

2024

Sydney Peace Foundation Annual Report





Mission

The Sydney Peace Foundation is dedicated to promoting peace with justice. We shine a light on solutions that prove peace is possible and create public dialogue to drive policy reform. For over 26 years, the Foundation has recognised leading global and local voices for peace, human rights and justice. We provide a platform for leaders and movements to expand their influence and inspire the next generation of peacemakers.

Strategic Priorities

VOICE

Build a powerful collective voice for peace with justice by educating and engaging civil society, policy makers, academics and young people.

IMPACT

Strengthen and expand the impact and reach of our initiatives that demand peace with justice.

SUSTAINABILITY

Build a sustainable Sydney Peace Foundation.

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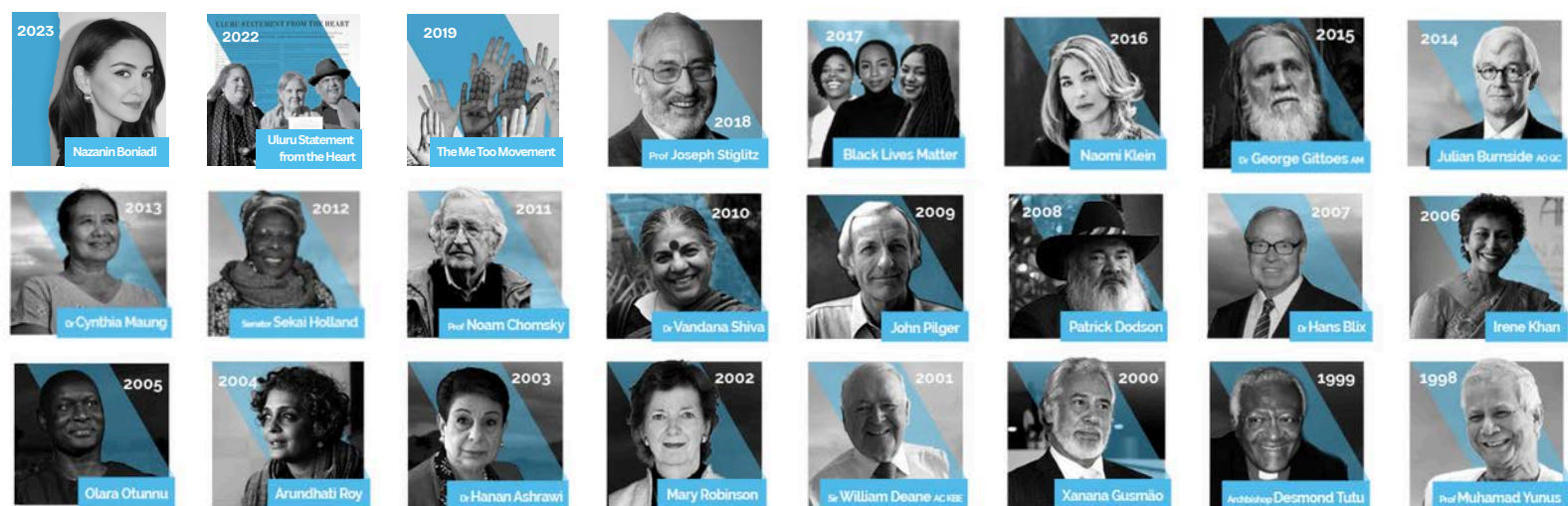


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SYDNEY



The Sydney Peace Prize 1998-2024

2024 International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement



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For societies to live in peace, people require more than safety from the violence of war and oppression.

To achieve true and lasting peace, we must reject fear and division so that we can build strong, loving and compassionate communities.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON

Sydney prides itself as a city of peace. We are committed to universal human rights and justice, as are millions of people around the world.

But the international situation is alarming. Currently there are 120 major conflicts involving 60 states. In the past year, 162,000 people have died in armed conflicts. And around the world 110 million people have been displaced by wars.

In these times of unbearable suffering, the work of The Sydney Peace Foundation and its dedication to promoting peace and honouring the champions of social justice and human rights is incredibly important.

For the past 26 years, the City of Sydney has partnered with the Foundation to help create a peaceful, fair, just and compassionate world.

The Sydney Peace Foundation focuses on solutions that prove that peace with justice is possible and inspires and empowers people everywhere to create that reality in their lives and communities.

As Australia's only international award for peace, the annual Sydney Peace Prize reminds us of the urgent need to address conflict where we see it, and to think more deeply about the world and our values.

This year, the eminent Sydney Peace Prize jury selected the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

This year's highly respected recipients work in difficult and dangerous conditions to provide a lifeline to civilians, reunite families and improve access to essential services like water and electricity.

Their independence and impartiality engender the respect of all sides in conflicts. And they use their neutrality to advocate for safe and sustained humanitarian access, and for international humanitarian law for the protection of civilians, medical facilities and humanitarian personnel.

At a time when the international situation is truly alarming, it is inspiring to know there are courageous people doing extraordinary work for the global community. They remind us of how precious it is to live in peace.

And we used this recognition of their selfless, brave and heroic service to repeat calls for leaders to put an end to the suffering and deliver lasting peace and justice for all.

We must continue to use our voices, our education and our many other advantages to help communities who need it most.

Because standing up for peace, justice and humanity is the responsibility of us all.

Clover Moore AO
Lord Mayor of Sydney





MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AND ACTING CHAIR

We are honoured to present the 2024 Sydney Peace Foundation Annual Report. In a year dominated by an unravelling of multilateral systems and a rules-based order, the Sydney Peace Foundation continued to champion leading global voices for peace and advocate for a fairer, more just world.

