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We need your donation

On Wed. Nov, 13, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the University of Calgary and CJPME welcome Dr. Robert Fisk, acclaimed Middle East correspondent and author, to present on "Tweets and deals of the century: How to join the Arab world's sectarian war under the guise of peace."

Location: Science Theatre
148, University of Calgary

Tickets

\$15 advance (online)

\$20 at the door

To register, see [Tickets](#)



Visit the Peace Village: November 15-17, 2019

By Kathleen McWilliams

Please join us at the Peace Village from November 15-17, 2019 at River Park Church, 3818 14A Street, S.W., Calgary. It is presented in partnership with the 14th annual Marda Loop Justice Film Festival that takes place November 12-17, 2019 at the festival locations of the Central Library, Plaza Theatre, and River Park Church auditorium. The Peace Village is an international marketplace offering unique items from local and international artists. Vendors selling items include *Ploughshares Calgary* (silent auction, peace related books and games, and local honey); *Fair Trade Calgary*, *Amnesty International Calgary Chapter*, *Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation*, *Citizens for Public Justice*, *Owl's Nest Books*, *Plastic Free YYC*, *Ujama Grandmas*, and more. Admission is free for the Film Festival and Peace Village and food service will be available for purchase all weekend.

We are also gratefully accepting **donations of silent auction items** for the Peace Village. As well, we are specifically in need of people offering to do things for others such as cooking a special dinner, shoveling snow, helping with taxes or other work, and so on. If you'd like to offer anything like this for the silent auction, please contact Sally at 403 247-1653.

Peace Village

River Park Church,

3818 14A St. S.W., Calgary

Friday, November 15 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 16 - 11:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 17 – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Free admission and free films at the Marda Loop

Film Festival and the Peace Village

(Film Festival dates: November 12-17).

Visit <http://www.justicefilmfestival.ca> for more info on films and locations

Join us for "Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping"

Nov. 13, 2019 , 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Parkdale United Church, 2919 – 8th Ave. N.W., Calgary

Locally and globally, new strategies to protect human rights and promote peaceful conflict resolution exist. Join us as Sultana Virana, program director for Ploughshares Calgary, presents how trained peace professionals use the principles of non-violence to provide protection to civilians in a variety of contexts. Free admission.



- ❖ **Over the next ten years, nine countries are spending one trillion dollars to modernize their nuclear arsenals. This money could instead be used to help eliminate poverty, build global peace, and achieve the U.N’s sustainable development goals.** To call attention to this, nuclear policy experts and NGO leaders on Oct. 24, 2019, announced the launch of UN Disarmament Week with the “Count the Nuclear Weapons Money” campaign. This initiative is organized by an international coalition of NGOs with the aim of limiting nuclear arsenals by halting the budgets and investments that fund them, and redirecting the money toward impact investing for climate protection and sustainable development. See [Count the Money](#).
- ❖ **In 2016, several Canadian civil society organizations, led by the Rideau Institute and the Group of 78, made a comprehensive submission to the Defence Policy Review, which included a call for a national institute focused on international peace and security.** One of the Liberal’s campaign promises was to “establish the Canadian Centre for Peace, Order, and Good Government, which will lend expertise and help to people seeking to build peace, advance justice, promote human rights and democracy, and deliver good governance.” The writer of this article in *Ceasefire.ca* argues that now that the election is over, “the Justin Trudeau Liberals have a real opportunity to work constructively and collaboratively with progressive parliamentarians in other parties, [and] we believe that the establishment (actually re-establishment) of a world-class Canadian Centre for Peace, Order and Good Government is an excellent place to start.” See [Canada needs a world-class peace and security centre](#).
- ❖ **In this October 7, 2019, article in *PoliticoMagazine* titled “We’re more at risk of nuclear war with Russia than we think,” George Beebe, the former head of Russia analysis at the CIA and now the president of a non-partisan think tank, argues that U.S. lawmakers on both sides of the aisle must start addressing this issue.** Beebe reports that the actual threat of nuclear catastrophe is more pressing than we comprehend. He notes that “Diplomacy and a desire for global peace have given way to complacency and a false sense of security that nuclear escalation is outside the realm of possibility” and that “nearly all the key U.S.-Russian arms control and confidence-building provisions of the Cold War era are dead or on life support, with little effort underway to update or replace them.” See [Beebe](#).

JUSTICE MARDA LOOP JUSTICE FILM FFEST

14TH ANNUAL



FREE ADMISSION



**NOVEMBER
12-17 2019**

www.justicefilmfestival.ca

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FESTIVAL LOCATIONS

Central Library | Plaza Theatre
River Park Church Auditorium



VISIT THE PEACE VILLAGE



Presented in partnership with Ploughshares Calgary. The Peace Village is an information fair and international marketplace fostering discussion about social issues and offering unique goods from artisans located around the world and from those close to home.

ORGANIZATIONS & VENDORS

Alberta Wilderness Association
Amnesty International Calgary Chapter
Bible League Canada
Casa Corazon
Centre for Affordable Water
and Sanitation Technology (CAWST)
Canadian Federation of University
Women (CFUW) Calgary North
Citizens for Public Justice
Essential Necessities of Life

Fair Trade Calgary
Justice for Palestinians Calgary
Kalekogathia Shop & Aquinas Academy
Mennonite Central Committee Alberta
Migrante Alberta
Owl's Nest Books
People for Progress Foundation
Plastic Free YYC
Ujamaa Grandmas

More vendors TBA

PEACE VILLAGE HOURS

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FOOD SERVICE

Food by Forage available for purchase all weekend, including vegetarian and vegan options.

DONORS

We still need your donations

The Ploughshares Calgary Society is running dangerously low on funds. We have operating expenses to cover each month, such as a minimal salary for our part-time office director, phone, stationery, and office supplies. However, we are seriously close to running out of funds in our operating budget. If you value the work that we do, please help us keep our doors open by making a donation now.

We seek to educate and encourage research to create mutual respect and understanding so as to contribute to human security and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. By holding educational events, engaging in advocacy, and publishing a regular newsletter, we seek to build sustainable peace, encourage practical steps towards nuclear disarmament, and minimize recourse to military force.

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This simple peace sign was displayed at the Women's March in Boston. Photo by Alice Donovan Rouse on Unsplash.