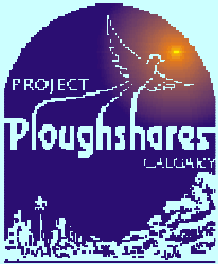


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Peace News

SEPTEMBER 2010



Helping Calgary Win Peace in the Mayor's Race Wednesday September 8th 7:30pm

Parkdale United Church (2919 8th Ave NW)

All are welcome to a meeting to discuss Calgary's needs in terms of having a strong culture of peace in this city. Calgarians now have a Peace Park, a Peace Pole, and the Mayor's office has joined the Mayors for Peace Campaign. What's needed next in bringing a culture of peace to Calgary? What have other cities done to create a culture of peace? The top ideas coming out of this brainstorming meeting will be given to mayoralty candidates for a response.



We are located:

Parkdale United
Church
2919 8th Ave NW
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403- 270-7366

Office hours:

Mon, Tue, Thurs
10:30am - 3pm

Wed 2 - 6pm



Picnic at the Peace Pole

*Calgary joins the world to mark the
International Day of Peace*

Sunday September 19th 1-3pm
At the Peace Pole along the Bow River pathway
near 2nd Ave and 8th St. SW

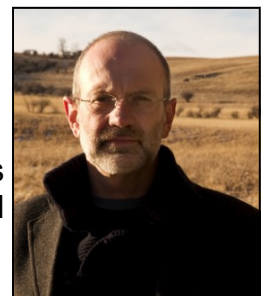
All welcome. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, a picnic lunch and perhaps an outdoor game—and join others in an informal celebration to mark the UN's International Day of Peace which falls on September 21. The Calgary Community Peace Pole Committee is organizing volunteers from our multi-cultural community to provide entertainment at the event, and a food vendor to offer a simple vegetarian/chicken meal for \$5-7.

Singing for Peace

Saturday October 16th 7:30pm

Parkdale United Church (2919 8th Ave NW)

With singer/songwriter Paul Rumbolt and friend. Original as well as much loved songs. Ploughshares' annual Fall fundraising concert and dessert evening.



Holiday Peace Fair

Supporting Social Justice and Fair Trade

Saturday November 6th 9:30am—4pm

St. David's United Church (3303 Capitol Hill Cres NW)

Buy unique and magnificent gifts from over 25 vendors working for peace, social justice or the environment.

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For Sale!!!



2011 Entertainment Coupon books for the Calgary area are available at the Ploughshares office for \$40. This fundraiser supports the peace work of Ploughshares Calgary—Ploughshares receives \$8 for each book sold.

Peace Doves Ploughshares Calgary is offering these white peace dove pins for \$1 each, and we encourage supporters to wear them for the International Day of Peace on September 21, and also with their red poppy for Remembrance Day. The White Peace Dove Campaign was inaugurated in 2009 with the goal of providing Canadians with a symbol that they could wear to demonstrate their profound commitment to the cause of Peace. See www.whitepeacedoves.org for more information about this campaign.



Dr. Arthur Clark on Global Citizenship Dr. Arthur Clark gave an inspiring talk about global citizenship on June 9th at the launch of his new book *The ABCs of Human Survival: A Paradigm for Global Citizenship*. Dr. Clark also gave an update on the Calgary Centre for Global Community (CCGC). The CCGC is an innovative forum for living democracy. It is designed to amplify the capacity and support the work of civil society in building a sustainable global community. More information about the CCGC and how you can get involved is available at: www.calgarycgc.org

Ploughshares AGM occurred at the close of the evening on June 9th. The AGM report is available on the Ploughshares Calgary website. If you would like a printed copy of the report please contact the office.

Garage Sale Thank-you! Ploughshares Calgary's June 12th garage sale wouldn't have been possible without those of you who donated items or volunteered your time. Special thanks go to Kerry Duncan-McCartney and Sally Hodges for their hours of volunteer time, Joy Duncan for organizing a vintage jewelry table, to Ash and Derry Khan for offering their garage and driveway, and to Bow Cliff Seniors Centre which donated leftover items from their garage sale. Ploughshares Calgary raised around \$1,060 from the garage sale.

Seeking Volunteers!