At a time where we witnessed some of the worst of humanity, we came together to recognise the very best, with the awarding of the Sydney Peace Prize to the world's leading humanitarian organisation, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The prize coincided with the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Geneva Conventions. The Movement was selected for embedding the essential meaning of the conventions in all its courageous and highly respected humanitarian work towards peace, respecting common humanity and understanding among all peoples. The 2024 Sydney Peace Prize paid special tribute to the courage and enormous sacrifices of the men and women of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society.

As we witness human rights abuses and war crimes in Palestine, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar, now is the time to remain vigilant and to act for peace, knowing that lasting peace can only be achieved through dialogue, adherence to international law and other non-violent solutions to conflict.

This annual report outlines the Foundation's 2024 activities and acknowledges the support of partners and supporters who make our work possible. Throughout the year we focused, with renewed vigour, on creating a more sustainable Peace Foundation with encouraging financial results. We also strengthened our alignment with teaching and learning priorities at the University of Sydney through public events, research and partner engagement.

As we look to 2025 and beyond, we will continue to work with our partners and supporters to create a stronger and more impactful Sydney Peace Foundation.

We are immensely grateful to all those who worked alongside us for a more compassionate world, where human rights for all are valued and respected.

In solidarity and peace,

Melanie Morrison
Director

Dr Jane Fulton
Acting Chair

Sydney Peace Foundation





2024 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL & STAFF

(IN REPORTING PERIOD)

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Ms Joy Kyriacou

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Mr Steve Lancken

DIRECTOR

Melanie Morrison

* Ex officio member

** University Officer Foundations

Note: for a full list of 2024 Executive Council Members including commencement and resignation dates, please see page 24.

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Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney

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University of Sydney Chancellor
and Governor of NSW

Peace

Rights

Justice

Dignity

Security

Freedom

Equality

Well-being

Democracy

Nonviolence



2024 SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE

The 2024 Sydney Peace Prize was awarded to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Recognising a humanitarian network of more than 16 million volunteers and staff, dedicated to saving lives and preventing the suffering of people affected by armed conflict and committed to upholding International Humanitarian Law.

In a year that marks the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Geneva Conventions—and at a time when International Humanitarian Law faces unprecedented challenges—their work remains as vital and relevant as ever.

Throughout 2024, we worked closely with the highly professional and collegiate team at the Australian Red Cross. We are enormously grateful for their expert advice and insights and their willingness to manage the logistics for the delegation from the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), who visited us in November.

The \$50,000 Sydney Peace Prize award funds were directed towards funding Australian Red Cross medical delegates volunteering at the IFRC field hospital in Gaza.



This award is a testament to the dedication of our 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' staff and volunteers. Many are working in some of the most challenging and dangerous environments in the world. Their dedication reflects the fundamental principles and values that define our Movement.

Jagan Chapagain
IFRC Secretary General





SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE EVENTS - FLAGSHIP EVENTS

Sydney Peace Prize Announcement



We were grateful to the City of Sydney and Lord Mayor Clover Moore for once again hosting the Sydney Peace Prize Announcement in the Lord Mayor's Reception Room at Sydney Town Hall on 18 June.

United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counter Terrorism, and Challis Chair of International Law, University of Sydney Professor Ben Saul gave a powerful keynote address outlining the vital role played by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as a guardian of International Humanitarian Law. Penny Harrison, acting CEO of the Australian Red Cross, graciously accepted the nomination on behalf of the Movement.

Sydney Town Hall Peace Prize Lecture and Ceremony

The landmark event commenced with a stunning Acknowledgement of Country and a performance from three talented performers from the NSW Arts Unit Aboriginal Dance Group.

In his Sydney Peace Prize speech, the International Federation of the Red Cross General Secretary Jagan Chapagain spoke to the humanitarian crises around the world and the unprecedented challenges faced by the global humanitarian system.



At its core, this award is not just about the Red Cross and Red Crescent. It is about the enduring spirit of humanity that our volunteers and staff exemplify every day.

Jagan Chapagain





Speaking on behalf of the Sydney Peace Foundation, council member Mohamed Duar gave an impassioned talk, highlighting the pain and suffering of Palestinians.

Acclaimed writer and presenter Ben Law was the evening's MC, charming all with his quick wit and sensitive approach to humanitarian disasters across the world. He skilfully convened the post lecture panel, comprising Jagan Chapagain, the University of Sydney's Professor Emily Crawford and Mike Denison, a recently returned Red Cross delegate from Gaza.

It was an honour to have our long-term patron Lord Mayor Clover Moore present the new Sydney Peace Prize trophy, beautifully crafted by Indigenous artist Wayne McGinness.

Gala Dinner



This year the Gala Dinner was held at the Sheraton on the Park in Sydney's CBD on 21 November. Award-winning journalist and presenter, Anton Enus, hosted the black-tie event with charm and finesse. It was an honour to have Regional Director for the IFRC Asia Pacific Alexander Matheou give the keynote address. We also heard from the new CEO of the Australian Red

Cross, Andrew Colvin, and the Vice-President (External Engagement) at the University of Sydney, Kirsten Andrews.

