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Peace News

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PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES CALGARY SEMINAR SERIES

**OCTOBER 12TH
SYRIAN SUPPORT GROUP CALGARY**



**Please join Project Ploughshares Calgary on
Wednesday, October 12th ; 7-8:30 PM
At Parkdale United Church (2919-8 Ave. NW)**

Come listen to how the Syrians perceive the conflict itself

What is the human side of this tragedy?

What else can we do?

How can we facilitate the refugee settlement?

Make sure you mark this date on your calendar for a Not to be Missed presentation by

SAIMA JAMAL & SAM NAMOURRA

Saima just returned from refugee camps and so will have lots to share about conditions in the camps and her experiences.

Seminar series is supported by donation according to ability

Exclusive and unreleased interview with Noam Chomsky on nuclear weapons

Red Letter Films is releasing an exclusive, previously unseen interview with philosopher and social critic Noam Chomsky. The interview, conducted in 2006 for the documentary *Children of Armageddon*, has never been viewed in its entirety by the public.

Discussions about nuclear weapons have never been so relevant. The Fukushima nuclear disaster, in 2011, raised questions about security and protection of the environment. Republican candidate Donald Trump asked many times why the U.S. can't use the nuclear bomb against enemies. No later than last September 9th, North Korea announced yet another nuclear test, this time estimated at 20 to 30 kt, twice as much as the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

In spite of that, we barely talk about nuclear weapons and the threat they pose. This is why Red Letter Films decided to make available, on You Tube, this interview with Noam Chomsky. It is divided in 6 parts, to separate topics and make it readily accessible to the public.

In this 2006 interview, Chomsky talks about his reaction to the events of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and how the lack of reaction from the general public shocked him. He questions the American narrative that the use of the bomb on Japan was necessary and saved millions of lives (a narrative that even the Japanese have adopted since). He discusses the nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands, during the 50s, comparing them to how the U.S. treated Native American and how it is only a modern incarnation of imperialism.

In the second half (parts 4, 5, and 6), he explains, with great clarity, that the threat of nuclear annihilation didn't end with the Cold War: in fact, it might even be greater now. He also predicts that wars in the Middle East, like the American invasion of Iraq, might create a new generation of jihadists, foreshadowing the accession of ISIS in Syria and finishes by saying that all is not lost, because the Peace Movement might be the most successful non-violent movement in history.

"But the lesson there is very clear. A mass non-violent political movement can change all this. All of it."

Link to the playlist: <https://goo.gl/8XtlMP>

The 6 parts of Noam Chomsky on Nuclear Weapons (2006):

Part 1—When the U.S. laughed at Hiroshima

Part 2—Was the Bombing of Hiroshima Necessary?

Part 3—When the U.S. Bombed Natives in Self-Defense

Part 4—Apocalypse Soon

Part 5—Jihadists, NAFTA and Mexico

Part 6—Victories of the Peace Movement

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In light of the upcoming Peace Fair in November, let's ask,

What is Fair Trade?

Fair trade is an approach to business and to development based on dialogue, transparency, and respect that seeks to create greater equity in the international trading system. Fair trade supports farmers and craftspeople in developing countries who are socially and economically marginalized. These producers often face steep hurdles in finding markets and customers for their goods.

Fair Trade Federation Principles:

Create Opportunities for Economically and Socially Marginalized Producers

Develop Transparent and Accountable Relationships

Build Capacity

Promote Fair Trade

Pay Promptly and Fairly

Support Safe and Empowering Working Conditions

Ensure the Rights of Children

Cultivate Environmental Stewardship

Respect Cultural Identity

For more info on Fair Trade visit:

<https://www.fairtradefederation.org/fair-trade-federation-principles/>



The International Day of Peace in Calgary, September 21, 2016

Can a postcard of a beautiful mountain lake make a difference? For the International Day of Peace (September 21) Project Ploughshares volunteers gave the Calgary public a chance to write their name and address on such a post card addressed to Prime Minister Trudeau. The message read:



*Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,
Canada's wilderness and its people are a treasure. Every other nation takes pride in their land and heritage, too. We call on you to put your considerable skills into leading a global campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons in order to preserve this beautiful world. Are you willing to lead?*

Most of the passers-by on the plaza between Eau Claire Market and the YMCA were hurrying to pick up their children, dog or their car. But many stopped anyway. Almost 150 postcards were handed out, a third of which were written then and there. The conclusion: most Calgarians want nuclear abolition and they believe, like the organizers, that a volume of postcards will give PM Trudeau the backing he needs to bring this about.

