

Taking peace online: The Schools Peace Gallery

In honour of its tenth anniversary, the Sydney Peace Foundation is launching an online initiative – the Schools Peace Gallery. The project is part of the Foundation's Schools Peace Initiative which aims to engage youth in the message of peace with justice.

The online gallery will showcase outstanding projects for peace being undertaken by middle and senior students in Australian high schools to promote peace with justice locally, nationally and internationally.

One of the main aims of the online gallery is to connect students from both the public and private institutions, as well as from urban, rural and remote settings in New South Wales. "This is important so that students will know that they are not alone in their efforts to achieve a peaceful world," said the Founda-

tion's volunteer project co-ordinator, Mauricio Bastien.

The Schools Peace Gallery is an extension of the *Picturing Peace* event, held at the Foundation in March 2006. At that event, a group of Cabramatta High School student artists presented the Sydney Peace Foundation with their artworks depicting their visions of peace with justice.

Through the online gallery, the Foundation, together with the support of Members Equity Bank, acknowledges the significant efforts of young people to foster an understanding of peace in schools and communities.

The Gallery invites years 10, 11 and 12 students in New South Wales to submit examples of current projects which demonstrate an understanding of peace with justice. For more information on the guidelines, please visit the Foundation website.

Extracts from poems by Cabramatta High School students:

Peace is the sound of gunfire ceasing.
Sophie Phan.

Peace is the only thing that will make the world live longer.
Romeo Ilunga

Peace looks like a soaring rainbow that falls into your hands.
Monica Phan

Peace is found in friends of all colours.
Lisa Ngo

Peace is a train that takes people to a joyful land.
Vatthey Seng

Short Takes

February was a busy month for the Foundation. In addition to launching the Schools Peace Gallery, the Foundation has also launched a blog dedicated to the news and activities of the Sydney Peace Prize recipients.

Below are summaries of our Peace Prize recipients' recent activities. Visit our blog at <http://sydneypeacefoundation.wordpress.com> for a fuller and updated coverage.



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Professor Muhammad Yunus, the inaugural Sydney Peace Prize recipient was conferred the 2007 Golden Trailblazer award in by [Vital Voices](#), a US-based organisation of global women leaders.

East Timorese President Xanana Gusmao is the principal narrator in the documentary, [A Hero's Journey](#). In the film, the 2000 Sydney Peace Prize recipient takes the audience on a journey through East Timor's struggle to find peace and reconciliation.

Former Ireland President Mrs Mary Robinson conducted an [online Q&A](#) with readers of the *International Herald Tribune* on various issues relating to globalisation.