Sydney Peace Foundation Director, Melanie Morrison, facilitated a lively panel discussion featuring Alexander Matheou, Professor Emily Crawford, Mohamed Duar and Christine Evans, a registered nurse and Australian Red Cross delegate recently returned from the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

University Panel Discussion



Peace Week commenced on 18 November with a panel discussion entitled 'Delivering Healthcare and Protecting Civilians in Conflict Zones' at the University of Sydney, hosted in partnership with the University of Sydney's Faculty of Medicine and Health; Western Sydney University's School of Law and School of Medicine and Health; and supported by the University of Sydney's Centre for International Law.

We thank Dr Megan Cox, Jagan Chapagain, Professor Emily Crawford, Professor Catherine Renshaw, and Dr Majdi Sabahelzain for participating in an insightful and hard-hitting discussion.



Cabramatta High Peace Day

This was again a highlight of Peace Week. Over 2,500 students from across western Sydney came together in a celebration of diversity and peace. The Cabramatta High event included colourful student performances from around the world and a release of 100 doves into the blue sky above hundreds of students and guests.

Alexander Matheou from the International Federation of the Red Cross, Australian Red Cross delegate Christine Evans and the Australian Red Cross team were greeted by hundreds of enthusiastic students, many in traditional dress. Dignitaries, including local Federal MP Dai Le, NSW Department of Education officials and representatives from the Sydney Peace Foundation, were among those who accompanied Cabramatta High Principal Lachlan Erskine and our Peace Prize Laureate on a school tour.

I've been working in peace for over 20 years. It seems I should have come to Cabramatta High to understand what peace really looks like.

Alexander Matheou, Regional Director for Asia Pacific





SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION PUBLIC EVENT PROGRAM

Throughout 2024, the Sydney Peace Foundation hosted and produced a number of engaging and thoughtful conversations and public events. These events supported the Sydney Peace Foundation's goal of aligning with both the teaching and learning objectives of the University of Sydney, while also strengthening the Foundation's strategic engagement initiatives. We thank the Highgate Foundation for supporting this public event program.

March 2024: Daily Life in Palestine with Nathan Thrall

Drawing on a decade spent as the director of the International Crisis Group's Arab-Israeli Project, Nathan Thrall was in Sydney to discuss his new book, *A Day in the Life of Abed Salama*, an extraordinary micro-history that illuminates the reality of daily life in Palestine. He was joined by Rawan Arraf, Executive Director at the Australian Centre for International Justice (ACIJ) and Dr Ihab Shalbak, from the University of Sydney's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

April 2024: Anzac Day Reflection

At an event organised by Marrickville Peace Group on Anzac Day, Sydney Peace Foundation Director Melanie Morrison's address was a plea for more humanity and decency in a world wracked by war and conflict.

June 2024: The Trial of Jimmy Lai, Media Freedom and Democracy in Hong Kong

This was a far-reaching discussion about Jimmy Lai, renowned pro-democracy campaigner, media entrepreneur, writer and founder of Apple Daily, on trial in Hong Kong and facing the possibility of a lifetime in prison.

His son, Sebastien Lai, was visiting Australia, along with lead counsel and civil liberties expert, Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC. Professor Ben Saul, Challis Chair of International Law at the University of Sydney and the United Nations Special Rapporteur, and award-winning barrister Jennifer Robinson also joined the well-attended discussion.

July 2024: Rotary Sydney, a Boardroom Dialogue - The Sydney Peace Prize 2024

At this boardroom lunch Sydney Peace Foundation co-chair, Felix Eldridge, and Amnesty International's Mohamed Duar walked us through the unique place the Sydney Peace Foundation and the Sydney Peace Prize have on the world stage. They discussed the process and reasoning for the choice of the 2024 recipient – the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.



August 2024: Human Rights and Democracy in Indonesia

Human Rights Watch's Indonesia Researcher Andreas Harsono and Sydney Peace Foundation's Melanie Morrison discussed the state of human rights in Indonesia under the new president-elect Prabowo Subianto. In this discussion, Andreas delved into the state of human rights in Indonesia and shared his concerns for the future.

This event was hosted by the University of Sydney's Master of Social Justice program and the Sydney Peace Foundation in partnership with Human Rights Watch.

September 2024: NoWar Conference

As part of this global conference to coincide with International Peace Day, Sydney Peace Foundation's Melanie Morrison hosted a panel entitled 'Working Towards an Independent and Peaceful Australia'. The panel included Pastor Ray Minniecon, Kabi Kabi and Gureng Gureng Elder; Lilli Barto, campaigner for Wage Peace; and Dr Albert Palazzo, strategic military policy thinker and formerly the long-serving Director of War Studies for the Australian Army.

The conference was organised by World Beyond War (USA), with the Australian segment of the event hosted by Raising Peace.

September 2024: Women's Club Lecture

In September, Dr Jane Fulton, Co-Director of The Sydney Peace Foundation, was joined by Kate Miranda from the Australian Red Cross to discuss the role of the Red Cross in disaster and conflict zones. We are grateful to the Women's Club for hosting this event.

October 2024: Weapons, Climate Justice and Ethical Investing

The Sydney Peace Foundation, with the support of the Australia Institute, the School of Social and Political Sciences and the Law School, hosted a discussion that tackled the moral and ethical obligations integral to research and investing priorities.

The high-profile panel comprised Professor David Kinley, who holds the Chair in Human Rights Law at the University of Sydney Law School, Dr Claire Parfitt, a Lecturer in Political Economy at the University of Sydney, and Dr Richard Denniss, the Executive Director of the Australia Institute. The extended Q&A discussion was moderated by Sydney Peace Foundation Director Melanie Morrison. Dr Ihab Shalbak from the School of Social and Political Sciences wrapped up the lively discussion.



