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Peace News

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We are located:
Parkdale United
Church
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Office hours:
Mon Tues & Thurs
9:30 am - 2 pm
Wed 12 - 4 pm

2nd annual
calgary
peace
run festival



Saturday September 21, 2013

10:00 AM RACE START

From Festival Market Square

REGISTER ONLINE AT
runningroom.com

FOR FURTHER INFO
calgarypeacerun.ca

**Seeking sponsors/donors and runners/walkers
for the Second Annual Calgary Peace Run Festival!**

Full brochure can be seen [here](#). Registration form is [here](#).

We invite you to join the growing community of Calgarians who wish to promote peace and nonviolence to create a better world for everyone. This family-friendly event is comprised of 5K and 10K timed runs and walks, as well as post-race medal presentations, fantastic draw prizes, musical entertainment, and activities for children. For the serious runner, this is the most fun and meaningful run of the year! The Calgary Peace Run Festival draws together people from all traditions and beliefs to bring us a step closer to a "just world at peace".

The 2012 Calgary Peace Run caught the imaginations of individuals, community organizations and businesses that envision a world of peace and nonviolence. Our thanks to all who made it a great success. **This year a portion of the net proceeds will go to the Canadian Red Cross 2013 Alberta Flood Relief Fund.**

This is your opportunity to get involved in 2013!

**Calgary Peace Run website at www.calgarypeacerun.ca
and pay via PayPal (for donations and/or registrations),
or send a cheque to: Project Ploughshares Calgary, 2919 - 8 Ave NW,
Calgary, AB T2N 1C8.**



Yoga for Peace Week
A Calgary Peace Run Festival Event
September 14th - 20th
Calgary Community Peace Pole

(located on the south Bow River Pathway just east of the 10th Street LRT bridge)

DATE	TIME	YOGA STYLE
Saturday Sept 14	12 - 1 PM	Baptiste Ashtanga
Sunday Sept 15	2 - 3 PM	Iyengar Hatha Yoga
Monday Sept 16	12 - 1 PM	Yin Restorative
Tuesday Sept 17	4 - 5 PM	TBA
Wednesday Sept 18	4 - 5 PM	Baptiste Ashtanga
Thursday Sept 19	4 - 5 PM	TBA
Friday Sept 20	11 AM - 12 PM	Gentle Flow

Come one day, a couple of days, or every day to experience yoga in the great outdoors.
Karma Box will be available for donations.

Yoga Jam at the Calgary Peace Run Festival

Presented by Roots and Shoots from the University of Calgary



This is a new and important part of the Calgary Peace Run Festival this year. Join the Calgary community for a dynamic and playful celebration of the United Nations International Day for Peace! The Calgary Peace Run Festival and Roots & Shoots is thrilled to present participants with a full schedule of activities that are sure to get your heart pumping, your face smiling and your belly rippling with laughter! We are here to bring people of all ages, traditions and beliefs together to create a culture of peace in our city, our country and the world. We will have t-shirts

that you can tie-dye on the festival grounds, with 100% of the proceeds going to the people of High River. From 1 - 3 PM there will be a **Yoga Jam** at Festival Market Square, (immediately after the run) with the proceeds of this event going to the Africa Yoga Program. You can find more info about this program at www.calgarypeaceday.ca

Dance Walk for the Calgary Peace Run Festival

September 5th , 4 - 5 PM

Calgary Peace Bridge (meet at south side of bridge)

Help us raise awareness in the community about issues related to peace, and promote the Calgary Peace Run at the same time. This is a fun event designed for all ages - we simply walk and dance our way across the Peace Bridge and back to some lively, peace-related tunes! Come out and bring your family and friends to this year's Dance Walk on the Peace Bridge.



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Memorial Lantern Event Friday August 9, 2013, Olympic Plaza

On August 9, Calgary held its first outdoor Floating Lantern Memorial, in remembrance of those who were affected by the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. The event was inspired by Calgary's participation in Mayors for Peace and by a smaller memorial organized in recent years by a Calgary activist and her friends. About 250 Calgarians heard poetry written for the occasion by Calgary's poet laureate Kris Demeanor; music of koto and flute; and presentations by individuals as young as a 9-year old boy, who expressed his concerns for the future. The audience then participated in launching the memorial lanterns on the water of the Olympic Plaza pool in downtown Calgary. The event was organized by Calgary's 2020 Vision for Humanity Network, Project Ploughshares Calgary, and the Calgary Centre for Global Community; and sponsored by Freshwater Creative. Attendance greatly exceeded expectations, and planning for next year's event has already begun.

Project Ploughshares and the Calgary Centre for Global Community Conversations on Peace and Global Citizenship

Dr. Debra Davidson

Climate Change, Displacement and Community Resiliency

Thursday September 12th, 6:30 - 9 PM

Parkdale United Church Conference Room

Dr. Davidson is a professor at the University of Alberta in the Department of Economics and Environmental Sociology. She is the author of several books and articles, and specializes in Natural Resource Politics and Governance; the Social Dimensions of Global Environmental Change; Environmental Risk; and Rural Sociology. Her current research activities include the social dimension of climate change vulnerability; food security and alternative food systems; and institutional analysis of climate change adaptation in the forest sector. There will be an open discussion after her remarks, led by Erin McFarlane, Julie Frolich and Bob Hawkesworth.