Join the campaign! See below for more information on the campaign and how you can get involved!

POSTCARD CAMPAIGN—A RARE CHANCE FOR CHANGE!

It is a rare chance for us to participate in a project that could change the course of human history by ensuring our security and that of future generations.

You have an opportunity to simply sign your name to a postcard to Prime Minister Trudeau that calls him to take leadership on the negotiations of nuclear disarmament.

Nuclear weapons remain a tremendous risk to humanity and our environment.

Quick Facts:

- ◇ There are roughly 15,700 nuclear weapons still with us.
- ◇ 1800 of those weapons are on alert—they could be used in less than 30 minutes.
- ◇ The time for decision-making is said to be about 12 minutes.

Imagine that, deciding the fate of the earth in 12 minutes...

Recent scientific research warns that even an exchange of as few as 100 nuclear weapons—so perhaps an exchange between India and Pakistan—may cause climate change. The firestorms resulting from the nuclear explosions that would place soot in the air that in turn will block the sun for years.

Help us make a difference - join the campaign!

- ◇ Sign your postcard.
- ◇ Talk with your family, friends and neighbours
- ◇ Take postcards to your workplace or faith group.
- ◇ Call your MP.
- ◇ Donate to PPC to help cover the postcard costs.

Contact the PPC office: 403-270-7366 or email office@ploughsharescalgary.ca to arrange pick up of postcards.

Together, let's rid the Earth of nuclear weapons!

32nd Annual

Holiday Peace Fair

Sat. November 12, 2016

Parkdale United Church

2919 - 8 Avenue NW

9:30 AM - 4 PM

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

Unique items from 30
vendors working for peace,
social justice and the
environment

**Light lunch available
for purchase**

\$5.00 admission

\$3.00 for seniors & students

**(Free for children
12 and under)**

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2016 PEACE FAIR BAKE SALE

Calling all Bakers!

**We need your skills, talents and generosity!
Please contribute to the**

Project Ploughshares' Bake Sale Table.

**Your time, skills and generosity will be greatly
appreciated.**

**The bigger the bake sale, the better for
Project Ploughshares!**

**Contributions can be dropped off on Friday Nov 11th or
early in the morning of Nov 12th**

Please let us know if you'll be bringing anything!

**Sultana
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SAVE THESE DATES

Event: PPC Seminar Series, Facilitating Refugee Settlement

When: Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Where: Parkdale United Church

2919-8 Avenue NW

Seminar Series is supported by donation according to ability

Event: Alternative Remembrance Day Service

When: Friday, November 11th, 2016 1-2 pm

Where: Community Peace Pole on the Bow River Path

Near 9th & 3rd Avenue

No Charge, donations for the White Poppies welcome

Event: Holiday Peace Fair

When: Saturday, November 12th, 2016

Where: Parkdale United Church

2919-8 Avenue NW

Admission: \$5.00

\$3.00 seniors and students

Free for children 12 and under

Light lunch available for purchase



Volunteers are the Backbone of Charities and Non-Profit Organizations. Volunteers are NEEDED for the Peace Fair. Please call Sultana to confirm your availability for set-up on Friday, Nov 11th, and take-down on Nov 12th. We also need kitchen volunteers, staffing the tables, clean-up, etc.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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



Welcome to FALL

Hope you have had a great and peaceful Summer. 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 September, we received zero dollars 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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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

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Donation Options: Cheque PayPal Cash

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

Please mail completed form with donation to:

Project Ploughshares Calgary, 2919 - 8 Ave. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1C8

(Project Ploughshares is a charitable organization - we issue tax receipts for all donations over \$20)