OTHER DONOR AND PARTNER EVENTS

The Sydney Peace Foundation is lucky to have an outstanding network of donors and partners who host events throughout the year, in addition to those public events listed above.

In **August**, long term Sydney Peace Foundation supporter Sam Meers hosted an intimate gathering for the Sydney Peace Foundation. We heard from Leanne Smith, international human rights lawyer, former diplomat, UN civil servant and current Chief Executive of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Kate Miranda from the Australian Red Cross and members of the Sydney Peace Foundation about the 2024 Sydney Peace Prize recipient.

In **October**, the Sydney Peace Foundation supported council member and Director of the Master of Social Justice program at the University of Sydney, Susan Banki, on discussions on human rights, politics and conflict in Myanmar.

As part of our NSW Teachers Federation partnership, we are involved in a peace education program for Federation members. In **December**, the University of Sydney's Dr Jake Lynch and the Sydney Peace Foundation's Melanie Morrison and Patricia Garcia presented a module to Federation members focused on positive peace, moving from theory to practice. This is part of a broader partnership that will be rolled out in **2025**.





PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP



Our mother's life was one of moral courage and higher purpose. Establishing this scholarship at the University of Sydney, a place that's meaningful to our family, allows her legacy to impact the next generation.

In 2024 the University of Sydney launched the Peace and Social Justice Scholarship, established by Melanie Morrison and her siblings to honour their mother, Marty Morrison. Marty, a lifelong educator and activist, was dedicated to peace, human rights, and social justice - values she passed on to her family and inspired in countless others around the world. The scholarship supports Master of Social Justice students at the University of Sydney.



The Sydney Peace Foundation has also partnered with Rotary International to promote the Rotary Peace Fellowship. These Fellowships are designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Annually, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at leading global peace centres.

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

In 2024, the Sydney Peace Foundation, the Centre for Armed Violence Reduction (CAVR), (headed by adjunct academics at the University of Sydney Philip Alpers and Alistair Gee), and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at the University of Sydney signed a partnership to support information and stakeholder management systems to reduce deadly violence, especially in countries at risk of armed conflict.

These systems seek to help people on three aspects of peace with justice: preventing violence, reporting violence, and achieving justice through ending impunity.

Under the agreement, SPF and CAVR offer the opportunity to host University of Sydney student interns, placements and volunteers to work on these three aspects of peace with justice. CAVR will also provide research and support to SPF and FASS academics to use in relevant research projects and grant applications.



SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT

We could not do what we do were it not for the ongoing support of our Partners in Peace - the City of Sydney and the University of Sydney. For over two decades these generous and highly respected institutions have made it possible for the Foundation to promote peace with justice.

We also extend our thanks to our 2024 partners for helping us award the Sydney Peace Prize to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. A special thanks goes to our key 2024 Peace Prize Partners: the University of Sydney's Faculty of Medicine and Health and Law School, Western Sydney University's Faculty of Law and Medicine, the NSW Teachers Federation and our valued human rights partner, Amnesty International Australia.

We are also incredibly grateful to the Australian Red Cross team for funding and managing the domestic and international travel and other arrangements for the International Federation of Red Cross delegation.

We extend a huge thanks to our 2024 Gala Dinner Corporate Table Sponsors: The University of Sydney Vice Chancellor and Vice President Engagement, QBE Insurance, Ferris Skryzynski and Associates, and the Minderoo Foundation.

Thank you to our event partners: Wayne McGinness of Aboriginal Steel Art, Mt Yengo Wines, Australian Relief Organisation, the Floral Architects and the Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park.

NEW PEACE PRIZE TROPHY

We are delighted to introduce our new trophy maker, Indigenous artist Wayne McGinness of Aboriginal Steel Art.

A proud Kuku Yalanji man from Far North Queensland, McGinness creates intricate, hand-crafted pieces made from marine grade stainless steel, blending traditional Indigenous symbols and stories with contemporary design.

McGinness has created a very special design, combining his iconic

raindrop motif, symbolizing the interconnected impact we have on each other —with our signature dove, a timeless emblem of peace.





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CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE COALITION 

SILENT AUCTION

We are grateful for our kind and talented silent auction donors, the Sydney Peace Prize depends on your generosity.

Raffle Prize: Coral Expeditions, a luxurious 10 night Kimberley Cruise for two

Alicia Hollen
Anthony Ackroyd
Bambi
Belvoir St Theatre
Ben Quilty
Christopher Ireland
Emerald Electrical NSW Pty Ltd
Gary Heery
George Gittoes
Geraldine Murray's Neutral Bay
Natural Beauty
HAM
Istanbul Authentic Bazaar
Jack Ward
Jane Fulton
Joan Ross
Marta Wawrzyniak-Ijichi
Mt Yengo Wines

Naomi Hamilton Photography Package
Nicky Coady
Paul Galea at O&M Studio
Sally Robinson
Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park
Skaidy Gulbis
State Library of New South Wales
Susan Banki
Susan O'Doherty
Suzie Miller
Talei Skincare Solutions
Tamburlaine Organic Wines
Tanya Plibersek
This is Aboriginal Art
Will Coles
Zac Fenn
Zoe Pook Beautiful Ethical Jeweller



IN THE MEDIA

27 November 2024, Sydney Peace Week wraps up with celebration of diversity and shared humanity at Cabramatta High School, NSW Teachers Federation

