

The Sydney Peace Foundation Annual Report 2023



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MISSION

We are Australia's global voice for peace with justice. We shine a light on solutions that prove peace is possible and create public dialogue to drive policy reform. We provide a platform for leaders and movements to expand their influence and inspire the next generation of Australian peacemakers.

The Sydney Peace Foundation is dedicated to advocating for peace with justice. A Foundation of the University of Sydney, we provide an influential platform for leaders and movements to expand their impact and inspire the next generation of Australian peacemakers.

For over 25 years, the Foundation has recognised leading global and local voices for peace and advocated to move the dial on Australian policy and discourse towards justice.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

VOICE - Build a powerful collective voice for peace with justice by educating and engaging citizens.

IMPACT - Strengthen and expand the impact and reach of our initiatives that demand peace with justice.

SUSTAINABILITY - Build a sustainable Sydney Peace Foundation.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

It's been a year since we have taken up the role, jointly, of Co-Chairs of the Sydney Peace Foundation. The year has been marked by learning, impact and - most recently - increasing dismay at the violence facing many around the globe.

We started off last year noting that conflict and crisis was an increasingly common reality, with the UN naming this the 'dangerous decade.' In this context, we championed a Peace Prize winner and agenda that spoke to the power of people coming together to resist dominance and aggression in Iran's 'Woman, Life, Freedom' movement. Nazanin Boniadi's visit to Australia in late 2023 was nothing short of a tour-de-force, with engagements across three states (Victoria, South Australia and of course NSW), and meetings with State and Federal Parliamentarians as well as community members. She appeared in all major news mastheads and made incredible strides in moving the Australian Government towards supporting the creation of a global definition of gender apartheid.

This impact would not have been possible without the dedicated work of the Foundation Directors and Council, our 2023 partners including Amnesty International Australia and the Carla Zampatti Foundation, our wonderful individual donors and of course the University of Sydney. Thank you for your commitment to peace.

We also marked 25 years of the Foundation and were able to release a second volume of 'Conversations in Peace', with speeches from our Peace Prize Laureates over the past decade. This edition was beautifully edited by Jane Fulton and Lynda-Ann Blanchard.

Right now, it seems that there has never been a more important time for the work of this Foundation, as an Australian voice for peace with justice. Thousands are facing death, starvation, fear and upheaval in bloody conflicts raging across the Middle East, Europe, Africa and Asia. The rules-based order, founded on human rights and dignity, is being stretched to breaking point. The implications are plain - without rules, impunity reigns, beyond the ongoing war on Gaza, to foreign-sponsored slaughter in Sudan, Putin's ongoing war on Ukraine, and the death in prison of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

Australia has an important role to play in being a principled, multilateral actor in the pursuit of peace, human rights and justice - but so far, our nation is falling short of this aspiration.

As we look ahead to 2024 and beyond, we hope to work with all of those in the Peace Foundation community to address this challenge.

Joy Kyriacou and Felix Eldridge

Co-Chairs, Sydney Peace Foundation





MESSAGE FROM THE CO-DIRECTORS



It is a great honour to present the 2023 Sydney Peace Foundation Annual Report, our first as Co-Directors of the Sydney Peace Foundation. In our 25th year, the Foundation has continued to champion leading global voices for peace and advocate for a fairer, more equitable world.

2023 was a challenging and distressing year for peace and climate justice advocates – with humanitarian crises wreaking havoc across the world from Myanmar to the Ukraine, Sudan to Palestine. Our world is also experiencing record-breaking temperatures, surpassing Paris climate targets, yet there continues to be little meaningful climate action.

In 2023 we highlighted the Woman, Life, Freedom movement in Iran and its powerful advocacy for human rights and a better life for women, free from oppression through our 2023 Sydney Peace Prize Laureate, Iranian born actor and activist Nazanin Boniadi.

We also continued to campaign for the Uluru Statement from the Heart – the 2021-22 Sydney Peace Prize awardee – with the hope that the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people would be recognised in the Australian Constitution. While this humble proposal was rejected by voters in the October 2023 referendum, we will continue to work for First Nations justice and truth-telling, so vital to the healing of this Country.

In this Annual Report, we outline the Foundation's activities throughout the year and acknowledge the support of partners and supporters who make our work possible. In 2024 our focus will be on creating a stronger and more sustainable Sydney Peace Foundation and continuing our mission of recognising inspiring leaders and movements, dedicated to finding solutions to injustice and conflict.

We thank Susan Biggs, our predecessor, who skilfully steered the Foundation as Director from 2019 to early 2023. We are particularly grateful to all our supporters, donors, sponsors, volunteers, event attendees, and everyone working alongside us for a more compassionate world where human rights for all are valued and respected.

Dr Jane Fulton and Melanie Morrison
Co-Directors, Sydney Peace Foundation



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NOTE: FOR A FULL LIST OF 2023 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDING COMMENCEMENT AND RESIGNATION DATES, PLEASE SEE PAGE 21.

