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Peace News

N O V E M B E R 2017

33rd Annual

HOLIDAY PEACE FAIR

Sat. November 4, 2017
Parkdale United Church
2919 - 8 Avenue NW
9:30 AM - 4 PM

**Supporting Social Justice, Fair
Trade and the Environment**

Unique items from 20 vendors
working for peace, social justice
and the environment

**Light lunch available
for purchase**

\$3.00 admission
(Free for children 12 and under)

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Peace News

For all of us in the peace and nuclear disarmament field, it was a wonderful validation when The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, October 6, 2017.

The world still has approximately 15,000 nuclear weapons and we continue to work towards becoming a nuclear free world.

To read more about the Nobel Peace Prize, please visit:

https://webmail.telus.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=116680&part=2

http://original.antiwar.com/robert_dodge/2017/10/09/icans-nobel-peace-prize-humanitys-rx-survival/

ICAN held a press conference on Friday, October 27, 2017 to announce among other announcements that Canadian Setsuko Thurlow will be accepting the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of ICAN, alongside ICAN's director Beatrice Fihn

To read the press release please visit:

https://webmail.telus.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=118868&part=2

Please join us on Saturday, November 4th at the Peace Fair to sign a declaration of conscious . While this is a symbolic gesture, it is an important gesture to show your support for nuclear disarmament.

We will also have White Poppies for sale at the Peace Fair.



Divesting Nuclear Weapon Contractors a Complex Task

Investing in today's environment can be challenging with the variety of investment options available to investors. At the October meeting presentation we had lively discussion, led by Devan Legare of Manulife Securities, assisted by Trevor Polay and Kerry Duncan-McCartney of Ploughshares, regarding how investor activism has been used to create positive change within companies and organizations across the world. We also focused our attention to how difficult it was to ensure that investment dollars weren't being used to help fund various organizations that support the development of nuclear weapons.

The presentation offered many ways that individuals can get involved with creating positive change within corporations large and small. Joining special interest groups, creating online petitions and divesting from organizations which do not support ideologies that are important to individuals were just some of the many ways that we can get involved.

Devan introduced various means of changing corporate policy regarding weapons funding, and gave us real life examples of cases where the various tactics (proxy battles, publicity campaigns, shareholder resolutions, litigation, direct negotiations with management and online petitions & campaigns) had been successful.

During discussion with the group, Devan examined the complexity: unintended negative effects of action; the invasiveness of the military-industrial complex in our lives; the fact that the same corporations that produce weapons also create medical equipment and home products.

Attendees were left with insight into a big issue, but also with hope and encouragement. After all, ethical investment is the fastest growing segment of the market, and ethical funds now regularly outperform standard offerings.

The first step is self-education, and then the determination to approach your financial planner with the investment parameters that you have settled on. Then, it is time to band with likeminded investors, for there is strength in numbers. Participate wherever you can. It might be your letter, or attendance at a corporate AGM, that turns the tide and causes a financial institution to divest its holdings.

After the presentation, Devan & Trevor spoke with a featured mutual fund company, Northwest and Ethical Investments (NEI) to ask them about their involvement with companies who support nuclear weapon development. While they do not directly own the manufacturing companies directly, they do invest in companies who financially support the weapons manufactures to varying degrees. They were asked to take action and they did.

The company has offered them a chance to bring together a group of people to voice their concerns about investing in nuclear weapons supporters, and it is an offer they would like to extend to the Ploughshares Calgary Society. If you are interested in an event like this in the future, please reach out to us or Devan to indicate your interest.

For Devan's slide presentation: https://webmail.telus.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=118022&part=2

For the socially responsible investment guide: <https://www.neiinvestments.com/documents/Marketing/EthicalFunds/SRI%20101%20The%20Smart%20Investor%20Guide%20to%20SRI%20EN.pdf>

For the Don't Bank on the Bomb 2016 Report: www.dontbankonthebomb.com

For a primer on the nuclear weapons issue: <http://www.pnnd.org/ipupnnd-handbook-supporting-nuclear-non-proliferation-and-disarmament>

Activist shareholder groups: www.share.ca and www.riacanada.ca

We hope to see you at the Peace Fair, come support these vendors who are making such a difference in the lives of people!

Joy's Jewels donates all sales from gently used jewellery to non-profits and charities such as Ploughshares Calgary and MSF.

HR UC World Market supports former sex workers by selling Nepali jewellery made by them, they also assist a Jerusalem women's cooperative sell their traditional Palestinian embroidered goods. They will also have Zaitoun olive oil and spices.

