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MOVIE NIGHT

How to Start a Revolution

How to Start a Revolution is a BAFTA award winning British documentary film about Nobel Peace Prize nominee and political theorist Gene Sharp, described as the world's foremost scholar on nonviolent revolution.

How To Start A Revolution is the story of the power of people to change their world, the modern revolution and the man behind it all.

Discussion facilitated by Professor Dr. Mark Ayyash after the viewing.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Parkdale United Church (Conference Room—Basement)

2919—8 Avenue NW

7:00—9:00 pm



Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be served

Donations according to ability gratefully accepted



New UN chief Guterres pledges to make 2017 ‘a year for peace’

On his first day at the helm of the United Nations, Secretary-General António Guterres today pledged to make 2017 a year for peace. “On this New Year’s Day, I ask all of you to join me in making one shared New Year’s resolution: Let us resolve to put peace first,” said Mr. Guterres in an appeal for peace.

He said one question weighs heavy on his heart. “That is: how can we help the millions of people caught up in conflict, suffering massively in wars with no end in sight?”

Diplomacy for Peace: New UN Secretary-General, António Guterres urges to make 2017 a year for peace

“I think we are living in a world where we see a multiplication of new conflicts, and you see an enormous difficulty in solving the conflicts.

There is a clear lack of capacity in the international community to prevent and to solve conflicts.”

What’s needed, is a new “diplomacy for peace” which requires discreet diplomatic contacts and shuttling among key players in conflicts and disputes.

The secretary general should also engage as much as possible and act with humility to try to create the conditions for member states that are the crucial actors in any process to be able to come together and overcome their differences.”

– António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

“Peace must be our goal and our guide,” he said, urging all citizens, governments and leaders to strive to overcome differences.

“I appeal to you all to join me in committing to peace, today and every day. Let us make 2017 a year for peace,” he added.

Having been formally appointed by the UN General Assembly on 13 October 2016, Mr. Guterres, aged 67, will serve for a five-year period from today to 31 December 2021. He was Prime Minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees from June 2005 to December 2015.

Source: UN News Centre

2030 AGENDA: A PLAN OF ACTION FOR PEOPLE, PLANET AND PROSPERITY

The Goals and targets will stimulate action over the next fifteen years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet:

- **People** We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.
- **Planet** We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.
- **Prosperity** We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.
- **Peace** We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.
- **Partnership** We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.



Douglas Roche - Calgary Peace Prize Winner 2017

Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C., is an author, parliamentarian and diplomat, who has specialized throughout his 40-year public career in peace and human security issues. He lectures widely on peace and nuclear disarmament themes.

Mr. Roche was a Senator, Member of Parliament, Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, and Visiting Professor at the University of Alberta. He was elected Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Committee at the 43rd General Assembly in 1988.

Mr. Roche was the founding Chairman of the Middle Powers Initiative, an international network of eight non-governmental organizations working for the elimination of nuclear weapons. In 2010, the City of Hiroshima named him an Honourary Citizen for his nuclear disarmament work and particularly for founding the Middle Powers Initiative.

The author of 21 books, his latest is *The United Nations in the 21st Century* (Lorimer, 2015). His *Memoirs, Creative Dissent: A Politician's Struggle for Peace*, was published by Novalis in 2008. A previous book, *The Human Right to Peace* (Novalis, 2003), was the Canadian Book Review Annual Editor's Choice scholarly selection for July-August 2005. He has contributed chapters to 20 additional books.

Mr. Roche holds nine honorary doctorates from Canadian and American universities and has received numerous awards for his work for peace and non-violence, including the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation for World Peace Award (Canada) and the United Nations Association's Medal of Honour. In 1995, Pope John Paul II presented him with the Papal Medal for his service as Special Adviser on disarmament and security matters, and in 1998 the Holy See named him a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. He received the 2003 Peace Award of the Canadian Islamic Congress and the 2005 Luminosa Award for Unity from the Focolare Movement, North America. In 2005, he was given Lifetime Achievement awards from both the Canadian Pugwash Group and the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

In 2009, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians for his "promotion of human welfare, human rights and parliamentary democracy in Canada and abroad." He is an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2011, the International Peace Bureau nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize.

A world without war: this is the vision Roche has pursued for decades. As one of the world's most persistent and impassioned champions for nuclear disarmament, global security and the promotion of peace, Roche has never given up his quest to put peace first.