PATRONS

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2023 SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE

In 2023 the Sydney Peace Prize was awarded to Iranian born actor and activist, Nazanin Boniadi for:

“Drawing attention to human rights violations, for lending a powerful voice to support Iranian women and girls and their #WomanLifeFreedom movement, and for using a high-profile platform to promote freedom and justice in Iran.”

Peace Week started in Melbourne where Nazanin commenced an impactful series of lectures, policy forums, a meeting with Australia's Foreign Minister, the Cabramatta High School visit, the annual Gala Dinner at the University of Sydney and numerous media high profile interviews.

In her speech at the Sydney Peace Prize award ceremony at Sydney Town Hall, Nazanin said:

“While I stand before you, my fellow artists and activists inside Iran are denied their livelihoods and lives for daring to dissent. It doesn't escape me that their destiny could have easily been mine.”

It's a huge honour because I view myself as a conduit and a megaphone for the Iranian people. What this moment means to me is the opportunity – which I'm so grateful for – to centre the Iranian people and their struggles on the world stage and to be able to amplify their voices and celebrate them and their courage.”





FLAGSHIP EVENTS

Sydney Town Hall Peace Prize Lecture and Ceremony: Nazanin Boniadi's extraordinarily compelling keynote address brought the Town Hall audience to its feet. Journalist and presenter Jan Fran skilfully convened the post lecture panel, comprising Nazanin Boniadi; Shokoofeh Azar, International Booker Prize and Stella Prize nominated Iranian-Australian author and journalist; Gelareh Pour, acclaimed Iranian-born singer and songwriter; and Dr Kylie Moore-Gilbert, leading political scientist and Middle East expert. It was an honour to have our long-term patron Lord Mayor Clover Moore once again present the Sydney Peace Prize glass trophy, beautifully crafted by Brian Hirst, to the 2023 Sydney Peace Prize laureate Nazanin Boniadi. We thank our hugely talented entertainers: Gelareh Pour and Kween G, whose incredible performances acted to remind us that music is a powerful medium for elevating and amplifying change. Our 2023 human rights partner, Amnesty International Australia, hosted the pre-lecture drinks in the Treasury Room at the Sydney Town Hall for key partners, community members and Amnesty International Australia supporters.

Gala Dinner: This year the sold-out Gala Dinner was held in the historic Great Hall at the University of Sydney. We have been overwhelmed with congratulatory messages, noting the impressive range of people attending and the professional organisation of proceedings. Media commentator and diversity champion Antoinette Lattouf hosted the event and moderated the conversation with the 2023 Sydney Peace Prize Laureate Nazanin Boniadi and UN Special Rapporteur and women's rights advocate Elizabeth Broderick. We were also deeply honoured to have Minister of Environment and Federal Member for Sydney the Hon Tanya Plibersek and Mark Scott, the University of Sydney Vice-Chancellor, attend the Gala Dinner and give warm and welcoming speeches, highlighting the critical role of the Sydney Peace Foundation in advocating for peace and justice. We thank our performers: Gelareh Pour, Iranian born Persian Kamancheh and Qeychak player, singer and songwriter; and the Conservatorium of Music's Agape Ensemble led by Joel Wilkinson.

Sydney Peace Prize Announcement: We were grateful to the City of Sydney and Lord Mayor Clover Moore for once again hosting the Sydney Peace Prize Announcement in the gracious Lord Mayor's Reception Room at Sydney Town Hall on 8 June 2023. UN Special Rapporteur and women's rights advocate Elizabeth Broderick gave a powerful keynote address outlining the findings of a recent UN report on women's rights and the challenges in ensuring gender equality in Iran. The Lord Mayor Clover Moore announced the 2023 Sydney Peace Prize Laureate and Nazanin Boniadi was beamed in from overseas to publicly accept the nomination.





PARTNER PEACE PRIZE EVENTS AND MEETINGS



Reichstein Foundation Afternoon Tea: The Reichstein Foundation, a grant giving community focused on social change philanthropy, hosted an afternoon gathering in Melbourne. The event offered an opportunity to reconnect with the Reichstein Foundation team, who have previously supported the Foundation.

Melbourne Lecture: This was a successful event at the majestic Capitol Theatre, held in partnership with RMIT Culture, the Wheeler Centre, Victorian Women's Trust and Amnesty International Australia. Nazanin Boniadi shared her dream of a free, prosperous and secular democratic Iran, followed by a conversation with Mahsa Hajjari, an Iranian-born researcher based in Melbourne. Amnesty International Australia hosted the pre-lecture drinks attended by key supporters.

Adelaide: Sydney Peace Foundation co-chair Joy Kyriacou flew to Adelaide with Nazanin Boniadi to meet with Foreign Minister Senator Penny Wong and South Australian Premier. The meeting sought, and is hopeful of achieving, Australian Government support for:

- the creation of a definition of 'gender apartheid' at international level
- extra effort to examine the Iranian Regime connections of those seeking Australian visas, prioritising dissidents and those fleeing the regime.

