to honour Dr Vandana Shiva, Sydney Peace Prize recipient for 2010.

Twelve schools provided 1,500 students for the day, braving wintery conditions (many in rather diaphanous national dress) to provide a very warm welcome to Dr Shiva and her sister Mira.

Other guests included a much loved local Aboriginal elder, Aunty May, Dr Paul Brock, the Director of Learning and Development Research in the NSW Department of Education, State and Federal parliamentary representatives, and Professor Stuart Rees and Dr Hannah Middleton of the Sydney Peace Foundation.

From the honour guard of students in their respective national dress, with the word

‘peace’ in many languages worn with pride, to the program of dance, song, drums, dragon dancing and the planting of special seeds by Dr Shiva in the school’s Peace Garden, accompanied by the release of the peace doves, the day was a wonderful evocation of youthful enthusiasm for the important aims of diversity, knowledge, environmental care and peace.

The bountiful morning tea, prepared by the students of Cabramatta High School, was wonderful, both in quality and quantity, and proudly served by its chefs.

Students ran the show – from the invitation to Dr Shiva to speak to the students, to the stage management and interesting question and answer session, it was an inspiring session of co-operation and teamwork, creativity and engagement. All can be very proud of the day, and the underlying ethos which makes such an event so successful each year.



Releasing peace doves during the Schools Peace Festival



Dancer at the Schools Peace Festival at Cabramatta High School



Dr Vandana Shiva with participants in the Schools Peace Festival, many in traditional costume with white sashes with the word PEACE in different languages



Dragon dancers at Healing the World, the Schools Peace Festival at Cabramatta High School

Youth Peace Initiative Project Report 2010



Student who had participated in YPI's mentoring program presented some of their creative campaign work at the 2010 IPRA Conference using visiting scholars as volunteers. In this case they are discussing the merits of fair trade chocolate.

Overview

In 2010 the Foundation's work with youth has grown broader and deeper. In just 2 years, YPI has built connections with students in over 30 public and independent high schools throughout NSW, and this engagement has been significantly enhanced in some schools this year through the introduction of a new mentoring program. YPI has continued to grow throughout 2010 in consultation with the YPI Steering Committee, and plays an important role as a bridge between formal curricular education in schools and informal youth programs.

The Mentoring Program

The purpose of the YPI mentoring program is to facilitate process centered, two-way learning between high school students involved in social justice and community-building activities, and postgraduate Masters students of Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Sydney.

Over two school terms, YPI mentors meet regularly with school-based student groups, either via web link-up or direct site visits, usually during lunchtimes. Mentors learn about peace education in the school context by assisting student leaders in planning and implementing community projects related to

anti-racism, peer mediation, social justice, and human rights awareness-raising. Mentors are given ongoing training at the University of Sydney in the practice of critical pedagogy: enabling analytical discussion practices and outcomes-oriented learning towards student self-transformation.

In 2010 three mentors piloted the program with 5 high schools: Cleveland Street Intensive English High School; Mount Annan High School; St Clare High, Cabramatta High and Hunters Hill High School.

"Enough education resources already exist in schools; what students need are opportunities to put learning about peace and human rights to the test in actual projects."

– Deputy Principal, Mt Annan High School

Peace Connections Video Conferences

Video conferences were held in the last three school terms, in collaboration with the Distance and Rural Technologies (DART) unit of the NSW Department of Education and Training in Dubbo. DART made special concessions for YPI to allow private schools to join the conferences. YPI Peace Connections video conferences with use of 'Connected Classrooms', which include cameras, screens, microphones, and interactive whiteboards.



The Youth Peace Initiative conducts a number of video conferences each year

Students can participate in inter-school dialogue and debate without having to leave their schools. Students interact directly with guest speakers organised by YPI who are young change makers themselves.

2010 Conferences:

Laughing at Racism: The Politics of Comedy.
Wednesday 19th May, 2010

Guest Speakers

Sydney Comedians Dolores Lorette, Seizure Kaiser, and Ande Kindred.

