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# Peace News

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PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES CALGARY SEMINAR SERIES

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**WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE**



JOHN DUTTON THEATRE, 12 – 1 PM  
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THURS. FEBRUARY 11 – WORKING TOGETHER FOR  
THE ENVIRONMENT  
CHANTAL STORMSONG CHAGNON & MATT HAMMER

TUES. MARCH 8 – TRC ACTION PLAN:  
WHAT CAN WE ALL DO?  
LEE CROWCHILD

Seminar series is supported by donation according to ability

## Ploughshares News

### Ploughshares Holiday Open House - December 5 Parkdale United Church

### Holiday Open House

Ploughshares annual Holiday Open House attracted some 15 people this year. The group enjoyed hot chocolate, mulled apple cider, and cookies with lovely holiday music playing in the background. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the afternoon and help celebrate the season!

### WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

Wednesday January 13, 2016, Central Library



Our grateful thanks to the presenters for this first session of a 3-part seminar series, Rev. Bill Phipps and Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes. Cheryle shared some of her personal story, including a very poignant story of learning about her culture as a young woman. She also made the point that the First Nations are very welcoming of the Syrian and other refugees, and support their struggle to settle in Canada. Bill Phipps talked about the treaties and the fact that these are legally binding documents that all Canadians must respect.

For those of you who attended this session, many thanks for your support! We apologize for the lack of space, but had not anticipated that 75 people would show up! Please be assured that for the next two seminars on Thursday February 11th and Tuesday March 8th, we will have ample space in the John Dutton Theatre. Please do invite your friends, family and colleagues to this very important seminar series that promotes peace and understanding between all peoples.

There is an excellent review of this event by Penny Kome here: <http://rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/penney-kome/2016/01/calgary-residents-learn-we-are-all-treaty-people>

You can RSVP for the February event at the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/948346021919931/>, or email [office@ploughsharescalgary.ca](mailto:office@ploughsharescalgary.ca), or call the office at 403-270-7366

## SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 11th, 12 - 1 PM. We Are All Treaty People - Working Together for the Environment. John Dutton Theatre

March 8th, 12 - 1 PM. We Are All Treaty People - TRC Action Plan: What Can We All Do? John Dutton Theatre

March 31st - April 2nd, 2020 Vision for Humanity Symposium;

March 31st - Keynote Address by Mark Anielski, author of The Economics of Happiness. John Dutton Theatre

April 1st & 2nd - Symposium at Parkdale United Church

Details: <http://www.2020visionforhumanity.com/symposium.html>

April 13th, 7 - 9 PM. Film Night. Parkdale United Church

May 14th, 10 AM - 4:00 PM. We Are All Treaty People Teach-In. Location TBA

June 8th, 7- 9 PM. Peace Education Topic TBA. Ploughshares AGM. Parkdale United Church

August 4th, 5 - 10 PM. Floating Lantern Festival. Olympic Plaza

# Calgary Peace Events



**"EDUCATION  
IS THE MOST  
POWERFUL WEAPON  
WE CAN USE TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD"**

**Marda Loop Justice Film Festival  
Tuesday March 8th, 7:00 PM, River Park Church  
Film: I Am A Girl**

There is a group of people in the world today who are more persecuted than anyone else, but they are not political or religious activists. They are girls. Being born a girl means you are more likely to be subjected to violence, disease, poverty and disadvantage than any other group on

the planet. As each girl moves closer to coming of age, I AM A GIRL reveals what it means to grow up female in the 21st century.

# Indigenizing Education, Decolonizing Canada Speaker Series: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Beyond

## **Why Truth and Reconciliation? The History and Legacy of Residential Schools in Canada**

Jennifer Pettit, Chair, Department of  
Humanities, Mount Royal University  
Feb. 10, 7–8:30 p.m. | Ross Glen Hall  
Register: [mru.ca/trc1](http://mru.ca/trc1)

## **Committing Sociology: Biopolitics and Aboriginal Exclusion in Contemporary Canadian Society**

Matt MacLellan, Post-Doctoral Researcher,  
McGill University  
Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. | Jenkins Theatre  
Register: [mru.ca/trc2](http://mru.ca/trc2)

## **Indigenization and Reconciliation\*** David Newhouse, Chair, Department of Indigenous Studies, Trent University

March 4, 1–2:30 p.m. | Ross Glen Hall  
Register: [mru.ca/trc3](http://mru.ca/trc3)

## **Restoring Balance: Canada's Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women in Context**

Bev Jacobs, President of the Native Women's  
Association of Canada  
March 9, 7–8:30 p.m. | Lincoln Park Room  
Register: [mru.ca/trc4](http://mru.ca/trc4)

**For more information:** [mru.ca/artsspeakerseries](http://mru.ca/artsspeakerseries)

\*Final details to be confirmed.

The series is organized by Indigenous Studies and  
The Peace Studies Initiative, Faculty of Arts, Mount Royal University.