Stephen Lewis Grandmothers Project sells Hand-crafted items to raise funds to support AIDS families in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Walking with Our Sisters is a commemorative art installation to honor the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women of Canada and the United States. WWOS Calgary is the local chapter whose intent is to create and lead discussion about this issue in the Calgary Area and is committed to bringing the art installation to this city in 2018. Come support them by buying

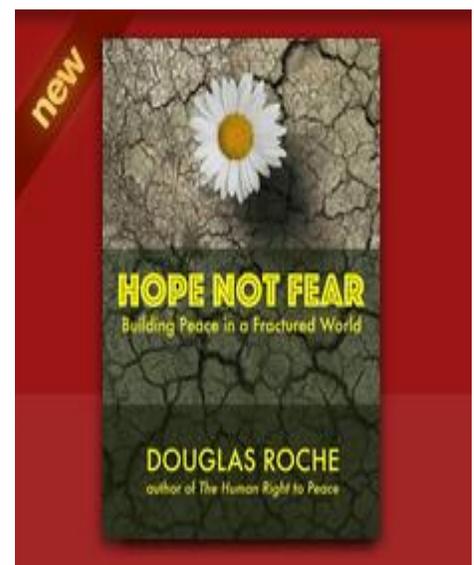
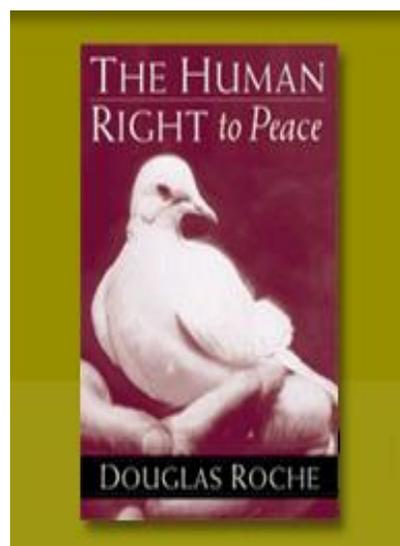
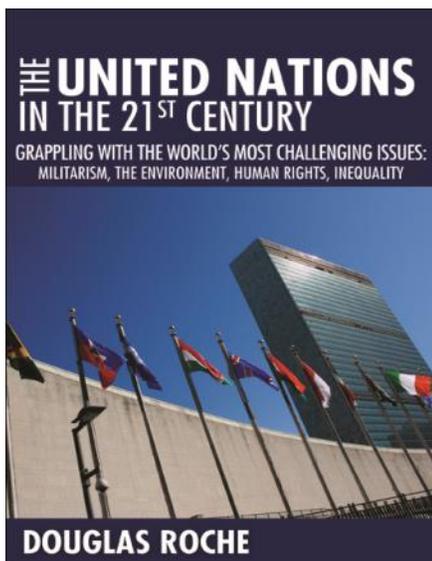
First Nation jewellery, local beadwork, tea and calendars they'll have on sale.

People For Progress Foundation empowers individuals & communities in need in East Africa thru educational programs, leadership & partnerships. Come buy African items they'll have for sale.

As a fair trade organization, Ten Thousand Villages creates opportunities for disadvantaged artisans. Fair Trade is a strategy that alleviated poverty and offers a sustainable income to those in developing countries. Come see what they have in store for you this year!

These are just some of the vendors at the Peace Fair on November 4th at Parkdale United Church. There are so many more vendors, selling exquisite items and making a huge difference in the lives of people here and in the developing countries. See you there!

Are you wondering what books to read next? How about any or all of these?



SAVE THESE DATES

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2919-8 Avenue NW

Admission: \$3.00; free for children 12 and under

Ploughshares Calgary Open House

Saturday, December 9th, 2 pm—3 pm

Parkdale United Church

Admission: Free

Film Screening: A Bold Peace: Costa Rica's Path of Demilitarization

Wednesday, January 10, 2018; 7 pm—9 pm

Facilitator: Dr. Pablo Policzer

Parkdale United Church—Conference Room

Admission: By donation

Other Events Around Town:

Marda Loop Justice Film Festival

November 14—19

Featuring 6 short and 15 long documentaries

Free Admission

Special Guests

NGO Village

For more info visit: www.justicefilmfestival.ca**ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!****WE NEED YOUR SKILLS, TALENTS and GENEROSITY**

Please donate your baked goods to the

PLOUGHSHARES' BAKE SALE TABLE

Contributions can be dropped off on
Friday, November 3rd between 12 noon and 3:00 pm
or on Saturday, November 4th. between 8:30 and 9:15 am.
Please package items in clear plastic bags ready for selling,
ingredients list included.

Please let us know if you'll be contributing anything.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate an item

Volunteer your professional services

Ask a business to donate an item or gift card

Ask friends and neighbours to donate

All Items Auctioned off at

The Holiday Peace Fair

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Please contact Sultana if you have any items to
donate

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Special thanks to all who submitted articles & Kerry Duncan - McCartney for editing this issue of the newsletter.



If you haven't already, please inform us whether you wish to continue receiving emails from us.

You may unsubscribe at any time by just emailing us your request. Thanks to all who have already responded.



We are very grateful to all our donors for their continued support of the important peace work that we do here at Ploughshares Calgary. During the month of October we received \$1,080 in donations from individuals.

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 Ploughshares Calgary, 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 email: 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.



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

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Donation Options: Cheque PayPal Cash

Make cheque payable to Ploughshares Calgary Society or go to www.ploughsharescalgary.ca to make your payment via PayPal.

Please mail completed form with donation to:
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Please note that we are unable to provide tax receipts at this time.