Participating Schools

Asquith Girls High School; Bega High School; Braidwood Central School; Cleveland Street Intensive English High; Engadine High School; Hunters Hill High School; Induna School; Merrylands High School; Quandialla Central School; Yass High School

Who Am I? Finding my Identity Amongst Multi-cultures. Tuesday 21st September, International Day of Peace, 2010

Guest Speakers/singer

Jackie Leewai and 'Mirrah'

Participating Schools

Cleveland Street Intensive English High School; Wagga Wagga High School; Mitchell High School; Engadine High School

Refugee Rights and Wrongs,
Tuesday 23rd November, 2010

Guest Speaker

Alex Pagliaro, Amnesty International Australia

Participating Schools

Quandialla Central School; Jindabyne Central

School; Sydney Girls High School; West Wyalong High School; Gymea Technology High School; DET New England Regional Office Armidale.

"YPI has really opened my eyes to the wide variety of issues surrounding peace and justice in our society today. More importantly it has taught me that anyone can contribute to helping those in desperate need, and YPI is an excellent place to start."

- Student, Asquith Girls High, April 2010

Online Connections:

In 2010 YPI has maintained an active online presence through the website <http://youthpeaceinitiative.org.au> and continues to receive praise and interest through the site with its wealth of resources. The YPI Facebook page has doubled in popularity in 2010 and regular posts and links circulate updates about peace and social justice related events and opportunities. Regular e-news resource digests were sent to 80 teacher and principals.

Other Events

March: Asquith Girls' High School International Women's Day Breakfast

July: International Peace Research Association Conference, Opening Ceremony Presentation

November: Cabramatta High Sydney Peace Prize Celebration

"Peace education should bring forth from all learners the vocation of becoming more fully human and create a process of transformation where those involved then feel capable of transforming the world."

- Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed.

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Anthony Simpson

Monika Smith

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Margaret Vermeesch

Christine and Paul Wand AM

Dr Sue Wareham

Professor Ian Wilcox

Jacqueline Williams

Financials 2010

SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION

Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 31 December 2010

(Account Codes: D7801 22222 & D7801 D0630)

	2010 \$	2009 \$
INCOME		
Interest income	10,753	13,446
Donations, sponsorships and scholarships		
Appeal campaign	102,470	81,298
City of Sydney	50,000	50,000
General Donations	-	5,550
Scholarship	-	20,000
Special events income		
SPP Dinner	66,627	64,091
SPP Lecture	14,988	2,613
Other income	-	55
Total Income	244,838	232,053
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and associated costs	57,661	74,070
Contract Employment	12,900	32,444
Equipment lease	402	556
Special Events - Catering and hiring charges	58,342	44,457
Printing & Photocopy	8,579	6,128
Postage & Communications	1,206	3,821
Advertising and promotions	-	5,486
Travel and accommodation	11,101	2,872
Sydney Peace Prize	50,000	50,000
Sydney Peace Prize - Trophy	1,364	1,364
Stationery and office supplies	522	1,277
Graphic Design	8,553	6,210
General expenses	2,535	6,719
Transfer to CPAC (conference support)	2,000	-
Transfer to Youth Peace Initiatives	20,000	
Total Expenditure	235,165	235,403
Surplus/(Deficit)	9,673	(3,349)
Accumulated funds as at 1 January	233,118	236,468
Prior years expenses adjustment	-	1
Accumulated funds as at 31 December 2009	242,791	233,118



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Financials 2010

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 31 December 2010

Youth Peace Initiative

(Account Codes: D7802 22222)

	2010 \$	2009 \$
INCOME		
Interest income	583	2,908
Donations, sponsorships and scholarships		
Schools Peace Initiative	-	-
General Donations	-	-
Transfer from Foundation Operating account	20,000	-
Other income	-	-
Total Income	20,583	2,908
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and associated costs	35,275	41,248
Special Events - Catering and hiring charges	8	2,207
Printing & Photocopy	5	2,964
Postage & Communication	717	7
Advertising and promotions	400	14,986
Equipment, repairs and maintenance	155	243
Travel and accommodation	1,617	1,109
Stationery and office supplies	85	176
Graphic Design	-	4,496
General expenses	426	37
Total Expenditure	38,688	21,092



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SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010

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

	2010 \$	2009 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Funds Participating in University Pool Interest	245,778	254,210
Total Current Assets	245,778	254,210
TOTAL ASSETS	245,778	254,210
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-
NET ASSETS	245,778	322,125
EQUITY		
Accumulated funds	245,778	254,210
TOTAL EQUITY	245,778	254,210

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