## **Learning from the Land and Indigenous Education**

John Borrows, Professor of Law, Canada  
Research Chair in Indigenous Law, Nexen  
Chair in Indigenous Leadership, University  
of Victoria  
March 22, 2–3:30 p.m. | Ross Glen Hall  
Register: [mru.ca/trc6](http://mru.ca/trc6)

## **Indigenization and Indigenous Education\***

Alex Wilson, Director of Aboriginal Education  
Research Centre, University of Saskatchewan  
April 1, 1–2:30 p.m. | Ross Glen Hall

## **Calgary Peace Prize Award Ceremony**

Presentation of Calgary Peace Prize to  
Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners  
April 7, 7:30–9:30 p.m. | Bella Concert Hall  
Ticket information available Feb. 2.

## **(Re)Thinking Reconciliation: A Roundtable Discussion**

Participants: Dr. Marie Wilson (TRC  
Commissioner), Erica Lee (Idle No More), Sean  
Carleton (PhD Candidate, Trent University), and  
Chelsea Vowel (Lawyer and Activist).  
April 8, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Y224





# Floppy disks and Windows XP: Nuclear weapons technology is hilariously out of date

By Aamna Mohdin, January 26, 2016

<http://qz.com/602928/floppy-disks-and-windows-xp-nuclear-weapon-technology-is-hilariously-out-of-date/>



## Have you tried turning it on and off again?

(Reuters/Danny Lawson)

There are nine countries that have nuclear weapons, which have been upgraded in devastation since they were first used in anger by the Americans in World War II. The tech that powers them, not so much.

The UK's nuclear deterrent is made up of four Vanguard-class submarines, each equipped with 16 Trident missiles. Each missile on Britain's nuclear submarines has the destructive power of eight Hiroshimas. And what operating system does one of the world's deadliest vessels use? A variant of Windows XP, according to The Guardian.


Microsoft ended security updates and technical assistance for Windows XP in 2014 and noted then that PCs without the latest security updates "will not be secure and will still be at risk of infection." The UK's Ministry of Defence dismisses criticism that the system is vulnerable to malware and viruses, insisting that Trident "remains safe and secure" against attacks.

But it's not just the UK; the US Navy apparently pays Microsoft \$9 million a year to keep Windows XP running. The tech-support deal lasts until July 2016.

Comedian John Oliver became somewhat hysterical when a segment in "60 Minutes" revealed that a computer at a nuclear silo in Wyoming uses eight-inch floppy disks . A young officer had reportedly never seen a floppy disk until he started working there.

In fact, the majority of the systems in the Wyoming US Air Force launch control center date back to the 1960s and 1970s. The Air Force insists the system is "extremely safe and extremely secure." Perhaps it's not that surprising that nuclear weapon technology is out of date; a study by the nonpartisan Stimson Center suggest it would cost the US about \$352 billion over the next decade to update and modernize its nuclear weapons.

## WHAT'S THE COST?

 Cost to resettle 25,000 refugees in Canada over the next 6 years <b>\$1.2 billion</b> [1]	 Cost of a B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber <b>\$1.2 billion</b> [2]	 Cost of classroom supplies for 33 children <b>\$1,981</b> [5]	 Cost of a C7A2 Automatic Rifle <b>\$2,000</b> [6]
 Cost to vaccinate 47,962 people <b>\$3,200,000</b> [3]	 Cost of a LAV III Armoured Personnel Carrier <b>\$3,200,000</b> [4]	 Cost to fund 14 peace-makers through Christian Peacemaker Teams <b>\$210,000</b> [7]	 Cost to fund a Canadian Soldier for a year <b>\$220,000</b> [7]

## Canada's 2014 Spending (in millions) [8]



Canada spends 4.19 times more money on the military than it spends on Foreign Aid.

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*“Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them all, and round about beneath me was the whole hoop of the world. And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell and I understood more than I saw; for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being. And I saw the sacred hoop of my people was one of the many hoops that made one circle, wide as daylight and as starlight, and in the center grew one mighty flowering tree to shelter all the children of one mother and one father. And I saw that it was holy...”*

Black Elk (Medicine man of the Lakota Sioux)



We are very grateful to all our donors for their continued support of the important peace work that we do here at Project Ploughshares Calgary. During the months of December and January, we received a total of \$3100 in donations. Thank you to those people who donated so generously!

We would like to encourage you to continue your support by signing up for a monthly donation plan. This type of sustained donation is very beneficial for the day-to-day running of Project Ploughshares, as we know more clearly from month-to-month exactly what is coming in. This helps us immensely in planning

our programs for the year! If you are interested in this option, please contact Karen at the office: 403-270-7366, or email her at office@ploughsharescalgary.ca.

We look forward to providing you with top-quality seminars and workshops on various peace topics, and would greatly appreciate your on-going support! Many, many thanks for your consideration.

**Project Ploughshares Calgary**

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