Travelling the world-over, Roche has met with and advocated for an ongoing human security agenda that seeks to protect each of us from the devastation of war, environmental degradation and the growing unrest caused by social and economic inequalities.

Over his lifetime, Roche has directly engaged or represented citizens, scientists, elected officials, youth and students, heads of states, academics, the media and others as part of an effort to reach citizens of the world - regardless of nationality, political affiliation, religion or income - to offer an alternative to aggression, exploitation and catastrophic man-made destruction.

When it seems politicians and policy makers have forgotten the evils of nuclear arms, Roche seems to once again offer a resounding rebuke. Roche's messages and indeed his own actions have been heard; Roche's ongoing efforts - including social justice - deserve the attention they have received and should continue to receive.

Roche experienced the cold-war and the threat of annihilation first-hand. He has actively campaigned for full-adoption and compliance of the UN's 1972 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty for decades. Now in his 80's he remains steadfast in his pursuit of peace - which includes hope for those most affected by global insecurity.

Indeed hard work and a lifetime dedicated to the promotion of peace and pursuing a human security agenda has been noted by all who share his desire to see peace prevail. In an Edmonton Journal newspaper article (May 9, 2010) about Roche "Canada's most distinguished peacemaker" Roche was quoted as saying: I'm a realist. What I'm talking about -- saving humanity from nuclear destruction -- takes pragmatic, hard work."

Roche has been in the thick of international affairs for more than forty years. His central position reaffirmed in his closing speech to the Canadian Senate vowed, "I personally as long as God gives me strength will never rest until nuclear weapons, the ultimate evil of our time, are abolished."

As an example of Roche's spirited determination and diplomatic efforts, in 2010, days after meeting with former prime minister Harper, Canada agreed to send a large portion of Canada's weapon's-grade uranium to United States for reprocessing ("Canada's most distinguished peacemaker", Edmonton Journal, May 9, 2010). At every opportunity Roche asks his fellow citizens to take a concrete action towards peace, towards global security.

Please join us for the celebrations in honouring Doug Roche on Wed, March 15, 2017. To order tickets please visit <http://mru.ca/peacetickets> [Mru.ca/peacetickets](http://mru.ca/peacetickets).

Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons

Many governments are supporting negotiations beginning in March 2017 on a legal instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons. It may serve to heighten public awareness to the threat posed by these weapons. And the existence of a treaty more clearly defining the prohibition(s) may serve to build a global norm against nuclear use. Canada voted against these negotiations along with all the major nuclear-owning-states and all other NATO states except the Netherlands (they abstained). The Canadian government has explained they believe that the prohibitions sought for in the proposed treaty largely already can be found in existing international law and that other types of legal instruments are more urgently required to eliminate nuclear weapons. (The Government of Canada is pushing for a Fissile Material Treaty.)

But the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW) and other groups are requesting the Government of Canada to nonetheless engage in the prohibition negotiations. The letter from CNANW stated: "We seek your confirmation that despite this vote, Canada will participate in the upcoming negotiations. In the same manner that Canada participated actively in the Open Ended Working Group on multilateral nuclear disarmament earlier this year, despite not having supported the resolution authorizing the process, we should similarly constructively participate in the negotiations next year as authorized by the General Assembly.

"Responsible multilateralism requires accepting duly authorized processes even if they do not mirror one's preferences. Being at the table permits our representatives to promote Canadian positions and influence the course of the negotiations. Standing apart from these negotiations will deny Canada these possibilities and exacerbate the divisions already evident among NPT States parties."

We hope to advise you soon of the decision of the Government of Canada.

Our Peace Fair attracts and supports a wide variety of vendors, each with their own unique story. We continue to share the stories of our vendors.

WILD HORSES of ALBERTA SOCIETY (WHOAS)

WHOAS' mission is to ensure the provision of all aspects of the conservation and humane treatment of wild horses in Alberta. WHOAS is committed to the preservation of these magnificent animals in their natural environment.

The annual fund-raising calendars were once again sold out; the demand was overwhelming and WHOAS is extremely grateful to everyone who purchased one.