Sydney, NSW Parliament Briefing: A well-attended Iranian diaspora community event organised by Joy Kyriacou, Felix Eldridge and Iranian community leader, Kaveh Akbari. It was an honour to have Senator Tim Ayres present along with NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey MLC. Nazanin Boniadi spoke about the disturbing increase in human rights abuses in Iran and answered a series of questions from the Iranian diaspora that largely focused on strategies for moving toward a democratic Iran.

Cabramatta High Peace Day: This was a highlight of Peace Week with over 2,000 students from across western Sydney in attendance. The Cabramatta High event included colourful student performances from around the world and a release of 100 doves. Nazanin was greeted by hundreds of enthusiastic students - many wearing their traditional cultural dress. Cabramatta High Principal Lachlan Erskine and local Federal MP Dai Le were among those who accompanied our Peace Prize Laureate on a school tour. The event was featured on SBS TV news and online. We were delighted to learn that the NSW Department of Education shared its coverage with every school in the State.



OTHER 2023 SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION PUBLIC EVENTS

During 2023 the Sydney Peace Foundation hosted a series of public events that contributed to both teaching and learning at the University of Sydney as well as strengthening the Foundation's strategic engagement initiatives.

Allies for Uluru CEO Forum

Allies for Uluru grew out of partnerships forged when the Uluru Statement from the Heart received the Sydney Peace Prize. As a coalition of more than 300 organisations, Allies for Uluru acts as a conduit for information and action, to generate awareness and knowledge on the Uluru Statement. The Sydney Peace Foundation, together with Oxfam, Antar and the Fred Hollows Foundation hosted the CEO Forum at the University of Sydney in May 2023 where leaders from over 25 civil society groups gathered to discuss strategies to support the implementation of all calls in the Uluru Statement: Voice, Treaty and Truth.

Gold Medal for Human Rights

In June 2023, the Foundation's Gold Medal for Human Rights was awarded to Aung Myo Min, Union Minister for Human Rights in the cabinet of the National Unity Government of Myanmar in exile, for his role in 'inspiring a generation of pro-democracy advocates in Myanmar'. Hosted in partnership with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the sold-out event included a keynote address by Aung Myo Min focused on the current political situation in Myanmar, his role in the National Unity Government (NUG), and the challenges faced by the pro-democracy movement. The event also included a welcome from Sydney Peace Foundation Co-Director Melanie Morrison, a Q&A with Foundation council member and an expert on Myanmar at the University, Dr Susan Banki, and a vote of thanks from Professor Rodney Smith, Interim Head of the School of Social and Political Sciences

Uluru Statement Yarn Circle

Following the announcement of the October Voice to Parliament referendum, Bridget Cama, Co-Chair of the Uluru Youth Dialogue and Sydney Peace Foundation council member, led a Yarning Circle on the Uluru Statement from the Heart with students at the University to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice and the upcoming referendum. She was joined by Ben McGrory, SRC Indigenous officer.

This Sydney Peace Foundation session was run in partnership with DVC ISS, the Student Union, and the Student Representative Council.





OTHER 2023 SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION PUBLIC EVENTS

War, PTSD and Healing Panel

In August, the Sydney Peace Foundation hosted a conversation on trauma and collective healing with the support of the University's Brain and Mind Centre and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. This panel discussion with Professor Ian Hickie from the Brain and Mind Centre, author and journalist Dean Yates and Dr Vivianna Rodriguez Carreon from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, explored the causes and impacts of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), effective psychological and social interventions, and the healing process at an individual and collective level.

Conversations in Peace Volume 2, Book Launch

The Sydney Peace Foundation's latest collection of peace prize lectures from 2012-2022, Conversations in Peace Volume 2, edited by Dr Lynda-Ann Blanchard and Dr Jane Fulton, was launched in the Nelson Meers Foundation Auditorium at the Chau Chak Wing Museum on 22 September. Huge thanks to Sam Meers for providing this impressive space. Thank you to the Vice-Chancellor for contributions towards the printing costs, and to former CPACS masters student Julie Pedersen volunteering to index the book.

Following a welcome from Sydney Peace Foundation Co-Director Dr Jane Fulton, Christine el-Khoury from the Sydney Policy Lab led a spirited discussion with our esteemed panellists: Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees; former Peace Prize Laureates Julian Burnside and George Gittoes; Rawan Arraf - Executive Director of the Australian Centre for International Justice; and Sydney Peace Foundation Co-Chair Joy Kyriacou.



Women's Club Lecture

In October, Dr Jane Fulton, Co-Director of The Sydney Peace Foundation, and Shokufeh Kavani, Iranian artist and Australian of the Year nominee were invited to give talk at the Women's Club on the fight for women's rights and human rights in Iran. At this well-attended event in the elegant Women's Club, Dr Fulton also spoke about the Sydney Peace Foundation's aims and mission together an introduction to Conversations in Peace. We are grateful for the Women's Club for hosting this event.



IMPACT

PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our Partners in Peace - the City of Sydney and the University of Sydney. For over two decades these generous and highly respected institutions have made it possible for the Foundation to promote peace with justice, by shining a light on individuals and movements committed to creating a safer, more compassionate and just world.

