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Newsletter for the Mir Centre for Peace at Selkirk College



Join first-year Peace Studies students for a celebration of

An Alternative Timeline of History

Tuesday, November 29th
11 am—2 pm
The Pit
(Main Building, Castlegar Campus)

Come see a 100 foot timeline of photos, exhibits and displays that showcase historical events that highlight nonviolence. Our history books and conventional timelines talk a great deal of wars, conquests and military heroes. This timeline shows history from a different perspective.

Check out our [Mir Centre for Peace](#) website for our winter/spring line up of workshops, lectures and Peace Cafes. Pease note: workshop registrations will begin in January.

Mir Centre for Peace Lecture Series in Partnership with Otter Books Presents:



Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies and Aid

Samantha Nutt (Sam) is the founder and executive director of War Child Canada, as well as a medical doctor with more than fifteen years experience working in war zones.

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2011 ♦ 7:00 pm

Location: Capitol Theatre, Nelson BC

Tickets: Adults \$12 ♦ Students/Seniors \$10

Tickets are available online at the Capitol Theatre capitoltheatre.bc.ca or by calling 250.352.6363

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All inquiries are free and confidential.

Mir Centre for Peace Embarking on Community Mediation Program

Beginning in January 2012, the Mir Centre for Peace will offer a free mediation service to our community. We believe that offering opportunities to address conflict in ways that are compassionate and solution focussed is part of our mission to build cultures of peace in our region.

Our program is made up of specially trained volunteers who work in pairs to facilitate people's own ability to address conflict and nurture relationships. Typical issues that lend themselves to this service include neighbourhood conflicts (noise, pets, etc), interpersonal conflicts (roommates, friends, family members), landlord/tenant conflicts, among others.

The benefit of mediation program is that it helps you explain your side of the story while at the same time, helps you understand the other person's point of view.

What is Community Mediation?

Community mediation is a transformative and facilitative model of conflict resolution. It is a confidential, voluntary process that encourages individuals in conflict to share their recognition of each other's perspectives. Through this process, the individuals in the conflict empower themselves to make their own decisions regarding all aspects of the process including the outcomes. Community mediation observes and values people's rights and asks people to consider their own and each other's needs, interests, feelings and values. The process is offered at no charge to the people experiencing the conflict.

Community mediators are trained according to a specific model - they work in pairs and are drawn from and are broadly representative of the community in which they live, work or volunteer. Community mediators are impartial and work in the interests of all the parties involved in a conflict. Community mediators do not evaluate the situations they mediate, except to ensure the good faith, competence and safety of the parties involved.

Community mediation encourages people to reflect on their own thoughts, values and feelings about conflict and their relationships with the others involved in the conflict. Community mediation is a voluntary process. Community mediation values and encourages inclusivity, diversity and equity. The process is about transforming the individuals involved in the conflict to gain the skills and knowledge to better deal with conflict in the future and to transform the systemic conditions that the conflicts happen within.