Text on a calendar's reverse provides information regarding the position and efforts of this notable organization that has worked on finding solutions to further protect and save the Alberta Mountain Horses. In November 2014, WHOAS signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alberta government that allows the organization to implement two programs; WHOAS believes that these programs provide humane alternatives to the population management of these beautiful horses. It is hoped that these programs – the contraception program, and operating the rescue and handling facility west of Sundre - will become the accepted standard. WHOAS hopes to have these horses re-designated as Alberta Mountain Horses in order that they can be offered better protection and better management strategies.

In March 2015, WHOAS successfully gained registered charity status.

Monies obtained from the sale of calendars, plus donations, are vital to the work being conducted by WHOAS; this organization receives no government funding. In a study area near Sundre and the Ghost, the contraception program is closely monitored; it is a five-year pilot project being carried out efficiently and with skilled volunteer labour and expertise. Dependent on the results of this pilot project, WHOAS plans to recommend to the Alberta government how the program can be rolled out into the remaining equine zones.

These horses represent a part of western culture, heritage, and history; they are living symbols of freedom. J Edward Chamberlin, in his book *HORSE – How the Horse has Shaped Civilizations*, pays homage to this creature who 'worked this land, pulled the wagons, carried the men and women, and herded the stock'.

For more information please visit www.wildhorsesofalberta.com or write to Wild Horses of Alberta Society, Box 70022, Olds, AB T4H 0A3, or follow on Facebook.



Eagle Moon Creations

In 2016, we welcomed Eagle Moon Creations, a business started by a Mother and Daughter team. Megan is from the Siksika Nation and her mother is from Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. Motivated by their elders to keep the tradition of craft making going and wanting to pass on the tradition to her own daughter, Megan and her mum started Eagle Moon Creation approximately 2 years ago. They are active in and around Calgary attending various craft fairs throughout the winter and summer months..



Having graduated from the Oil & Gas Land Administration program at SAIT, Megan works in the education field during the day, which she says fits perfectly with her lifestyle and her daughter's school. She is currently taking a Business course to help them expand their brand and she looks forward to the future of their "little company" expanding. "We love to bead and make crafts any time we can. We want to keep the tradition going and I want to teach my daughter the crafts as well. We are meeting so many other great artists and it inspires us to keep going

You can contact Megan via Facebook; <http://www.facebook.com/Eaglemooncreations>

Christmas Open House—Celebrating Our Volunteers:

The Open House on December 10th was attended by members, volunteers and board members to celebrate the season, our honored volunteers and to share in the message of Peace, Inclusion and Support. Tracey Braun (past Chair of the Board) welcomed and thanked everyone for their hard work and commitments without which Project Ploughshares Calgary would not be able to function.

Sultana Virani (Program Director) thanked all volunteers for their support and hard work, including Karen Huggins (past Program Director and current chair of the Peace Fair), Garry Fry (Karen's partner), and the rest of Karen's family for their support. Appreciation Scrolls were presented by Board Members to all volunteers present. Family and friends of volunteers of those not present were asked to take their scrolls and pass them on with the appreciation of PPC.

The event included two interactive activities. Volunteers were asked to share "What World Peace Look Like" on cut-out ornaments and hang the ornaments on the Christmas Tree. Another tree was set up where everyone was asked to write on index cards how they would motivate or inspire new volunteers, or to answer the questions, "Why do you volunteer?" or "What has volunteering done for you?" These activities had everyone up and about writing on the paper ornaments and hanging them on Christmas Trees.

Everyone was invited to partake in the Christmas cookies and various desserts, beef, chicken and vegetable samosas, and of course apple cider and hot chocolate. The mood was that of celebration and friendship and a great time was had by all.

A special thank you to Kristen Cathers, Kerry Duncan McCartney and Sultana Virani for all the pre-planning preparations and all Board Members for helping with the set-up and clean-up.. We look forward to seeing all of you again in December for another open house.

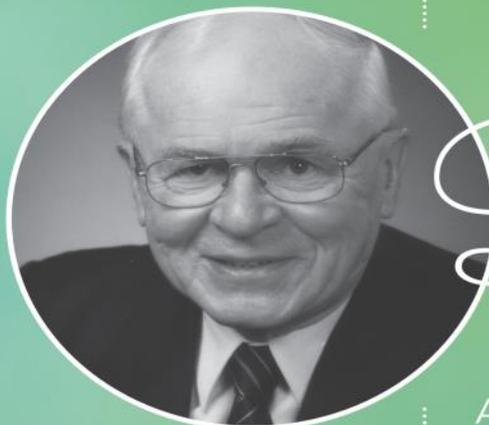
Thank You All for Your Ongoing Support!

