

2009 Vancouver Peace Summit



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Education of the Heart
September 27 & September 29, 2009

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Kim Campbell
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Vancouver Peace Summit

Nobel Laureates in Dialogue

Summit Overview

The Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education is honoured to host His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Vancouver, September 26-29, 2009 for the Vancouver Peace Summit: Nobel Laureates in Dialogue. Joining the Dalai Lama will be Nobel Laureates: Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jody Williams, Mairead Maguire, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Betty Williams and Murray Gell-Mann, as well as a number of respected international leaders from the realms of education, the arts, business, politics and social transformation.

The Summit will be built on dialogues held at the **Chan Centre for the Performing Arts** and the **Orpheum Theatre**. The focus of these dialogues will include the themes of peace, education and women and peace-building.

Tickets for the 2009 Vancouver Peace Summit: Nobel Laureates in Dialogue events are now available to the public and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.ca.

Sunday September 27

Morning

Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, University of British Columbia
9:00 a.m.

Governor General of Canada to open Summit.
Inaugural Fetzer Institute Prize for Love and Forgiveness
to be presented to the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu.

World Peace through Personal Peace

The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Eckhart Tolle,
Matthieu Ricard in dialogue.

Afternoon

Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, University of British Columbia

A collaboration between the Dalai Lama Center and TED.
Karen Armstrong, a TED prize winner, presents the Charter for Compassion.

Nobel laureates in dialogue: Connecting for Peace
The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Mairead Maguire,
Betty Williams, Jody Williams.
Moderator: Mary Robinson

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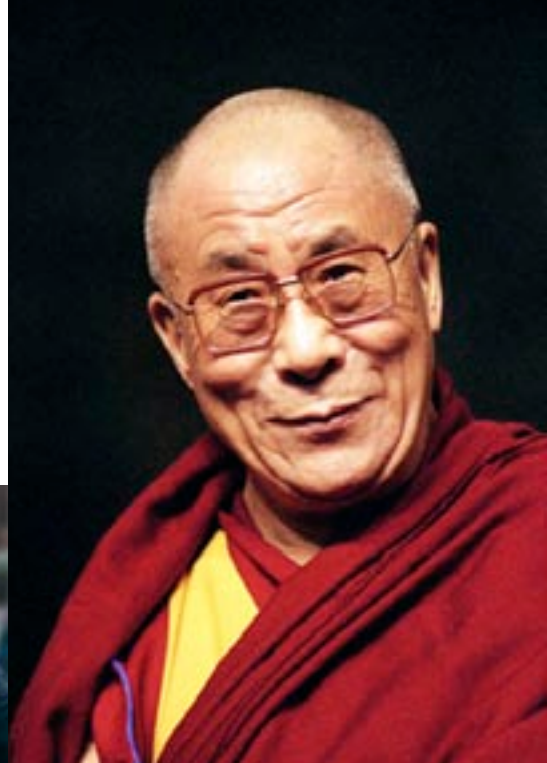




FOR PEACE+EDUCATION



Fetzer Institute



Tuesday September 29

Morning

Educating the Heart
The Orpheum Theatre

Creativity and Well-being

The Dalai Lama, Sir Ken Robinson,
Daniel Siegel, the Blue Man Group,
Eckhart Tolle, Murray Gell-Mann.
Moderator: Matthieu Ricard

Heart-Mind Education:

Enhancing academic, social, and
emotional competence
The Dalai Lama, Clyde Hertzman,
Kim Schonert-Reichl, Adele Diamond,
Stephen Covey, Mairead Maguire.
Moderator: Martha Piper

Afternoon

Orpheum Theatre

The Dalai Lama and Maria Shriver
in conversation

Women and Peace-building

The Dalai Lama, Jody Williams, Kim
Campbell, Ela Bhatt, Fazle Hasan
Abed, Swanee Hunt, Sakena Jacoobi.
Moderator: Susan Davis



Education of the Heart

The Vancouver-based Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education is an embodiment of His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama's life-long commitment to compassion and inner well-being. Founded in 2005 by the Dalai Lama and Victor Chan, the Center is envisioned as a world-class institution, firmly grounded in Vancouver yet present and influential on the global stage.