22 November 2024, Red Cross/Crescent awarded 2024 Sydney Peace Prize, Australian Muslim Times

19 November, 2024, International Red Cross bags Sydney Peace Prize, The Rising Nepal

17 November, 2024, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement awarded Sydney Peace Prize, ABC Listen, Sunday Extra

18 November, 2024, Sydney Peace Prize Honours International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, Rita Bratovich, CityHub

14 November, 2024, Blackchat with Lola Forester, Koori Radio 93.7FM

13 November, 2024, Drive with Richard Glover, 702 ABC Sydney Radio

13 November, 2024, The Peace and Social Justice Scholarship in memory of Marty Morrison, The University of Sydney

5 November, 2024, 2024 Sydney Peace Prize Recognises International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, The University of Sydney

19 June 2024, 2024 Sydney Peace Prize awarded to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, Brianna Boecker, Women's Agenda

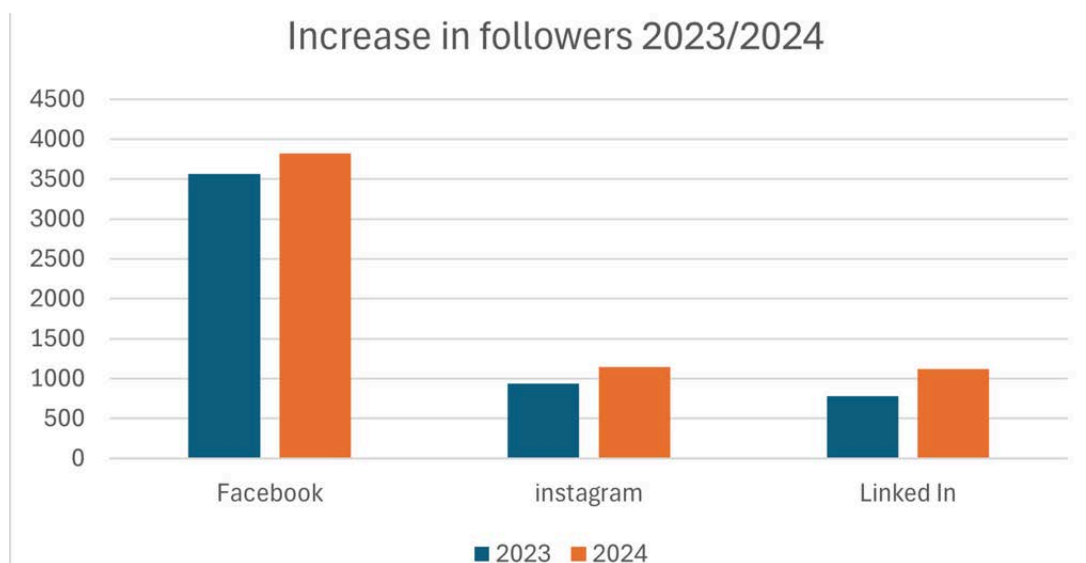




SOCIAL MEDIA

The Foundation successfully broadened its impact in 2024, as reflected in an upward trend in audience reach and engagement across social media platforms.

On Facebook, our content reached 39K people, a 24.6% increase from 2023, meaning more people are seeing our posts, stories, and ads. However, content interactions and link clicks declined by 17-19%, indicating that while visibility improved, engagement did not follow the same trajectory. On a positive note, we gained 254 new followers, a 67.1% increase from the previous year, bringing our total to 3,822. This growth suggests a rising interest in our content.



Our Instagram performance showed an inverse trend. While reach dropped by 66%, content interactions doubled, reflecting a 100% increase. We also gained 202 new followers. The trends suggest that although fewer people are seeing our content, those who do are highly engaged. This indicates strong audience interest, despite the platform's overall visibility decline.

On LinkedIn, we experienced steady growth, gaining 334 new followers, a 30% increase, reinforcing our expanding influence on the platform. Meanwhile, we were unable to access analytics for X (formerly Twitter), but given widespread disengagement across the platform, we suspect an overall drop in both followers and engagement.

Special thanks to Grace Taffa, Brodie Ackroyd, Sevil Erer, Niamh Murray and Emily Whitehead for their invaluable contributions to our social media outreach.



ADVOCACY

The Sydney Peace Foundation continues to work with our partners to advocate for peacebuilding initiatives that tackle potential sources of conflict, promote dialogue and encourage collaboration.

Throughout 2024, we did this through our public events and by continuing to build relationships with organisations who are deeply committed to advocating for peace and justice including:

- **Amnesty International Australia**
- **NSW Teachers Federation**
- **The Australia Institute**
- **The Australian Centre for International Justice**
- **The anti-AUKUS coalition**
- **Peace groups including Raising Peace, World Beyond War, Australian War Powers Reform and the Marrickville Peace Group**
- **The Rotary Club of Australia**



THE PEACE PODCAST

In 2024 the Sydney Peace Foundation launched an exciting Peace Podcast series highlighting the work of researchers and practitioners who work for peace with justice. The initial three episodes of the Peace Podcast were produced and hosted by Emily Whitehead, a University of Sydney student completing her student internship program.

The Peace Podcast spotlights the remarkable efforts of various individuals and organisations in the pursuit of peace. It explores the intricate challenges and complexities of sustainable peacebuilding and speaks to the role we all play in addressing and responding to issues of injustice.