It's Fall and we are asking for your help! What nicer way of furthering peace and making friends than to volunteer for Project Ploughshares? Phone Diane at 403-270-7366 to respond to these opportunities:

- Making an Entertainment Book available to your friends and acquaintances
- Inviting someone to attend the Singing for Peace Concert on Saturday October 16th 7.30pm.
- Joining the Singing for Peace Committee
- Making phone calls to schedule volunteers for the Peace Fair
- Helping with set-up or clean-up for the Peace Fair
- Finding new products to sell on the Ploughshares table at the Peace Fair
- Helping with publicity for numerous events: disseminating posters, making media contacts, spreading the word electronically
- Staffing an information table for 2 hours at an event (one will be December 3-4)
- Helping prepare newsletter mailings at the end of each month
- Phoning specified places of worship to encourage membership in Ploughshares



Happy Birthday Margaret Fitch! Project Ploughshares members who know Margaret Fitch are warmly invited to celebrate her 80th birthday with her, in the northwest, on the afternoon of Saturday October 2. Please contact Sally, at 403-247-1653, for details if you are interested in attending. Ploughshares congratulates Margaret on attaining this age and thanks her for all her support over the last 27 years.

Puppets for Peace At a meeting in June the Puppets for Peace (PFP) committee looked at the costs of running the program and the number of bookings we have had in the last year. It has become clear that schools are no longer commonly inviting outside groups due to financial constraints and a change in philosophy. Teachers are now expected to handle anti-bullying education themselves. This is a regrettable trend, also echoed in the Red Cross replacing its free abuse-prevention program for older students, lead by highly trained staff, to simply supplying material for teachers to use. The PFP committee has decided not to run programs for the '10 to '11 school year, and to attempt to have at least one show videoed as a resource for schools.

Program Updates

From the July 28, 2010 Ploughshares E-newsletter www.ploughshares.ca/libraries/Newsletter/Issue28July10.html

Caribbean workshop on the Arms Trade Treaty

Ken Epps spoke on “The Role of the NGO Community in ATT Negotiations” during the *Preparatory Regional Workshop on Negotiations for an Arms Trade Treaty* held July 5-6 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The two-day regional meeting was co-sponsored by the Trinidad and Tobago Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Government, and the civil society network that is Project Ploughshares’ partner in the region, the Caribbean Coalition for Development and Reduction in Armed Violence. The workshop brought together Caribbean diplomats and government officials, UN and Caribbean Community (CARICOM) experts, and NGO activists to review regional concerns and issues related to the international Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) negotiations that began the following week in New York. The workshop’s outcome document influenced the opening statement of CARICOM to the UN session. CARICOM member states also were visibly active and made several interventions throughout the two-week preparatory committee meeting on the ATT.

First UN PrepCom for the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) conference

The first of three United Nations Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) meetings of UN member states was held in New York, July 12-23 to lay the ground for an international conference to negotiate an ATT scheduled for the summer of 2012. During the two-week PrepCom, UN members moved comparatively quickly to compile the elements and principles of the treaty and to frame the key treaty components of scope, parameters and implementation. Although there were concerns about meeting transparency when civil society groups were excluded from several “informal” state sessions, NGOs generally felt the PrepCom was productive and that useful steps were taken towards a meaningful and effective treaty. A great deal of work remains for the two years before the treaty conference however and the Steering Board of NGO-based Control Arms Coalition (CAC) met before and during the PrepCom to plan a global program to ensure a strong ATT. Ken Epps represented Project Ploughshares on the CAC Steering Board and participated in the first week of the PrepCom. More information on the July UN meeting and Control Arms Coalition work can be found at www.controlarms.org/en.

From the Summer 2010 edition of Ploughshares Monitor

[www.ploughshares.ca/libraries/monitor/Monitor June 2010/Summer2010 monitor.pdf](http://www.ploughshares.ca/libraries/monitor/Monitor%20June%202010/Summer2010%20monitor.pdf)

New campaign: Canadians for Peacekeeping

Its objective: mobilize Canadians to call on their government to increase its commitment to United Nations peace operations. Project Ploughshares has already endorsed the campaign statement:

Canada must increase its commitment to international peace operations. Beginning in 2010 and 2011, Canada’s overseas defence commitments, including major troop deployments, should be largely directed to United Nations peace operations.

For more information, go to www.peacekeepingcanada.com.