The Center has no religious or political affiliations. It promotes peace through education, personal transformation, and dialogue. The Dalai Lama believes that vital, sustainable communities depend upon many small, individual acts of compassion and helpfulness. By thinking less about ourselves and more about the well-being of others, we enhance our growth and happiness. By helping others, we contribute to the greater good. Along the way, our lives and the lives of others are transformed.

"Educating the heart" is the Center's tag line. The Center will provide a learning environment that cultivates mindfulness: the integration of mind, body, and spirit. It will encourage heightened awareness within of our inner potential through diverse practices of art. And it will provide a venue for creative interpretation of the world's many wisdom traditions.

By bringing peace into our own lives, the Center will help to bring peace into the world.

The Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education educates the heart and fosters compassion through: creative learning, facilitating and applying research, and connecting people and ideas.

The Center encourages values such as compassion, forgiveness, tolerance, contentment and self-discipline through engagement with the community. These are the values that contribute to peace and harmony locally, nationally and globally. We believe that most people embrace and recognize the importance of these values, but often don't know how to access the information and guidance they seek to bring them into their lives. We will help them do that.



Fazle Hasan Abed is a Bangladeshi social worker, and the founder and chairman of BRAC (formerly, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee). Born in 1936 in Bangladesh, Abed was educated in Dhaka and Glasgow Universities. For his outstanding contributions to social improvement, he has received

the Ramon Magsaysay Award, the UNDP Mahbub Ul Haq Award. Abed is a member of the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor, the first global initiative to focus specifically on the link between exclusion, poverty and law.



Karen Armstrong, a former Roman Catholic nun, is considered a powerful voice for ecumenical understanding. One of the most provocative, original thinkers on the role of religion in the modern world, she has written more than 20 books exploring the commonalities shared by

the religious faiths of Islam, Judaism and Christianity. As a speaker and writer, she asserts that all major religions embrace the core principle of compassion and the Golden Rule. She has also identified that many of today's religions bear similar strains of fundamentalism which she argues is borne of frustration with contemporary life and current events. In 2008, she was awarded the TED Prize in recognition and support of her call for a council of Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders to draw up a "Charter of Compassion," which would apply shared moral priorities to foster greater global understanding.



Ela Bhatt is the founder of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in India – a trade union benefiting the poor, which now has more than 1,000,000 members. Bhatt was a Member of the Indian Parliament from 1986 to 1989, and subsequently a Member of the Indian Planning Commission. She has

received honorary doctorates from Harvard, Yale, the University of Natal, and other academic institutions. She is a member of The Elders, a collection of world leaders working to address difficult global challenges.

Ela R. Bhatt is widely recognised as one of the world's most remarkable pioneers and entrepreneurial forces in grassroots development. Known as the "gentle revolutionary" she has dedicated her life to improving the lives of India's poorest and most oppressed women workers, with Gandhian thinking as her source of guidance.



Kim Campbell was the first woman in Canadian history appointed Prime Minister, serving as the 19th Prime Minister of Canada from June 25 to November 4, 1993. Before becoming Prime Minister, Campbell was the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. During that time she amended the

Criminal Code of Canada to make improvements in the areas of firearms control and sexual assault laws. Upon her retirement from politics Kim Campbell taught at Harvard University. For four years she served as Consul General of Canada in Los Angeles. She has played an active role in many international organizations, including the International Women's Forum and the Club of Madrid. Campbell lectures frequently about women and leadership, and is also an author, consultant and corporate director.



Stephen Covey is recognized as one of Time magazine's 25 most influential Americans, Stephen R. Covey has is an internationally respected leadership authority, family expert, teacher, organizational consultant, and author. He is the motivational author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and cofounder

of the New York Stock Exchange listed company FranklinCovey, which provides businesses with leadership training and productivity tools. His books focus on leadership, management, productivity in the workplace, and the values of family and a happy home life.