Some of the responses from those in attendances to "What does World Peace Look like to You"

"World Peace looks multi-ethnic, with good institutions for justice, education", compassionate citizens

"No more 'them' and 'us' "

"I have a dream" - Martin Luther King



Calgary Peace Prize

AWARD CEREMONY

Join us in celebrating the 2017 recipient of the Calgary Peace Prize, the **Honourable Douglas Roche, O.C.** for his long and sustained efforts towards international peace building and for raising awareness on human security issues and nuclear disarmament.

March 15, 2017

Jack Singer Concert Hall
Arts Commons
205 – 8 Ave SE

6 p.m. Reception and award ceremony: \$100

7:30 p.m. Award ceremony

General admission: \$15, student/low income: \$8
(all prices include fees)

Tickets on sale now!

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Presented by Mount Royal University's Faculty of Arts,
Peace Studies Initiative
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2020 Vision for Humanity: Toward Human Security Worldwide

2017 Symposium “Human Security Worldwide – Calgary Model” March 30 (Th) – April 1 (Sa), 2017

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality.
To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."
- R. Buckminster Fuller

SCHEDULE

Keynote Address and Panel Discussion [Free Event]

Thursday, March 30, 2017 (6:00 pm Door opens, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)
[Lincoln Park Room](#), Lincoln Park Campus (Main Campus), [Mount Royal University](#)
J301 (3rd floor), 4825 Mt Royal Gate SW, Calgary ([Paid parking or Public Transit Bus # 13, 18, 20, 72, 73, 306](#))

THEME: “Human Security Worldwide – Building A Culture of Peace in Our Community”
MC: Saima Asad (UNAC-Calgary Branch)

Keynote Address

Cesar Jaramillo (National Director of Project Ploughshares)

Panellist Speech

- Mark Ayyash (Professor and Director of Peace Studies Initiative of MRU)
- Bev Delong (Chairperson of Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons)
- Rabbi Shaul Osadchey (President of Calgary Council of Christians and Jews)
- Tony Meer (Director of Soka Gakkai International - Canada)

Panel Discussion (including Q & A with audience)

Conference Sessions [For the fee schedule, please see the grid below]

March 31 – April 1 (Friday – Saturday), 2017

Session 1: Friday morning (March 31, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Parkdale United Church at [2919 8 Ave NW, Calgary](#))
“Using Our Imagination to Transform the Culture of Calgary”

Session 2: Friday afternoon (March 31, 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm) -- Excursion session at [the Folk Tree Lodge in Bragg Creek](#)
The issues relating to food and water security

Session 3: Saturday morning (April 1, 8:00 am Door opens, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Parkdale United Church)
Nuclear disarmament and human security

Session 4: Saturday afternoon (April 1, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ Parkdale United Church)
Human Rights - Issues relating to the First Nations and Syrian refugees

Conference Fee (3/31- breakfast, lunch, dinner included, 4/1 – breakfast & lunch included)

Full 2-Day Conference Fee (March 31 and April 1)	\$20
1-Day Conference Fee (either March 31 and April 1)	\$15
1 Session Fee (one session only)	\$10

Exhibition “Everything You Treasure: A World Free From Nuclear Weapons”

Featuring disarmament of nuclear weapons and human security, which was created by Soka Gakkai International.

March 29 (W) – 31 (F): Main Street at Mount Royal University

[Hosted by Peace Studies Initiative of Mount Royal University in partnership with Project Ploughshares Calgary at MRU,
Sponsored by SGI-Canada]

April 1 (Sa): Parkdale United Church (Auditorium)

This Symposium is Sponsored by St. David's United Church Foundation  Proudly in Partnership with Project Ploughshares Calgary 

Supported by Folk Tree Lodge Learning Center  Special Thanks to United Nations Association in Canada-Calgary Branch  Soka Gakkai International-Canada 