We would also to extend our thanks to our 2023 partners for helping us award the Sydney Peace Prize to Nazanin Boniadi and the Woman, Life, Freedom movement. In 2023 we forged new partnerships and strengthen existing ones. A special thanks goes to our key 2023 Peace Prize Partners: Alex Schuman, CEO of Carla Zampatti and our human rights partner Amnesty International Australia.

The Melbourne lecture would not have been possible without Melbourne partners: The Wheeler Centre, RMIT Culture, Victorian Women’s Trust, and 2023 human rights partner Amnesty International Australia that also hosted the pre-lecture drinks in the Capitol Theatre foyer.

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Thank you to our event partners:

The Women's Club, European Catering, Mt Yengo Wines, Master Framing, GalaBid, Action Sound Pty Ltd, The Web Design, Brian Hirst Pty Ltd, Floral Architect, Backline Hire Stage Systems

We also wish to thank and acknowledge our generous 2023 auction donors:

A for Adina
Belvoir St Theatre
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Nasim Nasr
Shokufeh Kavani
Sydney Princess Cruises
Talei Skincare Solution
Tanjala Lagoon Camp
Tanya Plibersek
Taronga Zoo
Theo Coroneo Golf
Tom Ballard Comedy
Venitia Poblocki, This is Aboriginal
Art Alice Springs
Windows on the Park
Zoe Pook Jewellery

Thank you to Gwinganna Retreat for the generous raffle prize at their luxury retreat





MEDIA

Key media highlights:

Front page articles featuring Nazanin Boniadi in The Sydney Morning Herald and Guardian Australia homepage, Harpers Bazaar and City Hub features, prime time coverage on SBS News and ABC Radio.

December edition, 2023, Nazanin Boniadi On Iran and the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement [The Sydney Peace Prize \(harpersbazaar.com.au\)](https://www.harpersbazaar.com.au)

8 November, 2023, WomanLifeFreedom and Peace: [Nazanin Boniadi \(cityhub.com.au\)](https://www.cityhub.com.au)

3 November, 2023, [Students inspired by powerful voice for peace \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au) NSW Department of Education

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2 November, 2023, [Why this Hollywood actor was awarded Australia's most prestigious peace prize | SBS News](https://www.sbs.com.au)

2 November, 2023, [Actor and Sydney peace prize winner Nazanin Boniadi urges Australia to sanction key Iranian officials | The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com)

2 November, 2023, [Iranian rights activist awarded Sydney Peace Prize – ABC listen](https://www.abc.com.au)

2 November, 2023, ['Who am I not to have hope when they do?': Activist Nazanin Boniadi \(womensagenda.com.au\)](https://www.womensagenda.com.au)

1 November, 2023, [Nazanin Boniadi wins the Sydney Peace Prize – ABC listen](https://www.abc.com.au)

1 November, 2023, [Nazanin Boniadi, Peace Prize – Sky News](https://www.sky.com.au)

30 October, 2023, [Celebrating the real heroes: Sydney Peace Foundation \(cityhub.com.au\)](https://www.cityhub.com.au)

25 October, 2023, [Actress Nazanin Boniadi on why China shouldn't be mediator in the Middle East – ABC News](https://www.abc.com.au)

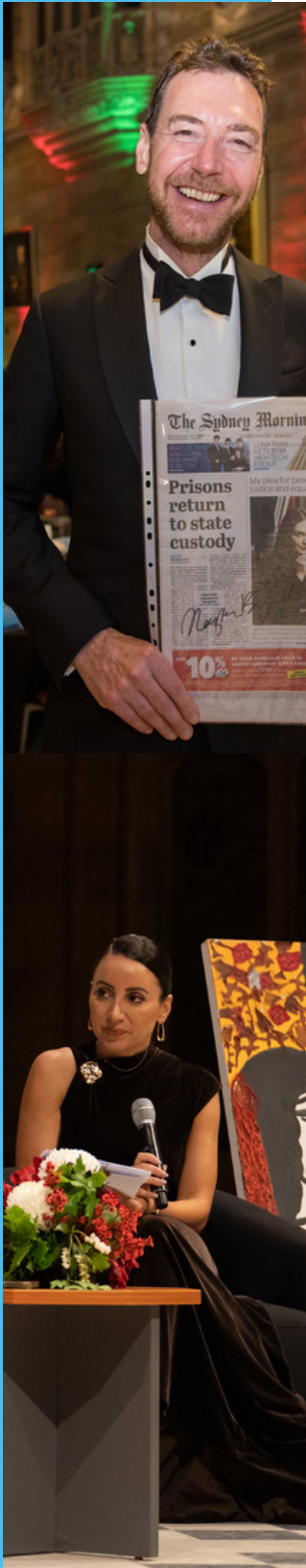
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24 October, 2023, [Tracey Spicer: AI is the new frontier of feminism! - Podcast](https://www.abc.com.au)

23 October, 2023, [Stream Sydney Peace Prize, Radio Skid Row | SoundCloud](https://www.soundcloud.com)

18 October, 2023, [2023 Sydney Peace Prize Lecture to be delivered by Nazanin Boniadi – The University of Sydney](https://www.theuniversityofsydney.edu.au)

