

PROJECT  
PLOUGHSHARES  
CALGARY

# Peace News

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## PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday December 13, 2014

1 - 4 PM

CommunityWise Resource Centre  
223 - 12 Avenue SW

Come out and celebrate the holiday season with Project Ploughshares staff and board members.

Get a taste for what we do all year -  
as well as a taste of some holiday cookies,  
hot chocolate, and hot mulled cider!

Please bring a dozen cookies if you'd like to  
participate in the 'COOKIE TRADE'

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## Ploughshares News



### The Internet, Video Games & Cyberbullying with Crystal Dittrick

This was an extremely worthwhile event presented by an expert in video games and cyberbullying. Ms. Dittrick focused on some basic rules of internet safety, followed by a discussion of the link between children playing violent and mature video games and

cyberbullying. One of the key takeaways from the evening was the importance of open and honest communication between parents and children, as well as the importance of ALWAYS being your child's champion. For a more detailed look at the details of the program, please see the Project Ploughshares website at [www.ploughsharescalgary.ca](http://www.ploughsharescalgary.ca) for a downloadable version of a brochure we have developed for interested parents and others.



### 2014 CALGARY TOY AUDIT RESULTS



#### Excellent - 100%

Calgary Zoo Gift Shop  
Forever Baby  
Forever Toys  
Glenbow Museum Shop  
Kacz Kids

#### Commendable – 85–99%

Heritage Park – The Corner Emporium  
MasterMind Toys - (99%)  
Scholar's Choice – (95%)

#### Good - 70-84%

Disney Store – (80%)  
Dollarama, Westbrook – (75%)

#### Acceptable – 50-69%

Target – (50%)

#### Unacceptable - below 50%

EB Games, Westbrook – (45%)



### Upcoming Peace Education Presentations

Parkdale United Church Conference Room, 2919 - 8 Avenue NW

#### Spirituality and the Environment

Wednesday January 14, 2015 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

What do spirituality and the environment have in common? How do various spiritual traditions view our role in caring for the environment? Panel discussion format.



#### Stories of Positive Peace: Courage in the Face of Uncertainty

February 10, 2014

We will be showcasing the work of 2 or 3 local organizations that work in difficult situations in very positive ways!



### Alternative Remembrance Day Service at the Calgary Community Peace Pole November 11, 2014

Some 28 people braved Calgary's cold weather to participate in Project Ploughshares' Alternative Remembrance Day service. Janyce Konkin, Coordinator of Programs, Alberta for Initiatives of Change, delivered a very moving keynote address. A brief excerpt follows:

*"Today, as we remember those who served their countries with honour, those who died for a grander purpose, let us also dedicate ourselves to honouring peace; to honouring all of humanity; accepting our differences, and most importantly recognizing our commonalities. Let us remember that each and every one of us has the ability to change the world by changing ourselves first. We can choose – choose respect of all humanity, choose to maintain the dignity of each individual. We can **choose** to work on overcoming fear by building trust in our nation, in our communities, in our families. We can choose to be selfless in helping our neighbours; to be honest in our decision-making about 'the other'. So let us **each** resolve to **choose** not to listen to the negative media. Let us choose, instead, to get to know each other and to love my neighbour as myself, and build a strong, beautiful, peaceful and peace loving community together with them. I am reminded of this quote from 'The Peace Mask Project' of Cambodia: "One small step towards peace is a large step away from war.""*

### 30th Annual Holiday Peace Fair Saturday November 29, 2014 Parkdale United Church

Attendance was down due to very poor weather conditions - but that did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the annual Holiday Peace Fair! Our sincere thanks to all the vendors who brought their magnificent products, to the shoppers, the organizing committee, Parkdale United Church, and our many diligent (and happy) volunteers.



A very special thank you to the following volunteers - without your commitment and willingness to help out with the Peace Fair, it would not be possible to hold such a unique, community-based event year after year: Lorna Greene, (Overall Peace Fair Coordinator), Helen Negrave (Volunteer Coordinator), Bill Anderson, Janet McKinnon, Katherine Kalmakoff, Kathleen Hatfield, Margaret Fitch, Meryl Arnott (Project Ploughshares Table Coordinator), Joye Brown, George Steber, Trudy Steber, Sally Oddy, Marya Jarvey, Jack Wilkie, Suwanee Hodges, Ash Kahn, John Backhouse, Joan Leclaire, Nancy Cathers, Kristen Cathers, Saima Jamal, Donna Fallon, Naushad Dada, Tracey Braun, Lena Osman, Larry Negrave, Bill Dickson, Jessica Holtsbaum (Kitchen Coordinator), Shirley Mann, Margaret Anderson, Ginny Betty, Margaret Chandler, Penny Young, Isabel Miller, Sylvia Hawkins, Lee Wertzler, Mary Clark, Sandra Zazalenchuk, Karin Nybo, Sally Hodges, Bob Hodges, Geoffrey Belleth, Kerry Duncan-McCartney, Maureen Ewasiuk, Garry Fry, Doreen Kot, Carl Svoboda.



## Upcoming Calgary Peace Events

### Harmony Café

Sat. January 3rd, 2015, 5:30 - 8 PM

CommunityWise, 223 - 12 Avenue SW

Enjoy an evening of shared community at the Harmony Café!

Karen Huggins of Project Ploughshares and Janyce Konkin of Initiatives of Change are heading this project that features meaningful dialogue, healthy vegetarian food, local music and a Children's Corner! We are working on a new social and economic model of 'Paying-It-Forward' - come out, bring your friends and family, and enjoy!

Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/395093220643348/> for more info.



Mark these dates in your calendar for future Harmony Cafés: Saturday February 7th,



CALGARY CENTRE FOR GLOBAL COMMUNITY



**Calgary Centre for Global Community and the Consortium for Peace Studies at the University of Calgary are offering these seminars with the goal of introducing participants to basic principles of peace and global citizenship.**

#### Seminar Topics & Dates:

**Narratives of Violence - The Hard Path towards Reconciliation** - Wednesday January 28, 2015

**Fundamentalism Unpacked** - Thursday February 26, 2015

**Indigenous Rights – Stories & Themes from Around the World** - Thursday March 26, 2015

**Building a Community Response to Climate Change** - Thursday April 30, 2015

**Social Activism Across Borders** - Thursday May 28, 2015

**Social Entrepreneurship to Transform Culture, Economy and the Environment** - Thursday June 25, 2015

For more info and to register, please go to <http://www.calgarycgc.org/seminars-in-peace--global-citizenship.html>



### **2020 Vision for Humanity Symposium Friday March 27 - Sunday March 29, 2015 Parkdale United Church**

This Symposium will be co-chaired by Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish and Dr. Arthur Clark, with Ploughshares founder Erne Reghr as the keynote speaker. The 2020 Vision for Humanity Symposium is held annually in Calgary. Its purview is human security worldwide. Emphasizing a multi-disciplinary approach, we invite abstract submissions from academics, graduate students, post-doctoral research fellows, journalists, lawyers, conflict resolution specialists; representatives of nongovernmental organizations; and others.

We encourage you to look at the website [here](#) for more information, and to find the guidelines for submitting an abstract for presentation at this important Symposium.



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*Project Ploughshares  
Calgary  
wishes you Peace,  
Joy, and Hope for the  
Holiday Season and  
All Year Long!*



### Project Ploughshares Calgary

Yes...I am interested in supporting the peace work of Project Ploughshares!

- \$50
- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- \$1000
- Other Amount (Specify) \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I'd like to make a monthly donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I'd like to volunteer

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