NOT TO BE MISSED EVENTS! Put these dates on your calendar

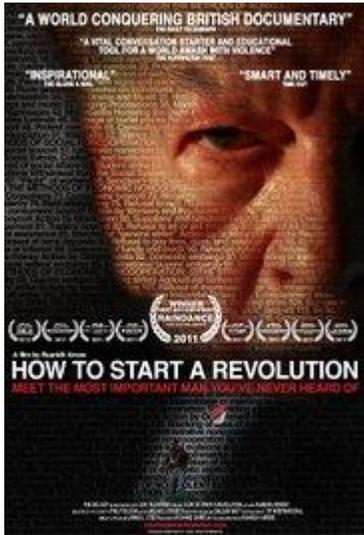
Wednesday, February 8, 2017—PPC Movie Night - HOW TO START A REVOLUTION

At Parkdale United Church, 2919—8 Avenue NW, Conference Room in the basement

From 7—9 pm.

Discussion facilitated by Professor Dr. Mark Ayyash

- HOW TO START A REVOLUTION is the remarkable untold story of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Gene Sharp, the world's leading expert on non-violent revolution. This new film (from first time director Ruaridh Arrow) reveals how Gene's work has given a new generation of revolutionary leaders the weapons needed to overthrow dictators. It shows how his 198 steps to non-violent regime change have inspired uprisings from Serbia to Ukraine and from Egypt to Syria and how his work has spread across the globe in an unstoppable wave of profound democratic change. How To Start A Revolution is the story of the power of people to change their world, the modern revolution and the man behind it all.



“For more than half a century, Gene Sharp has studied the power of nonviolent action against dictatorship, occupation, and social and economic injustice and has analyzed why it has become a force more powerful than war. This remarkable documentary tells the story behind the man, working out of a simple home office in a working class neighborhood of Boston, whose writings have inspired popular struggles for freedom and justice worldwide. Anyone who doubts the power of ideas should see this film.”

– Stephen Zunes | Professor of Politics | University of San Francisco

“This is a powerful film about a powerful idea — indeed, perhaps the only idea that is more powerful than violence. It is emotionally engrossing, intellectually compelling, and as fresh and up-to-date as tomorrow’s headlines. It shows how Gene Sharp’s ideas of non-violent resistance have been — and will doubtless continue to be — central to the most

important political changes taking place on our planet.”

– David P. Barash | Professor of Psychology | University of Washington

“*How to Start a Revolution* is a brilliant and timely reminder that not only can nonviolent action be dramatically effective, but that the change it produces is likely to be more enduring than that wrought through violence and bloodshed. And in celebrating Gene Sharp it gives prominence to an unlikely hero of the peace movement, whose work and influence will in time come to be seen as seminal in helping to shape a new path for humankind.”

– Edward Canfor-Dumas | Head of Secretariat | UK Parliamentary Group on Conflict Issues

“*How to Start a Revolution* shows how Gene Sharp’s simple tools of nonviolent action have helped people around the world stand up to powerful forces and aggression. The Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation was pleased to show *How to Start a Revolution*, and to honor the work of Gene Sharp and filmmaker Ruaridh Arrow. When someone asks you if it’s possible to stand up to a dictator or overthrow an autocratic regime, tell them to go watch this remarkable film.”

– Susan Hackley | Managing Director of the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School

Wednesday, March 15th, 2017 - 2017 Calgary Peace Prize awarded to Hon Douglas Roche

At Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons

Ticket prices for Award Ceremony: \$8.00 for Students and Low Income; \$15.00 for General.

Ticket price for Reception and Ceremony: \$100.00

(See poster for more details)

March 30 to April 1, 2017—Vision 2020 Symposium on Human Security—Calgary Model

((See poster for more details))

Other Events: At MRU

Thursday, February 2nd 2017—PTSD in the Canadian Military

All are welcome to the Moot Court (EA 1031) from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Feb. 2 to listen to the Honorable Donald S. Ethell speak, which will be followed by a roundtable discussion on PTSD with Richard Wright, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret’d), and Lloyd (Tex) Leugner, Warrant Officer (Ret’d). Afterwards, members of the audience will have the chance to ask questions.



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Special thanks to all who submitted articles & Tracey Braun for editing this issue of the newsletter.



Welcome to WINTER

Hope you have had peaceful Holidays.
 The Office is now open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am—3 pm and Wednesday from 2 pm—7 pm.



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 & January we received \$ 1,100 in donations. This is the lifeblood of our organization, please consider PPC your charity of choice.!

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 the office: 403-270-7366, or office@ploughsharescalgary.ca.



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