Episode 1: *Taking Peace Seriously* with Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees



Episode 2: *The Rohingya Struggle for Justice* with Associate Professor Susan Banki and Noor Azizah



Episode 3: *From Violence to Stability* with Professor Azrini Wahidin and Alistair Gee



2024 STATEMENTS

Engagement in public debates is an important tool for enhancing the role of the Sydney Peace Foundation as a leading voice for peace and justice. The Sydney Peace Foundation made several public statements throughout 2024

November

13 November 2024: Peace and Social Justice Scholarship, honouring a legacy
The Peace and Social Justice Scholarship supports Master of Social Justice students at the University of Sydney, honouring Marty Morrison's legacy of activism, compassion, and commitment to human rights and equality.

5 November 2024: Sydney Peace Prize Recognises International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
The 2024 Sydney Peace Prize will be awarded to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at the Sydney Town Hall on 18 November 2024.

August

19 August 2024: On World Humanitarian Day We Must Act for Humanity
For this World Humanitarian Day, 19 August, we stand with humanitarian organisations and the sacrifices of those working for humanitarian causes across the world in our commitment to #ActForHumanity.

14 August 2024: Bangladesh's Inspiring New Leader
In strife torn Bangladesh, a country of over 174 million people, the inaugural (1998) Sydney Peace Prize recipient Professor Muhammad Yunus, a man of courage, imagination and integrity, has just been chosen to head an interim government.

July June

16 July 2024: Sydney Peace Prize Laureates Voice Support for Arundhati Roy
We, the undersigned, as laureates of the Sydney Peace Prize urge the Government of India to cease the unjustified and anti-democratic prosecution of globally renowned author and human rights activist, and fellow Laureate, Arundhati Roy.

18 June 2024: 2024 Sydney Peace Prize Announcement
The Sydney Peace Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as the recipient of the 2024 Sydney Peace Prize, for courageous and highly respected humanitarian work and respect for common humanity.



May

10 May 2024: The Right to Protest to End Injustice

For 26 years, the Sydney Peace Foundation has recognized and applauded movements for peace and justice. At this time of heightened protest against war crimes committed in Israel and Palestine, we remain committed to the advancement of non-violent solutions to conflict and adherence to international human rights law.

March

8 March 2024: International Women's Day: Uniting for Peace
Today, on International Women's Day, as we honour the achievements of women across the world, we must not lose sight of their ongoing struggles to live a more equitable, just and peaceful life.

February

9 February 2024: Statement on UNRWA Funding

The Sydney Peace Foundation urges the Australian Government to immediately restore funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), the main lifeline for humanitarian aid for Palestinians in Gaza.



January

11 January 2024: Statement on Genocide Convention

Today the Sydney Peace Foundation joins with others in calling for the Australian Government to support the International Court of Justice process in investigating allegations of serious breaches of international law under the Genocide Convention by the State of Israel.

2 January 2024: A Champion for Justice, my tribute: Stuart Rees
People of the world who cherish human rights have lost a champion. The courageous, skilled, inimitable John Pilger, prolific author, film maker, foreign and war correspondent died in London on December 30 2023. He was 84 years old.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Given resourcing and funding constraints, staff costs were kept at a minimum in 2024. Dr Jane Fulton was employed as the Foundation's much valued Co-Director until May 2024. After this time, Jane moved on to the Sydney Peace Foundation Executive Council as a volunteer in the role of the Director of Philanthropy and Melanie Morrison moved to the sole Director role, employed three days per week.

In June, Brodie Ackroyd was employed as our wonderful casual administrative assistant. Former executive assistant extraordinaire, Niamh Murray, returned to provide in the lead up to Peace Week.

We were grateful that highly experienced production manager, Anita Jorgensen was available to assist once again with the stage management of the Lecture and Award Ceremony at Sydney Town Hall in November. As well as all other arrangements managed by the Sydney Peace Foundation and the City of Sydney technical team. This year, our Gala Dinner was held at Sheraton Grand, Hyde Park due to venue unavailability at the University of Sydney, the event was managed in house with help from the Council.

Moving forward, sufficient staff resourcing throughout the year and particularly around major events will be a priority. Proper staff resourcing will also enable the Sydney Peace Foundation to undertake new development activities to strengthen its impact.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS AND UNIVERSITY STAFF

We also thank our incredible Peace Week event volunteers and interns who helped us deliver the well-produced Lecture and the Gala Dinner. A special shout out to Skaidy Gulbis for managing the silent auction and sourcing an impressive array of silent auction items. Thanks also go to Sarah Gallo, Judy Simpson, Christine Kazub, Jackie Crispin Brown, Steve Crispin Brown, Grace Taffa, Marc Siapno, Manami Saito, Miranda Ley, Nurhati Tangging, Constance Khoo, Charlotte Gjedsted, Meg Kikuchi, Lynda-Ann Blanchard, Catherine Du Peloux Menagé, Sevil Erer and, of course, the diligent, skilful Niamh Murray as volunteer coordinator.

A particular thanks to our incredible 2024 Interns from the Advanced Communications course - Emily Whitehead, Sevil Erer and Grace Taffa.

We are very grateful for the services provided by the University of Sydney and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) who ensure we have an office space in the Main Quad, equipment, accounting, and other services. In June 2024, our reliable Finance Manager Ernest Mhande left the university to pursue further study and was replaced by the equally helpful Jinfeng Huang. We thank Liz Kenna, Head of Strategic Partnerships and Engagement, for her valuable guidance and support; Angela Mansfield, Relationship Specialist and Community Giving, for fundraising guidance and management; and Alexia Nicholson, Manager of Philanthropy Acceptance and Internal Foundations, for her sound advice.