Susan Davis is a thought leader in international development and civil society innovation. She is founder and President & CEO of BRAC USA, a newly created organization to support BRAC's global expansion to Africa and other countries in Asia. She is also a founding board member and former

Chair of the Grameen Foundation. Davis serves on Ashoka's international board committee that selects Ashoka Fellows and led Ashoka's Global Academy for Social Entrepreneurship. She co-founded the University Network for Social Entrepreneurship and oversaw Ashoka's expansion to the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia. She is a senior advisor to New York University's Reynolds Program on Social Entrepreneurship. She serves on numerous other boards including Project Enterprise, Sirleaf Market Women's Fund, and African Women's Development Fund USA. She is on Mary Robinson's Advisory Council of Realizing Rights and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She was educated at Georgetown, Harvard and Oxford universities.

participants



Abigail E. Disney is the Founder and the President of the Daphne Foundation, a progressive, social change foundation that makes grants to grassroots, community-based organizations working with low-income communities in New York City. Since 1991, the Daphne Foundation has made millions of

dollars in grants in areas ranging from women's rights to AIDS advocacy, children's health, labor conditions, religion, and environmentalism. Over the years Abigail has played a critical role in a number of different social and political organizations. She recently retired as Chair of The New York Women's Foundation, of which she was a board member for over 14 years. Abigail received her Bachelors degree from Yale University, her Masters degree from Stanford University, and her Doctorate from Columbia University.



Murray Gell-Mann is an American physicist who received the 1969 Nobel Prize in physics for his work on the theory of elementary particles. He is currently Distinguished Fellow at the Santa Fe Institute as well as the Robert Andrews Millikan Professor Emeritus at the California Institute of Technology,

where he joined the faculty in 1955. He is the author of *The Quark and the Jaguar*, published in 1994, in which his ideas on simplicity and complexity are presented to a general readership. In 1988 Professor Gell-Mann was listed on the United Nations Environmental Program's Roll of Honor for Environmental Achievement (The Global 500). He also shared the 1989 Ettore Majorana "Science for Peace" prize. He was on the U.S. President's Science Advisory Committee from 1969 to 1972 and the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology from 1994 to 2001.



Matt Goldman created Blue Man Group with longtime friends Chris Wink and Phil Stanton and opened Off-Broadway at the Astor Place Theatre in 1991, where it continues to play

today. Blue Man Group now has productions running in Boston, Chicago, Las Vegas, Orlando, Berlin, Basel and Tokyo, and has grown beyond a theatrical show into a multi-dimensional creative organization - developing and producing rock tours, TV shows, albums, DVDs, film scores, musical instruments, museum exhibits and more. Throughout their long association, Matt, Chris and Phil have been fascinated by the interconnections between learning, creativity and community. Inspired by these passions, Blue Man Group has recently expanded its Mission, putting education at the forefront and launching the Blue Man Creativity Center and Early Childhood Program in Manhattan.

& speakers



Clyde Hertzman completed training in Community Medicine and epidemiology at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario and has been on faculty at the University of British Columbia in the Department of Health Care and Epidemiology since 1985. Nationally, he is a Fellow of the Canadian Institute

for Advanced Research and holds a Canada Research Chair in Population Health and Human Development. Internationally, he has played a central role in developing a conceptual framework for the "determinants of health", that places early childhood development at the centre. He is currently directing 'HELP', the Human Early Learning Partnership of British Columbia. HELP is an interdisciplinary network of researchers from BC's universities who study early child development 'from cell to society'. The World Health Organization has designated HELP as the global Knowledge Hub for Early Child Development under the auspices of its International Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. Through the Commission, HELP is promotig the global importance of early social and emotional development