16 October, 2023, [Voices of women, life and freedom battle sadism in Iran - Pearls and Irritations](https://www.pearlsandirritations.com.au)



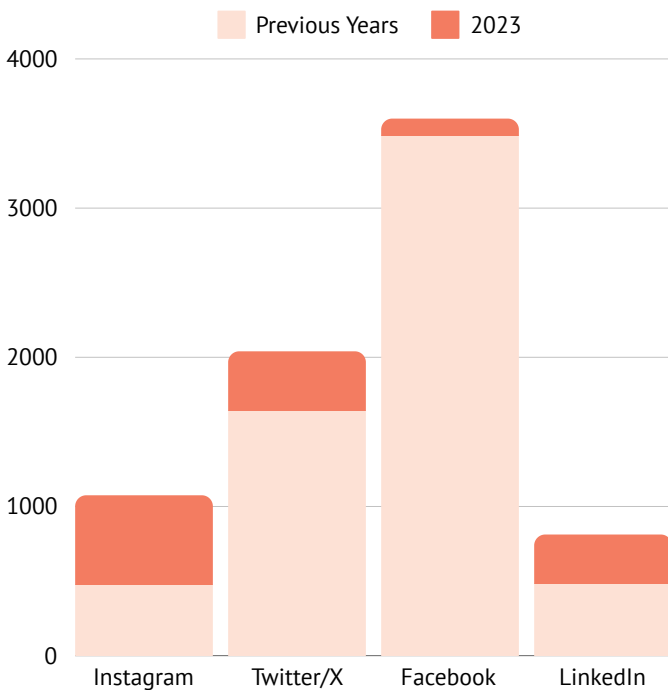


SOCIAL MEDIA

Broadening impact by growing Sydney Peace Foundation audience reach is one of the Foundation's key impact and engagement measurements. 2023 proved to be a successful year both in terms of engagement on social media and extensive press coverage.

Highest social media engagements points included:

- June 2023 Sydney Peace Prize announcement
- September – November Sydney Peace Prize announcement of events
- November 2023 posting of lecture and Cabramatta High Peace Day.
- Communications around the Uluru Statement of the Heart and the Referendum
- Communications around the crisis in Israel and Gaza

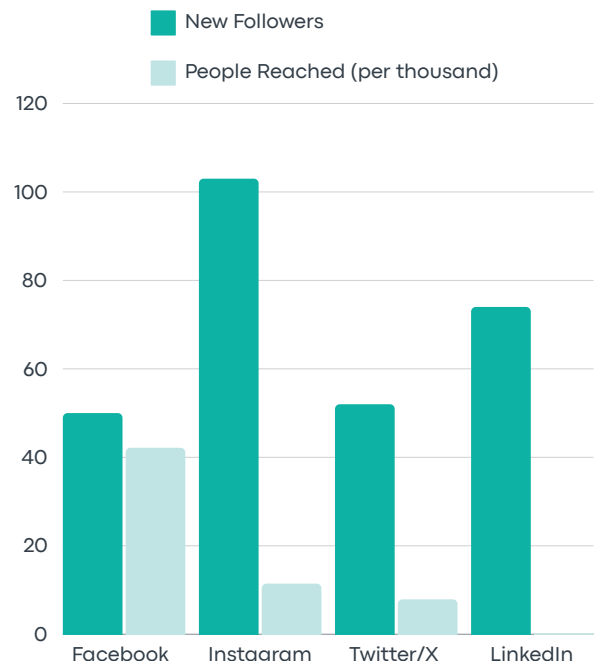


The high profile of the 2023 Sydney Peace Prize Laureate Nazanin Boniadi, particularly on X/Twitter and Instagram, contributed to the high engagement numbers for posts and mentions.

Social media following and engagement on the Foundation's platforms grew significantly with Twitter followers gaining over 400 new followers, Instagram followers up by over 600 or just over 200% on the previous year .

Facebook reach estimated at 31,700 Instagram reach almost 70,000. Over the year there was a 275% increase in Facebook visits and a 337% increase in Instagram visits compared to the previous year.

A special thanks to the work of Sydney Peace Foundation university intern Rachel Huang for creating a compelling set of high impact social media posts and videos, and video producer Hayley Legg for working with us on the captivating Sydney Peace Prize announcement video. Also, to the University of Sydney media team for assisting in the dissemination of the media releases.





ADVOCACY

The Sydney Peace Foundation continues to work with stakeholders to advocate for peacebuilding initiatives that tackle potential sources of conflict, promote dialogue and encourage collaboration.