And last but not at all least, a special thank you to the hardworking Sydney Peace Foundation council members who dedicate a huge amount of their time and energy to ensure that we can continue to act for peace and justice.



FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

The Sydney Peace Foundation ended 2024 in a strong position with a closing balance of **\$229,088**.

This comfortable surplus aligns with the years 2011 and 2018, when Professors Noam Chomsky and Joseph Stiglitz were respectively awarded the Sydney Peace Prize.

Our healthy financial results are largely due to the tremendous number of volunteer hours put in by Director of Philanthropy, Dr Jane Fulton, and Foundation Director, Melanie Morrison. Melanie is employed three days a week, which has helped us to keep operating costs to a minimum. Our fundraising efforts and expanded partnerships contributed to our encouraging bottom line.

This year, we raised **over \$380,000** from fundraising and partnerships. From our Gala Dinner we made **over \$186,000**, of which **almost \$54,000** came from the silent auction and raffle.

A key focus in the years ahead is to ensure a properly resourced and sustainable Foundation. To achieve this, we need to expand our reach as well as continue conversations with our major donors and secure more long-term funding through partnerships and engagement.





MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS IN 2024

\$50,000+

Peace Prize Silent Auction and Raffle supporters with special mention to Coral Expeditions for its generous raffle prize.

\$20,000-\$50,000

City of Sydney

\$10,000 - \$15,000

Amnesty International Australia

Alan and Sue Cameron

Jane Fulton

Mark Fulton

NSW Teachers Federation

Rob Thomas

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Highgate Foundation

Knights Family Jabula Foundation

Nelson Meers Foundation

University of Sydney, Faculty of Law

University of Sydney, Faculty of Medicine

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Centre for Armed Violence Reduction

David Hirsch

Stephan Lancken

Wendy Faye Michaels

Jeannie Newman

\$250 - \$999

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Roger William Wescombe

Vera Yee

And our donors who wish to remain anonymous.

We are incredibly grateful to all our donors and supporters, some who are regular monthly givers. You help us raise the voices for peace with justice.

We only exist because you are with us on the journey.



INCOME STATEMENT

The University of Sydney

Sydney Peace Foundation (D7800_ART_FND_PEACE)

Income Statement

for the Year Ended 31 December Calendar Year 2024

	2023 December CY2023	2024 December CY2024
INCOME	361,055	422,968
Donations, Bequests and Sponsorships	180,196	104,771
Investment Income - Short Term Interest	6,126	3,814
Other Income	109,497	261,666
Internal Transfers	65,271	52,717
Adjustment to Carry Forward	-36	
Total Income	361,055	422,968
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	160,462	121,178
Consultants and Contractors	19,924	65,676
Other Expenses	118,663	94,360
CCA Charges	64,596	40,217
Total Expenditure	363,644	321,431
Surplus / (Deficit)	-2,590	101,537
Accumulated Funds	130,141	127,552
Total Accumulated Funds	127,552	229,089

I certify that the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with the University's accounting practices and procedures. These Foundation accounts form part of the University of Sydney's financial reports.

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BALANCE SHEET

The University of Sydney
Sydney Peace Foundation (D7800_ART_FND_PEACE)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December Calendar Year 2024

	2023 December CY2023	2024 December CY2024
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Short Term Investment	127,552	229,089
Total Current Assets	127,552	229,089
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
	0	0
Total ASSETS	127,552	229,089
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	0	0
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	0	0
NET ASSETS	127,552	229,089
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	127,552	229,089
TOTAL EQUITY	127,552	229,089

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GOVERNANCE

The Sydney Peace Foundation is committed to the University's governance principals as follows:

PRINCIPLE 1: LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

Nature of the entity

The Sydney Peace Foundation is a part of the University of Sydney ABN 15211513464 and not separately incorporated under a state or Commonwealth Act. The Foundation is required to gain prior approval for its fundraising activities from the appropriate University delegate. The Foundation's activities are not-for-profit and covered by the DGR status of the University of Sydney.

The University is exempted from the requirement to hold an Authority to Fundraise and obligations upon holders of such an authority but is still required to

comply with the balance of provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act.

Roles of Board / Council and Management

The Foundation operates under the authority of the Senate of the University of Sydney, as approved on 3 May 1999, and has no powers of delegation.

The Foundation conducts its affairs pursuant to the Foundation Rules and the relevant policies of the University. The Sydney Peace Foundation had its annual fundraising plan approved and exceeded its objective.

PRINCIPLE 2: STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

The Council of the Sydney Peace Foundation in 2024 consisted of the following members:

Mr Felix Eldridge

- Qualifications and experience: Comms Consultant and Partner, Shape Agency
- Current Term of Appointment [05/22 to 05/25, resigned 02/25]*
- Special responsibilities: Co-Chair [from 05/23], Council Member [05/22 to 05/25]
- Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

Ms Joy Kyriacou

- Qualifications and experience: Director Programs at St Vincent De Paul
- Current Term of Appointment [03/22 to 03/25, resigned 02/25]*
- Special responsibilities: Deputy Chair of the Sydney Peace Foundation until [04/23], Co-Chair commencing [05/23]
- Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

Mr Stephen Lancken

- Qualifications and experience: Mediator and lawyer
- Special Responsibilities: Deputy Chair Sydney Peace Foundation, commenced [07/23]
- Current Term of Appointment [03/24 to 03/27, resigned 02/25]*
- Number of meetings attended [3] eligible to attend [4]