Swanee Hunt's mission is to achieve gender parity, especially as a means to end war and rebuild societies, as well as to alleviate poverty and other human suffering. Dr. Hunt, Eleanor Roosevelt Lecturer in Public Policy, was the Founding Director of the Women and Public

Policy Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, where she also teaches "Inclusive Security", exploring why women are systematically excluded from peace processes and the policy steps needed to rectify the problem. She is currently core faculty at the Center for Public Leadership. An expert on domestic policy and foreign affairs, Hunt is president of Hunt Alternatives Fund, through which she has committed more than \$120 million in endowments and grants to provoking social change at local, national, and global levels. The Fund operates out of Cambridge, Massachusetts and is focused on strengthening youth arts organizations, supporting leaders of social movements, bolstering women's leadership in conflict regions, combating sexual trafficking, and increasing philanthropy. Ambassador Hunt also chairs the Washington-based Institute for Inclusive Security (including the Women Waging Peace Network), which advocates for the full participation of all stakeholders, particularly women, in peace processes. She has conducted research, training, and consultations for women leaders in some 60 countries.



Mairead (Corrigan) Maguire is a Nobel Peace Laureate (1976) Hon. President and Co-founder of the Peace People, Northern Ireland. Maguire was responsible for co-founding the Peace People, together with Betty Williams and Ciaran McK-cown, in 1976, after her Sister Anne's three children were

knocked down and killed by an I.R.A. (Irish republican Army) get-away car when a British soldier killed its driver. Consequently, a number of marches were organized in Northern Ireland demanding an end to the violence in Northern Ireland. She has continued her work with inter-Church and inter-faith Organizations, and is a member of the International Peace Council. She is also a Patron of the Methodist Theological College and N.I. Council for Integrated Education, and a member of the Nobel Women's Initiative. Maguire has received many honours and wards, including an honorary doctorate from Yale University, the 'Pacem in Terris' Peace and Freedom Award, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's 'Distinguished Peace Leadership Award' and the Nobel Peace Laureate Award.



Laurene Powell Jobs is Founder and President of the Board of College Track, an after-school program that prepares at-risk high school students for higher education. Through its three centers in the San Francisco Bay Area, College Track provides a comprehensive program of academic support, leader-

ship training, community service and extra-curricular involvement. In addition to her work in education reform, Powell Jobs has a strong focus on non-profit entrepreneurship, with an emphasis on women's human and economic rights. Her board affiliations include Global Fund for Women, New Schools Venture Fund and Stanford Schools Corporation. She also serves on the Advisory Board of Stanford Graduate School of Business. Laurene holds a B.A. and a B.S.E. from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Stanford University.

Worry pretends to be necessary but serves no useful purpose. - Eckhart Tolle

We want to disarm human hearts and human beings, one by one, country by country. - Mairead Maguire

Dialogue of Minds

We have learned that change cannot come through war. War is not a feasible tool to use in fighting against the oppression we face. War has caused more problems. We cannot embrace that path.

– Rigoberta Menchu Tum

Peace is not just the absence of war. It's a world with justice and equality. It's a world where the basic needs of the majority of the people on our planet are met. If we stop spending money on war and the weapons of war, we'd have more than enough to invest in these basics of long-term peace. People should have basic housing, access to medical care, education, and work. Everyone should have clean drinking water and food to eat every day. – Jody Williams

“The Nobel Peace Prize is not awarded for what one has done, but hopefully what one will do.”

– Betty Williams

I am not interested in picking up crumbs of compassion thrown from the table of someone who considers himself my master. I want the full menu of rights.

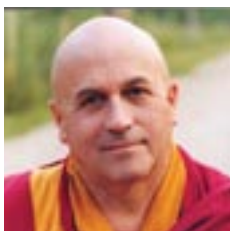
– Desmond Tutu

*Be kind whenever possible.
It is always possible.* – Dalai Lama

By making your clients women, you serve the entire family [and community] better.