Throughout 2023 we did this through our public events and building relationships with people and across organisations advocating for peace and justice including:

- Allies for Uluru, the Yes 23 Campaign and the Uluru Statement from the Heart teams
- Iranian diaspora networks: Bahai community, AusIran, Australian Kurdish Association, Iran Alternative Advocacy, Iran Social Activists, Iranian Constitutional Movement; Aknoon Cultural Centre
- The anti-AUKUS coalition
- Peace groups including Raising Peace, World Beyond War, Australian War Powers Reform and the Marrickville Peace Group
- The Evatt Foundation discussion in April 2023 and publication 90 Seconds to Midnight with contributions by Hon Peter Garrett AM, Hon Robert Tickner AO, the Hon Gareth Evans AC, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees AM, Sharan Burrow AC and Councillor Linda Scott JP GAICD.
- Conversation at the Crossroads dialogue on the Catastrophe in Palestine, in association with the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Sydney, featuring the Hon Bob Carr, Rawan Arraf, Sophie McNeill and Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees
- Australia Tibet Council
- The Rotary Club of Sydney and the Institute of Economics and Peace through the Positive Peace workshops

2023 STATEMENTS

Engagement in public debates is an important tool for enhancing the role of the Sydney Peace Foundation as a leading voice for peace and justice. The Sydney Peace Foundation made a number of public statements throughout 2023:

8 December, [75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

28 November, [The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#)

29 October, 23 years since UN and Member States pledged their support for women's full, equal, meaningful and safe participation in peace and security. [Women's Rights Can Not Wait](#)

19 October, [Australian civil society statement in solidarity with Gaza](#) – led by Amnesty International Australia

18 October, [Sydney Peace Foundation Statement on Gaza Israel Crisis](#)

26 September, [The Uluru Statement from the Heart is an Offering of Peace](#)

30 May, [Sydney Peace Foundation awards Myanmar peace advocate Gold Medal for Human Rights](#)



HUMAN RESOURCES

There were a number of staffing changes over 2023 with Executive Director Susan Biggs stepping down as Director in May 2023 and Executive Officer Niamh Murray's resignation effective from March 2023. Niamh was replaced by Tameera Kemp who worked from February through to September 2023. Co-Directors Dr Jane Fulton and Melanie Morrison commenced their roles in May 2023, both employed on a two day a week basis. Given resourcing and funding constraints, an event manager was not engaged in 2023. We were grateful that a highly experienced production manager Anita Jorgensen was available to assist with the stage management of the Lecture and Award Ceremony at Sydney Town Hall in November and all other arrangements managed by the Sydney Peace Foundation and the City of Sydney technical team. Our Gala Dinner was managed in house with help from the Council.

Moving forward, sufficient staff resourcing throughout the year, in particular around major events, will be a priority. Proper staff resourcing will also enable to Sydney Peace Foundation to undertake new development activities to strengthen impact.

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

The Foundation could not have run its activities without our volunteers. Thank you to Susan Biggs for stepping in to manage the volunteers for the Lecture and the Gala Dinner and Alan Lovell who volunteered to chauffeur our Peace Prize Laureate around Sydney and to Niamh Murray and Julie Pedersen who assisted with the Silent Auction listings. Also, to Mark Fulton for transporting banners, paintings and sound equipment; and Ahmet Polat for delivery of auction items. To our communications intern Rachel Huang grateful thanks for her invaluable creative input and event support in the lead up to, and during, Peace Week. We also thank our Peace Week event volunteers who helped us deliver the successful Lecture and the Gala Dinner.

We are incredibly grateful for the services provided by the University of Sydney and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences who ensure we have an office space in the main quad, equipment, accounting, and other services so we can continue operating. We are particularly appreciative of Finance Manager Ernest Mhande for his ongoing Finance and Accounting support; to Liz Kenna, Head, Strategic Partnerships and Engagement in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for her valuable guidance and support; to Angela Mansfield Relationship Specialist, Community Giving for fund raising guidance and management; and Alexia Nicholson, Manager Philanthropy Acceptance and Internal Foundations, for her sound advice and input.

And last but not at all least, a special thank you to the hardworking Sydney Peace Foundation council members who dedicate a huge amount of their time and energy to ensure that we can continue to be Australia's global voice for peace with justice.



FINANCIAL REPORT OVERVIEW

We ended 2023 with a credit of \$127,552, similar to the 2022 carry forward balance. It should be noted that this did not take into account the catering charge for the Gala Dinner and other smaller charges that were paid in January 2024, amounting to around \$30,000.

We achieved our 2023 result by keeping our operating costs to a minimum through in-house event management. Our human resource bill was also reduced substantially towards the end of year with only two part time Co-Directors, supported by interns and volunteers. This carry forward is a significant achievement, as 2022 attracted significant levels of fundraising, partnerships and event attendance, coupled with larger than usual out-goings, with the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

In 2023, the Foundation did not attract the level of partnerships and donations or lecture ticket sales that was originally anticipated. The higher costs associated with airline tickets and security was also a strain on the budget. Despite funding constraints and expense demands, and with the help of supporters and lower overheads, we raised enough funds to keep the Foundation financially viable.

A key focus in the year ahead is to be financially sustainable and properly resourced. To achieve this, we need to expand our reach as well as continue conversations with our major donors and secure greater long-term funding and partnerships.





