

THE PEACE VOICE

Newsletter for the Mir Centre for Peace at Selkirk College



September 21 – International Day of Peace

"Peace is one of humanity's most precious needs. It is also the United Nation's highest calling."

— U.N. Secretary General
Ban Ki-moon

The International Day of Peace, also known as "Peace Day," was established by the United Nation's in 1981. In 2002 the General Assembly officially declared September 21 as the permanent date for the Peace Day. On September 21, the United Nation's gifts humanity with a day lovingly dedicated to our journey for peace. Peace Day is a day when we are asked to reflect, act, and commit to current and future efforts for world-wide peace.

Mediation Services

The Mir Centre is exploring the development of a community volunteer mediation program.

If you would like more information, please contact Randy Janzen at 250.365.1234
rjanzen@selkirk.ca

Mir Centre for Peace Lecture Series:



I Shall Not Hate

Known as the Gaza Doctor, Nobel Peace Prize nominee, **Izzeldin Abuelaish** is the author of the bestselling book *I Shall Not Hate*, which chronicles his life growing up in Gaza and the development of his outlook on life and peace in Israel and Palestine. Dr. Abuelaish's three daughters were killed during the War on Gaza in January 2009, minutes before he was to speak live on an Israeli TV program

Location: Brilliant Cultural Centre, 1876 Brilliant Road, Castlegar

Time: 7 pm Wednesday, September 21

Cost: Adult \$20/Student \$15/Senior \$15

Tickets are available at Selkirk College campus bookstores, Castlegar and District Public Library and Otter Books in Nelson. Order with credit card (MC and VISA) by calling 250-365-1281

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Join us for an exciting fall line-up of workshops

Literature and Culture: In Search of Utopia in the Kootenays

Exploring the cultural experience of groups such as the Sinixt First Nations, Doukhobors, and Japanese-Canadians, as each searches for an expression of justice and healing, the "imagination" of peace will be a key part of this workshop. This course is eligible for University credit.

Castlegar: Mir Centre for Peace

Friday, Sept 9: 10 am – 3 pm

Saturday, Sept 10: 9 am – 3 pm

Sunday, Sept 11: 9 am – 3 pm

Cost: \$80 for non-credit participants

Dr. Myler Wilkinson

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life: A Mir Centre Book Club

You are invited to take part in our book club which will focus on Karen Armstrong's best seller:

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life.

Castlegar: Selkirk College Library

6:30 -8 pm, Mondays (12 in total)

Cost: \$20 for the series

Karen Godbout and Elizabeth Lund

From Idea to Action: How to Organize a Community Campaign

"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." This workshop will offer practical information on how to organize your idea into a campaign for change.

Castlegar: Mir Centre for Peace

Saturday, October 15, 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$30 for adults, \$20 for students

Randy Janzen and David Lubbers

Peace Yoga Workshop: The Vishuddha or Throat Chakra

The vishuddha or throat chakra is the bridge between our heart and our mind. In this workshop we will open this chakra and use the vishuddha energy to bridge our heartfelt peace with our peaceful ideas to communicate with our community.

Castlegar, Mir Centre for Peace

Saturday, Oct 22 1pm-5pm

Cost: \$50

Janice Ferraro

Rising up together: Taking care of our Commons.

Much of what we share – water, atmosphere, land, internet, knowledge – are at risk. A rising movement called The Commons Movement has been inspiring new ways for citizens to collectively manage and preserve these resources, now and for future generations. Commons offers new organizing principles for governance and economics. This course provides information, models and opportunities for co-learning and co-action.

Castlegar, Mir Centre for Peace

4 Thursdays (November 3, 10, 17 and 25) at 7 pm

Cost: \$25 for the series

Jan Inglis

Peace Cafe

Remember to join us Thursday evenings at the Mir Centre for our Peace Cafes.

Go to www.selkirk.ca/mir/ for our schedule

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Join Us this Fall for the following Mir Peace Lectures

John Siebert, Executive Director of Project Plowshares

Canada's Military Mission in Afghanistan: What is our Peacekeeping Tradition?

Date Wednesday, October 12, 7 pm

Location Capitol Theatre, Nelson

Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Available at the door or through Capitol Theatre (250.352.6363)

John Siebert became the Executive Director of Project Ploughshares in 2005. Founded in 1976, Project Ploughshares is the ecumenical peace centre of the Canadian Council of Churches. The work of Project Ploughshares includes research and policy development on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, the control and reduction of conventional weapons including small arms and light weapons,



Greg Mortenson Three Cups of Tea

Date Wednesday, November 2, 7 pm

Location Brilliant Cultural Centre, Castlegar

Lecture title Three Cups of Tea, or Promoting Peace with Books, not Bombs

Tickets \$35 adults, \$30 students and seniors. Available at college bookstores (or phone 365-1281), Otter Books, or at the Door.

Greg Mortenson is the co-founder of the non-profit Central Asia Institute, Pennies For Peace, and co-author of *New York Times* bestseller *Three Cups of Tea* which has sold over 4 million copies in 49 countries and remained a *New York Times* bestseller for 190 weeks since its 2007 paperback release.



Samantha Nutt, Executive Director of War Child Canada

Date Thursday, December 8, 7 pm

Location Capitol Theatre, Nelson

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Available at the door or through Capitol Theatre (250.352.6363).

Dr. Samantha Nutt is a medical doctor with more than fifteen years of experience working in war zones. Committed to peace, human rights and social justice, she has worked in some of the world's most violent flashpoints as founder and executive director of *War Child Canada*. Dr. Nutt will be speaking about new book entitled: *Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies, and Aid*