– Fazle Hasan Abed

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Matthieu Ricard is a Buddhist monk, an author, translator, and photographer. He earned a Ph.D. degree in cell genetics at the renowned Institut Pasteur under the Nobel Laureate Francois Jacob. He is a board member of the Mind and Life Institute,

an organization dedicated to collaborative research between scientists and Buddhist scholars and meditators. His latest book, *L'Art of Meditation* has sold over 120,000 copies during its first three months of publication, and has been featured in all the major magazines and television shows in France. He is engaged in the research on the effect of mind training and meditation on the brain at various universities in the USA (Madison, Princeton, and Berkeley) and Europe (Zurich). He received the French National Order of Merit for his humanitarian work in the East. For the last few years, Ricard has dedicated his effort and the royalties of his books to various charitable projects in Asia, that include building and maintaining clinics, schools and orphanages in the region. Since 1989, he has acted as the French interpreter for the Dalai Lama.



Sir Ken Robinson, Ph.D. is an internationally recognized leader in the development of creativity, innovation and human resources and a New York Times best selling author. He works with governments in Europe, Asia and the USA, with international agencies, Fortune 500

companies, and some of the world's leading cultural organizations. He was the central figure in developing a strategy for creative and economic development as part of the Peace Process in Northern Ireland. For 12 years he was Professor of Education at the University of Warwick in the UK and is now Professor Emeritus. He was been honored with the Athena Award of the Rhode Island School of Design for services to the arts and education; the Peabody Medal for contributions to the arts and culture in the United States, and the Benjamin Franklin Medal of the Royal Society of Arts for outstanding contributions to cultural relations between the United Kingdom and the United States. In 2005 he was named as one of Time/Fortune/CNN's 'Principal Voices'. In 2003, he received a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II for his services to the arts and education. He speaks to audiences throughout the world on the creative challenges facing business and education in the new global economies.



Mary Therese Winifred Robinson served as the seventh, and first female, President of Ireland, serving from 1990 to 1997, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, from 1997 to 2002. Robinson has been Honorary President of Oxfam International since 2002;

she is Chair of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and is also a founding member and Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders. She serves on many boards including the GAVI Fund. Robinson's newest project is Realizing Rights: the Ethical Globalization Initiative, which fosters equitable trade and decent work, promotes the right to health and more humane migration policies, works to strengthen women's leadership and encourage corporate responsibility. Since 2004, she has also been Professor of Practice in International Affairs at Columbia University, where she teaches international human rights. Robinson also visits other colleges and universities where she lectures on human rights. In 2004, she received Amnesty International's Ambassador of Conscience Award for her work in promoting human rights.



Kimberly Schonert-Reichl began her professional career first as a middle school teacher and then as a secondary school teacher at an alternate school for “at risk” adolescents. For over 20 years Dr. Schonert-Reichl has been conducting research in the area of the child and adolescent social-emotional development with

an emphasis on discerning the developmental processes/mechanisms associated with positive development across childhood and adolescence, especially in relation to school settings. Before arriving at University of BC, Dr. Schonert-Reichl served as a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Postdoctoral Fellow in the Clinical Research Training Program in Adolescence at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University Medical School, Dept. of Psychiatry. For the past several years, Dr. Schonert-Reichl has worked in collaboration with educators across British Columbia in the area of social and emotional learning and, in 2004 she was awarded the Vancouver School Board Recognition Award in acknowledgment of her support for district initiatives regarding social responsibility and social and emotional learning.

There cannot be any excuse for not removing poverty. The priorities have to change. – Ela Bhatt

& participants



Dan Siegel, M.D., is an award-winning educator and the Executive Director of the Mindsight Institute. The institute is an educational organization that focuses on how the development of insight, compassion and empathy in individuals, families and communities can be enhanced by examining the interface of human relationships and basic biological processes. Dr. Siegel served as a National Institute of Mental Health Research Fellow at UCLA, studying family interactions with an emphasis on how attachment experiences influence emotions, behavior, autobiographical memory and narrative. He is the author of the internationally acclaimed text, *The Developing Mind: Toward a Neurobiology of Interpersonal Experience* (1999). He serves as the Founding Editor for the Norton Series on Interpersonal Neurobiology. His book with Mary Hartzell, M.Ed., *Parenting from the Inside Out: How a Deeper Self-Understanding Can Help You Raise Children Who Thrive* (2003) explores the application of this newly emerging view of the mind, the brain, and human relationships. Siegel's latest book is *The Mindful Brain: Reflection and Attunement in the Cultivation of Well-Being* (2007).