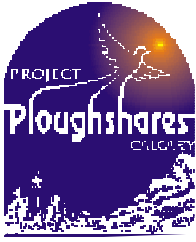
August 1st Ban on Cluster Munitions

On August 1, the Convention on Cluster Munitions becomes binding international law for all states that have ratified it. The Cluster Muniton Coalition is “calling on all governments to seize the opportunity to get on board the cluster bomb ban by signing and ratifying the Convention.” Canada has signed but not ratified the Convention. Canada also retains a stockpile of cluster munitions. Paul Hannon, Executive Director of Mines Action Canada, declares, “Now is the time for Canada to take the final step and ratify the clusters treaty. We have never used these horrible weapons and we should make sure no one else ever does again.”

In the days before the Convention comes into force, many civil society organizations around the world are participating in a campaign, “Beat the drum to ban cluster bombs,” to urge governments to sign and ratify the Convention, and to raise awareness about the potentially profound impact of the Convention on civilians and affected communities.



For more information on cluster munitions, the Convention, and the “Beat the drum” campaign, go to the websites of the Cluster Muniton Coalition (www.stopclustermunitions.org) and Mines Action Canada (www.minesactioncanada.org). Project Ploughshares is a member of both coalitions.



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Calgary Peace Events

Tuesday September 14th 7pm

River Park Church Auditorium 3818 -14A St. SW

Film Night: *War Child*

"Left home at the age of seven, one year later I'm carryin' an Ak-47." For hip hop artist Emmanuel Jal, a former child soldier in Sudan's brutal civil war, these lyrics are hardly empty posturing. Today, Emmanuel Jal fights a new battle: bringing peace to his beloved Sudan and building schools in

Africa. This time, his weapon is a microphone. Interspersing original interviews, live concerts, and rare footage of Emmanuel Jal as a seven year-old boy, *War Child* will make viewers cry, laugh, dance, and celebrate the power of hope. www.warchildmovie.com 2008, 94 min. Director & Producer: C. Karim Chrobog

Post Film Conversation Leader: James Nguen, who is one of the Lost Boys of Sudan who is living in Calgary and attending the University of Calgary. He is the founder of the Biluany Literacy and Water Project, co-founder of the *Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan Association of Calgary* and a subject of the Award Winning documentary *The Long Journey Home of James Nguen*. James works tirelessly helping others by advocating for the Sudanese refugee population in Calgary, and at home.

Hosted by the Marda Loop Justice Film Festival

Tuesday September 21st 12:30-1:30pm Science Theatres 129

PeaceTalk: *Restorative Justice in Iraq: Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation in the most vulnerable communities in Baghdad and Basra*

by Martha McManus, a peace and conflict resolution specialist who has worked as a teacher, consultant, coach, mediator and facilitator in conflicts for over 20 years in Europe, Africa, Asia, South and North America.

Hosted by the Consortium for Peace Studies at the University of Calgary

Saturday September 25th 7:30pm Murray Fraser Hall 162, University of Calgary

Lecture: Gideon Levy will discuss the ideas from his latest book, *The Punishment of Gaza* and his perspectives on Israel and Palestine. Levy, a journalist with Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz since 1982, has covered the Israeli Palestinian conflict, in particular the occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, for over 20 years. His perspective is one rarely heard in Canada: that of an Israeli still living in his homeland and sharing its vulnerabilities, but unflinching in his criticism of its conduct.

Tickets \$15 for non-students, \$10 for students go to www.cjpme.org for more info and to purchase tickets

Hosted by Canadians for Justice & Peace in the Middle East

Sunday September 26th 1pm—walk 2-3pm—family entertainment Eau Claire Market Square

Multi-faith Walk to End Family Violence

Family violence knows no boundaries — it happens in all religious, social, cultural, economic and age groups. You can help your community. We invite individuals, families and members of all faith communities to participate. For more information contact Alexandra at 403-283-3013 ext 241 or visit www.endviolence.ca

Hosted by the Alliance to End Violence

Monday September 27th 5:30pm-reception, 6pm-presentations Please RSVP to parhad@ucalgary.ca

Kahanoff Conference Centre 200, 1202 Centre St SE

2010 Irma Parhad Summer Studentship Symposium—Parhad students share their summer experiences

Hosted by the Parhad Programmes at the University of Calgary and the Calgary Centre for Global Community

Yes! I want to become a Project Ploughshares Calgary donor and partner in building peace.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Here is my donation for 2010 of:

\$35 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$_____

(donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt)

I'd like to become a Friend of Ploughshares and give a monthly pre-authorized debit donation, please send me an application form:

I'd like to receive the monthly newsletter by:

Email (recommended) Mail (with \$35 donation)