Dr Jane Fulton

- Qualifications and experience: Director Sydney Peace Foundation [ex-officio member]
- Special Responsibilities: Director Sydney Peace Foundation [05/23 - 05/24], Director of Philanthropy, commenced [05/24 - 05/27]
- Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

Ms Melanie Morrison

- Qualifications and experience: Director Sydney Peace Foundation [ex-officio member]
- Special Responsibilities: Director Sydney Peace Foundation, commenced [05/23]
- Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

**Dr Susan Banki**

- Qualifications and experience: Senior Lecturer Human Rights, University of Sydney
- Current Term of Appointment [04/23 to 04/26]
- Sabbatical [06/23 to 01/24]
- Number of meetings attended [2] eligible to attend [4]

Ms Susan Biggs

- Qualifications and experience: Former Director, Sydney Peace Foundation
- Council Member [03/24 to 03/27]
- Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

Mr Ahmet Polat

- Qualifications and experience: CEO Affinity Intercultural
- Current Term of Appointment: [03/24 to 03/27]
- Number of meetings attended [1] eligible to attend [4]

Mr Alistair Gee

- Qualifications and experience: Executive Director of Armed Violence Reduction
- Current Term of Appointment: [03/24 to 03/27]
- Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

Dr Saba Vasefi

- Qualifications and experience: Academic, writer, journalist
- Current Term of Appointment: [03/24 to 03/27, resigned 05/24]*
- Number of meetings attended [0] Eligible to attend [1]

Patricia Garcia

- Qualifications and experience: Partnerships Development Manager, Institute for Economics & Peace
- Current Term of Appointment: [03/24 to 03/27]
- Number of meetings attended [2] Eligible to attend [4]

Mr Ken Woo

- Qualifications and experience: Partner, PwC
- Current Term of Appointment [03/24 to 03/27, resigned 02/25]*
- Number of meetings attended [1] eligible to attend [4]

Ms Bridget Cama

- Qualifications and experience: UNSW Lecturer, Uluru Youth Leader
- Current Term of Appointment [05/23 to 05/26]
- Number of meetings attended [1] eligible to attend [4]

Ms Emma Dunlop

- Qualifications and experience: Barrister
- Current Term of Appointment: [11/24 to 11/27, resigned 02/25]*
- Number of meetings attended [1] Eligible to attend [1]

Ms Alexia Nicholson

- Qualifications and experience: Development Manager, Advancement Portfolio, University of Sydney
- Current Term of Appointment [Ex officio University member]
- Special responsibilities: University delegate
- Number of meetings attended [4] eligible to attend [4]

Professor Lisa Adkins

- Qualifications and experience: Dean of Arts and Social Sciences
- Current Term of Appointment [Ex officio University member]
- Special responsibilities: University delegate
- Number of meetings attended [0] eligible to attend [4]

Professor Matthew McGuire

- Qualifications and experience: Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at The University of Sydney
- Current Term of Appointment [Ex officio University member]
- Special responsibilities: University delegate
- Number of meetings attended [3] eligible to attend [3]



PRINCIPLE 3: STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

Council members have been provided with the University of Sydney Foundation Governance Guide, Foundation Rules, Code of Conduct, Work Health & Safety policy, and the External Interests policy. All policies are available on the University's Policy Register, as are other relevant University policies regarding harassment, grievance procedures and the Delegations of Authority.

PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The annual accounts of the Foundation are prepared by the financial staff of the University, signed off by Dave Oosthuizen and included in this Annual Report to the Senate. The Foundation is part of the University and therefore does not have its own audit sub-committee. While the Annual Financial Report of the University is audited by the Audit Office of NSW, the Annual Report of the Foundation has not itself been audited. The Foundation undertook the following fundraising appeals during 2024: Annual Tax Appeal in June 2024, and phone calls with major donors, partners and sponsors.

PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE

The Foundation complied with the reporting and disclosure requirements of the Senate. These include an annual budget and this Annual Report. Members and Council have been made aware of the processes for disclosure pursuant to the Code of Conduct, External Interests policy, which include protected disclosure to the ICAC, to the Ombudsman or the Auditor General.

PRINCIPLE 6 - RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS MEMBERS STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, CLIENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

The Foundation Council consist of members of the community, industry bodies and the University whose input is invited via the Annual General Meeting and Council meetings.

PRINCIPLE 7 - RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK

such as health and safety, environmental protection, privacy, trade practices, and compliance with the Charitable Fundraising Act to be considered and managed. The Foundation has managed these risks during the year by offering an opportunity to discuss OH&S and conflict of Interest at every Council meeting.

PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY

No member of Council is entitled to receive any remuneration for acting in that capacity except reasonable remuneration on a basis which has first been approved in writing by the University Officer (Foundations). Members of the Foundation Council may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses after written approval of the University Officer (Foundations). Any such instances are recorded in the minutes of the Council.



JOIN US AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

In a world plagued by devastation and destruction, conversations in peace and non-violent solutions to conflict are needed more than ever.

The Sydney Peace Foundation holds an important place in the national discourse. We will continue to highlight the role of movements and individuals in forging a path to peace through the Sydney Peace Prize, public engagement and strategic outreach.

We will continue to bring civil society, academics and policy leaders together around pressing challenges for peace and justice.

Our mission is to play a leading role in the Australian peace and justice movement – one focused on diversity, inclusion and our nation's role in global justice. And, we are building our network across civil society, academia, philanthropy and the business community.

We are looking for those who are interested in joining us on this journey. Contact us to find out more.

Social links

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