Maria Owings Shriver is an award-winning American journalist, author and First Lady of California. She is married to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and is a member of the Kennedy family. Shriver has used her voice to advocate on behalf of women, the working poor, the intellectually disabled

and families struggling with Alzheimer's. She has created groundbreaking programs and initiatives that educate, enlist, empower, connect, and honor people who are what she calls "Architects of Change." Shriver has organized these initiatives under a banner called WE. Under Shriver's leadership, The California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women has grown into the nation's premier forum for women, with more than 14,000 attendees every year since 2004. The conference encourages women to become Architects of Change in their own lives, in their communities, and in the country. Hundreds of world opinion leaders and newsmakers have spoken at the conference, including Oprah Winfrey, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and Madeleine Albright, Barbara Walters, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, former Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bono, and His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

The strength of women will only be realized when we have engaged the faith and confidence of men in our leadership abilities. – Swanee Hunt



Eckhart Tolle is a Spiritual Teacher and author born in Germany and educated at the Universities of London and Cambridge. At the age of 29 a profound inner transformation radically changed the course of his life. He began to work in London with individuals and small groups as a counselor and spiritual teacher. Since 1995 he has lived in Vancouver, Canada. Eckhart Tolle is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Power of Now* (translated into 33 languages) and the highly acclaimed follow-up *A New Earth*, which are widely regarded as two of the most influential spiritual books of our time. Eckhart's profound yet simple teachings have already helped countless people throughout the world find inner peace and greater fulfillment in their lives.



Jody Williams served as the founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) until February 1998. In 1997, Williams and the ICBL were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Along with sister Laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi of Iran, Jody Williams took the lead in establishing the "Nobel Women's Initiative," together with sister Laureates Wangari Maathai (Kenya), Rigoberta Menchu Tum (Guatemala) and Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan Maguire (Northern Ireland). Launched in January 2006, its mission is to use the prestige and access afforded by the Nobel Prize to spotlight and promote efforts of women's rights activists, researchers and organizations working to advance peace, justice and equality for women. Williams, a widely published writer and author, serves as its chair. In February-March 2007, Professor Williams lead a High Level Mission on Darfur for the UN's Human Rights Council. She presented the Mission's hard-hitting report to the Council in March and is now actively involved in work related to stopping the war in Darfur. Professor Williams continues to be recognized for her contributions to human rights and global security. She is the recipient of 15 honorary degrees, among other recognitions. In 2004, she was named by Forbes Magazine as one of the 100 most powerful women in the world.



Betty Williams, along with Mairead Maguire, was awarded the Nobel Prize for her work as a cofounder of Community of Peace People, an organization dedicated to promoting a peaceful resolution to The Troubles in Northern Ireland. She heads the Global Children's Foundation and is President of the World Centers of Compassion for Children International. She is also the Chair of Institute for Asian Democracy in Washington D.C. and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Nova Southeastern University. In 2006, Williams was one of the founders of the Nobel Women's Initiative along with sister Nobel Peace Laureates Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Shirin Ebadi, Wangari Maathai, Jody Williams and Rigoberta Menchu Tum. In the 30 years since the award, Williams has devoted her life to creating a new way forward, a movement to begin a reversal of thinking on how the world deals with the injustices, cruelty and horror perpetrated on the world's children. Williams has travelled the globe recording the testimonies of children who have been subjected to horrors. In her travels, it became evident to Williams that to create the changes necessary and persuade governments to listen to the voices of their children, legislative changes must be implemented (legislation to protect children).