OUR MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS IN 2023

\$27,000+

Peace Prize Silent Auction and Raffle supporters

\$20,000-\$50,000

City of Sydney
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\$10,000 - \$15,000

Amnesty International Australia
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The Nelson Meers Foundation
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Rob Thomas

\$5,000 - \$10,000

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NSW Teachers Federation
RMIT Culture
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\$1,000 - \$2,000

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And our donors who wish to remain anonymous.

We are incredibly grateful to all our donors and supporters, some who are regular monthly givers. You help us raise the voices for peace with justice. We only exist because you are with us on the journey.

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Income Statement

for the Year Ended 31 December Calendar Year 2023

	31 December CY2023	31 December CY2022
INCOME		
Scholarships, Donations and Bequests	180,196	81,537
Business and Investment Income	109,497	152,823
Internal and Other Income	71,397	344,855
Total Income	361,090	579,245
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	160,462	139,532
Consumables	0	208
Equipment and Repairs/Maintenance	0	10,193
Services and Utilities	0	83,750
Travel, Conferences, Entertainment	0	20,903
Consultants and Contractors	19,924	40,691
Central Cost Allocation	64,596	50,730
Other expenses	118,698	289,699
Total Expenditure	363,68	635,706
Surplus / (Deficit)		(56,461)
Accumulated Funds	(2,590)	186,602
Total Accumulated Funds	130,14	130,141
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I certify that the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with the University's accounting practices and procedures. These Foundation accounts form part of the University of Sydney's financial reports.

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Finance Director

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Balance Sheet

as at 31 December Calendar Year 2023

	31 December CY2023	31 December CY2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Short Term Funds	127,552	130,141
Total Current Assets	127,552	130,141
 NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
	127,55	130,14
 TOTAL ASSETS		
	2	1
 LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
 NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
 NET ASSETS	127,55	130,14
 EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds		
TOTAL EQUITY	127,552	130,141
	127,552	130,141

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

David Oosthuizen

 DAVID OOSTHUIZEN
 Finance Director
 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sydney Law School, Sydney Conservatorium of Music



GOVERNANCE

The Sydney Peace Foundation is committed to the University's governance principals as follows:

PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT:

Nature of the entity

The Sydney Peace Foundation is a part of the University of Sydney ABN 15211513464 and not separately incorporated under a state or Commonwealth Act. The Foundation is required to gain prior approval for its fundraising activities from the appropriate University delegate. The Foundation's activities are not-for-profit and covered by the DGR status of the University of Sydney.

The University is exempted from the requirement to hold an Authority to Fundraise and obligations upon holders of such an authority but is still required to comply with the balance of provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act.

Roles of Board / Council and Management

The Foundation operates under the authority of the Senate of the University of Sydney, as approved on 3 May 1999, and has no powers of delegation. The Foundation conducts its affairs pursuant to the Foundation Rules and the relevant policies of the University. The Sydney Peace Foundation had its annual fundraising plan approved and exceeded its objective.

PRINCIPLE 2 STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL:

The Council of the Sydney Peace Foundation in 2023 consisted of the following members:

Mr Archie Law

Qualifications and experience: Director of International Programs at Save the Children Australia
Term of Appointment [04/21 to 04/24], resigned [04/23]
Special responsibilities: Chair of the Sydney Peace Foundation
Number of meetings attended [3] eligible to attend [4]

Ms Joy Kyriacou

Qualifications and experience: Director Programs St Vincent De Paul
Current Term of Appointment [03/22 to 03/25]
Special responsibilities: Deputy Chair of the Sydney Peace Foundation until 04/23, Co-Chair from 05/23
Number of meetings attended [5] eligible to attend [8]

Professor Lisa Adkins

Qualifications and experience: Dean of Arts and Social Sciences
Current Term of Appointment [Ex officio University member]
Special responsibilities: University delegate
Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [8]

Ms Alexia Nicholson

Qualifications and experience: Development Manager, Advancement Portfolio, University of Sydney
Current Term of Appointment [Ex officio University member]
Special responsibilities: University delegate
Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [8]

Mr Felix Eldridge

Qualifications and experience: Comms Consultant, Shape Agency
Current Term of Appointment [05/22 to 05/25]
Special responsibilities: Co-Chair [from 05/23], Council Member [05/22 to 05/25]
Number of meetings attended [7] eligible to attend [8]



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Mr Stephen Lancken

Qualifications and experience: Mediator and lawyer
Special Responsibilities: Deputy Chair Sydney Peace Foundation, commenced [07/23]
Current Term of Appointment [04/21 to 04/24]
Number of meetings attended [7] eligible to attend [8]

Dr Jane Fulton

Qualifications and experience: Director Sydney Peace Foundation [ex-officio member]
Special Responsibilities: Director Sydney Peace Foundation, commenced [05/23]
Number of meetings attended [6] eligible to attend [6]

Ms Melanie Morrison

Qualifications and experience: Director Sydney Peace Foundation [ex-officio member]
Special Responsibilities: Director Sydney Peace Foundation, commenced [05/23]
Number of meetings attended [6] eligible to attend [6]