**2020 Vision for Humanity:
toward human security worldwide
A Symposium on November 2, 2013
Parkdale United Church, Calgary, AB
8:30AM - 5 PM**

In keeping with the multi-disciplinary nature of our symposium, we invite submissions for research abstracts from academics, graduate students, post-doctoral research fellows, journalists, lawyers, conflict resolution specialists; and from representatives of NGOs with an interest in peace and development issues, global democracy and citizenship, building a healthier global community, creating a culture of peace (as defined by [UNESCO](http://www.unesco.org)), human rights and security issues, conflict resolution, and nuclear disarmament. For more info and to look at the call for abstracts, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/peacestudies/symposium>. Please note that the deadline for abstracts has been extended to September 15th, 2013.



"The salvation of mankind lies only in making everything the concern of all."
Russian writer **Alexander Solzhenitsyn** (1918-2008),
who waged war on a superpower by using the weapon of words.

We'd Love to Have YOU on board as one of our EXTRAORDINARY VOLUNTEERS!



We could still use a few people for the Calgary Peace Run. If you're not running or walking, how about volunteering for the day? We have positions open for Race Marshalls, Cheerleaders, Water Stations, and Food Tables. If you'd like to help out in one of these very tangible ways, please give us a call at the number below. **There will be a volunteer orientation for the Peace Run volunteers on Monday September 16th from 6:30 - 7:30 at the Parkdale United Church Conference Room.**

We are also looking for about 10 volunteers to help out with our **Toy Audit**, which will take place **mid-October 2013**. Training will be provided for this exciting new initiative. We will send out teams to several Calgary toy stores with a specific set of criteria that they will use to look at and assess displays of toys, and afterward we will collate the results and send them out to Calgary media. This will be not only a fun project, but also a very important one in determining the best places to shop for holiday toys!

Please give us a call if you're interested in exploring these or other options.

Karen at **403-270-7366** or **office@ploughsharescalgary.ca**



Donations

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



DONATE»

We received \$465 during the month of June from individual donors, and \$550 from organizations. When you're planning your charitable donations, please think about Project Ploughshares and give generously! We value your contributions, and would like to thank all those who continue to contribute big-heartedly to support Project Ploughshares. We can't continue to do the important and meaningful work of peacebuilding without

Daniel Ellsberg among 31 arrested at Livermore lab during Hiroshima Day protests

Protestors lay down in front of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's west gate, where they were outlined in chalk to symbolize the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Ellsberg and others were arrested for blocking the gate and released. "It's hard for me to believe that the crime (of bombing Hiroshima) will not be repeated," Ellsberg said prior to his arrest. "We shouldn't be letting it go on without our protests. This won't happen without it being over our bodies."

Rick Collier Memorial Fund Established



The Department of English at Mount Royal University has created a **Richard Collier Memorial Award** in honour of our late colleague. This endowed award will provide scholarships to English majors who demonstrate academic achievement and leadership in outdoor pursuits, community engagement, and/or social activism. We are now seeking donations to meet our endowment target and allow us to begin offering the Award to students.

Richard Collier was an activist, environmentalist and political candidate who stood for social justice and making our community a better place for all. He came to Mount Royal in 1967 as a Vietnam War draft dodger and spent nearly 30 years as a faculty member in the English department. Passionate about literature and writing, he established the student magazine *Skylines*, developed a freelance writing certificate program, and was instrumental in building the foundation for Mount Royal's Bachelor of Arts degree. His passion continues to resonate through the department, our programs and our teaching.

Richard was also an avid outdoorsman and long distance runner who had climbed over 1,300 mountains and cycled the circumference of the continental United States. Tragically, in August 2012, he was killed in a climbing accident in the mountains he loved and where he spent so much time.

Memorial contributions would be gratefully received, not least by the students who will benefit from this award. The Mount Royal Foundation receives all donations, which can be designated to the Richard Collier Memorial Award. Gifts can be made online at <http://www.mtroyal.ca/Alumni/donate> or by mail or fax using the form at http://www.mtroyal.ca/wcm/groups/public/documents/pdf/cfe_friends_gift_form.pdf

If you have questions or need further information, please contact David Hyttenrauch at dhyttenrauch@mtroyal.ca or 403-440-6453.

Press release 26th August 2013



Mairead Maguire, Nobel peace laureate, today appealed to the Rt. Hon. William Hague, British Foreign Minister, and M. Laurent Fabius, French Foreign Minister, to stop calling for military action against Syria which, she said, will only lead the Middle East into even more violence and bloodshed for its people.