Ms Susan Biggs

Qualifications and experience: Director, Sydney Peace Foundation
Current Term of Appointment
Special responsibilities: Director Sydney Peace Foundation until May 2023, Council Member [08/23 to 03/27]
Number of meetings attended [5] eligible to attend [5]

Dr Susan Banki

Qualifications and experience: Senior Lecturer Human Rights, University of Sydney
Current Term of Appointment [04/23 to 04/27]
Sabbatical [06/23 to 01/24]
Number of meetings attended [3] eligible to attend [5]

Mr Ahmet Polat

Qualifications and experience: CEO Affinity Intercultural
Current Term of Appointment: [07/23 to 03/27]
Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

Mr Alistair Gee

Qualifications and experience: Executive Director of Armed Violence Reduction
Current Term of Appointment: [07/23 to 03/27]
Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

Ms Bridget Cama

Qualifications and experience: UNSW Lecturer, Uluru Youth Leader
Current Term of Appointment [05/23 to 04/26]
Number of meetings attended [2] eligible to attend [8]

Dr Saba Vasefi

Qualifications and experience: Academic, writer, journalist
Current Term of Appointment: [07/23 to 03/27]
Number of meetings attended [3] Eligible to attend [3]

Mr Ken Woo

Qualifications and experience: Partner, PwC
Current Term of Appointment [04/21 to 04/24]
Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [8]

Patricia Garcia

Qualifications and experience: Partnerships Development Manager, Institute for Economic and Peace
Current Term of Appointment: [07/23 to 03/27]
Number of meetings attended [2] Eligible to attend [3]

Ms Sonia Sofat

Qualifications and experience: Co-Founder and Director, Hue: Colour the Conversation
Current Term of Appointment [04/21 resigned 02/23]
Number of meetings attended [1] eligible to attend [2]

Ms Sarah Winter

Qualifications and experience: Executive Director, Greater Cities Commission
Current Term of Appointment [03/22 – 03/25 resigned 04/23]
Number of meetings attended [2] eligible to attend [4]

Please note that as of August 2023 council meetings moved to quarterly meetings.



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PRINCIPLE 3 – PROMOTE ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING:

Council members have been provided with the University of Sydney Foundation Governance Guide, Foundation Rules, Code of Conduct, Work Health and; Safety policy, and the External Interests policy. All policies are available on the University's Policy Register, as are other relevant University policies regarding harassment, grievance procedures and the Delegations of Authority.

PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN FINANCIAL REPORTING:

The annual accounts of the Foundation are prepared by the financial staff of the University, signed off by Dave Oosthuizen and included in this Annual Report to the Senate. The Foundation is part of the University and therefore does not have its own audit sub-committee. While the Annual Financial Report of the University is audited by the Audit Office of NSW, the Annual Report of the Foundation has not itself been audited.

The Foundation undertook the following fundraising appeals during 2023: Annual Tax Appeal in June 2023, and phone calls with major donors, partners and sponsors.

PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE:

The Foundation complied with the reporting and disclosure requirements of the Senate. These include an annual budget and this Annual Report. Members and Council have been made aware of the processes for disclosure pursuant to the Code of Conduct, External Interests policy, which include protected disclosure to the ICAC, to the Ombudsman or the Auditor General.

PRINCIPLE 6 - RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS, MEMBERS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, CLIENTS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS:

The Foundation Council consist of members of the community, industry bodies and the University whose input is invited via the Annual General Meeting and Council meetings.

PRINCIPLE 7 - RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK:

The Foundation recognises its activities within university premises or other premises require risks such as health and safety, environmental protection, privacy, trade practices, and compliance with the Charitable Fundraising Act to be considered and managed. The Foundation has managed these risks during the year by offering an opportunity to discuss OH&S and conflict of Interest at every Council meeting.

PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY:

No member of Council is entitled to receive any remuneration for acting in that capacity except reasonable remuneration on a basis which has first been approved in writing by the University Officer (Foundations). Members of the Foundation Council may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses after written approval of the University Officer (Foundations). Any such instances are recorded in the minutes of the Council.



JOIN US AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

We face a context in which rising levels of conflict and armed violence are a confronting reality. Public and academic transnational debate is increasingly focused on the global balance of power, the environmental crisis and social and economic injustice – with much of this discourse based on military strength and geo-political agendas. There is a critical need for conversations on non-violent solutions to conflict and the role of international agencies, movements and individuals in forging a path to peace.

The Sydney Peace Foundation holds an important place in the national discourse through our Peace Prize. We have the know-how and proven track record in bringing Australian communities, civil society, academics and policy leaders together around pressing challenges for peace and justice. Over the next five years, the Foundation will play a leading role in the Australian peace movement – one centred on diversity, inclusion and our nation's role in global justice.

We will increase our impact through a long-term public agenda that highlights key issues of peace with justice in which Australia can play a leading role – including the climate crisis, human rights and regional and global cooperation. And, we are building our network and model of partnership across Australian civil society, academia, philanthropy and the business community.

We are looking for those who are interested in joining us on this journey.

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The Sydney Peace Foundation was founded in 1998 to promote public interest in peace, justice and universal human rights.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, who have cared and continue to care for Country.