Maguire said:

Arming rebels and authorizing military action by USA/NATO forces will not solve the problem facing Syria, but indeed could lead to the death of thousands of Syrians, the breaking-up of Syria, and it falling under the control of violent fundamentalist jihadist forces. It will mean the further fleeing of Syrians into surrounding countries which will themselves become destabilised. The entire Middle East will become unstable and violence will spiral out of control.

Contrary to some foreign governments current policies of arming the rebels and pushing for military intervention, the people of Syria are calling out for peace and reconciliation and a political solution to the crisis, which continues to be enflamed by outside forces with thousands of foreign fighters funded and supported by outside countries for their own political ends.

Having visited Syria in May, 2013, after leading a 16 person delegation I returned convinced that the civil community, with groups such as Mussalaha, who are working on the ground building peace and reconciliation, can solve their own problems if their plea for outsiders to remain out of the conflict is honoured by the international community.

During our visit we met with all sections of the community, most of whom are sick of violence and death and want peace and reconciliation and a political solution. We met with the Syrian Prime Minister and 7 other government ministers, and we were assured that the Government did not use sarin gas on its own people, and they invited the UN to send in inspectors to see what was happening.

Currently there is an International Commission of Inquiry on Chemical Weapons in Damascus staying at Four Seasons Hotel, which is less than ten minutes from the areas where the chemical weapons were allegedly used. The western media, particularly vocal being the British and French Foreign Ministers, are accusing President Assad of using chemical weapons on his own people but have no proof of this accusation, rather some things point to rebels as the ones who used such weapons.

The question must be asked, what would it benefit Assad to use sarin gas in the vicinity of visiting international UN inspectors and in his own environment and neighbourhood where it would affect his soldiers, etc., personally, I do not believe the latest accusations against the Assad government using sarin gas, and in order that the world can hear the truth, I would appeal to the International Commission of Inquiry to go into the areas in question immediately and report as quickly as possible. In the meantime I appeal to the Foreign Ministers of Britain and France to encourage, as the Syrian people wish, dialogue and negotiation as a way forward. We all remember the fear, panic and lies spun by the British and American governments, and others that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and it was not true. Let us learn the lesson of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya where so many millions have been killed in invasions and war, and many continue to die in violence. Violence is not the answer, let's end this 'war on terror' and give nonviolence and peace a chance.

Mairead Maguire

Nobel peace laureate

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Calgary Peace Events



Marda Loop Justice Film Festival
Friday September 10, 2013, 7:00
River Park Church Auditorium
3818—14A St SW

The Avenue

Director: Jaimie Clements

As cities across Canada are faced with the growing epidemic of urban flight, city cores are becoming a place somewhat of a wasteland. Neglected buildings, decreased populations, and increased crime, lay in the wake of urban sprawl and the lure of the suburbs. For years 118th Avenue in Edmonton has been synonymous with drugs, crime and prostitution. But now, that image is changing. The Avenue exposes the heart of the people residing around 118th Avenue as they take back their neighbourhood through grassroots initiatives, leaving their community stronger in their wake. This timely documentary highlights the Community's struggle to have the infamous Cromdale Hotel demolished, a longstanding magnet for crime, and follows the growing arts emergence that has brought festivals like the increasingly popular Kaleido Family Arts Festival to 118th Avenue, making the area an arts destination. But can they overcome the negative reputation their community is plagued with and revitalize their neighbourhood without falling into the pitfalls of gentrification? **93 min.**

Project Ploughshares and the Calgary Centre for Global Community

Wednesday October 23rd Presentation, Location TBA

Results of the Toy Audit & Peaceful Parenting Discussion

Discussion led by Naomi Turner

Please note the date on your calendars for this important discussion. Naomi Turner, B.A. (Environmental Studies and Sociology), B.Ed. is very devoted to meaningful education for children. She has taught in environmental education centres, in a Waldorf School, in an NGO in India as well as in an Inuit community in Northern Canada. Currently she is teaching in the Calgary Board of Education in a cooperative and enquiry based school pursuing authentic learning with children from all over the world. Naomi strives to ensure a more holistic approach to education and provide an atmosphere where children can explore their interconnectivity. She emphasizes the importance of relationships in education and that the very essence of peace is recognizing our interconnectivity with everything. She is devoted to help reveal to children the great possibilities that emerge when we unite. She develops artwork and storytelling as a means to express this understanding. She is currently writing children's books for peace education.



Yes! I want to become a Project Ploughshares Calgary donor and partner in building peace.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Here is my donation for 2013 of:

\$35 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$_____

(donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt)

I'd like to become a Friend of Ploughshares and give a monthly pre-authorized debit donation, please send me an application form:

I'd like to receive the monthly newsletter by:

Email (recommended) Mail (with \$35 donation)



29th Annual Peace Fair

Saturday November 23, 2013, Parkdale United Church

Save the date for this annual crowd-pleaser! Note that we have changed venues this year, but will offer the same amazing array of fairly-traded and environmentally sound products.