In 1984 **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent work to end apartheid and bring equality for the people in South Africa. In 1986 he became the first black person to be Archbishop in the Anglican Church of South Africa. Archbishop Tutu continues to be a world leader in the struggle for human rights. He believes that all people are God's children, sisters and brothers, members of the same family.



Professor Sakena Yacoobi is President and Executive Director of the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), an Afghan women-led NGO she founded in 1995. The organization was established to provide teacher training to Afghan women, to support education for boys and girls, and to provide health education to women and children. Under Sakena's leadership AIL has established itself as a groundbreaking, visionary organization which works at the grassroots and empowers women and communities to find ways to bring education and health services to rural and poor urban girls, women and other poor and disenfranchised Afghans.

Events etc.

World Peace through Personal Peace

Sunday, September 27, 2009 - 09:00 - 12:00

Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, UBC

Ticket Price(s): SOLD OUT

The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Eckhart Tolle and Matthieu Ricard will engage in dialogue.

Personal peace shapes what people believe and how they behave. It is vital to understanding our world and can be used to improve the lot of humankind. An intimate and personal discussion with the Dalai Lama and other respected leaders from across the globe who have inspired societal change through their personal endeavors will explore how inner transformation can help us work towards building a peaceful world.

Nobel Laureates in Dialogue: Connecting for Peace

Sunday, September 27, 2009 - 13:00

Chan Centre for the Performing Arts

Ticket Price(s): \$100, \$175, \$250 or \$325

Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster

The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Mairead Maguire, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Betty Williams and Jody Williams will engage in dialogue.

Moderator: Mary Robinson

Leadership in the peaceful resolution of conflict requires both an understanding of differences and an appreciation of our common humanity. It combines a sense of responsibility for others with faith in the power of individuals to shape institutions and create positive change. It also requires working with others to share efforts, create new possibilities, and bridge differences. In this inspiring dialogue, six Nobel Peace Laureates – including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Jody Williams, Mairead Maguire, Rigoberta Menchu Tum and Betty Williams – will discuss their own motivations, their experiences of connecting for change, and their perspectives on our human responsibilities at the present time.

Educating the Heart: Creativity and Well-Being and Heart-Mind Education

Tuesday, September 29, 2009 - 08:30

The Orpheum Theatre

Ticket Price(s): \$60, \$100, \$125, \$150, \$200

Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster

Creativity and Well-being: The Dalai Lama, Sir Ken Robinson, Daniel Siegel, the Blue Man Group, Eckhart Tolle and Murray Gell-Mann will engage in dialogue.

Moderator: Matthieu Ricard

Heart-Mind Education: The Dalai Lama, Clyde Hertzman, Kim Schonert-Reichl, Stephen Covey, Mairead Maguire and Adele Diamond will engage in dialogue.

Moderator: Martha Piper

Women & Peace-building

Tuesday, September 29, 2009 - 13:00

The Orpheum Theatre

Ticket Price(s): \$60, \$100, \$150, \$175, \$200

Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster

Dalai Lama in discussion with Maria Shriver

Panel Discussion with Kim Campbell, Jody Williams, Fazle Hasan Abed, Swanee Hunt, Ela Bhatt, Sakena Yacoobi. Moderated by Susan Davis.

Women play a vital but often unrecognized role in advancing peace. The summit will bring together leaders from across the spectrum of education, arts, politics, business, philanthropy, and community activism, to explore and share the many ways that women are creating a more compassionate and peaceful world - in their families, communities and in the world.

Luminaries to consider the profound impact of creative thinking

Can creative thinking enhance personal fulfillment and lead to a kinder and more peaceful world? And exactly what is creative thought and its role in nurturing compassion and education of the heart?

These are some of the questions an eminent panel will consider on Tuesday, 28 September at the Creativity and Well-Being dialogue, held at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.ca. The

Dalai Lama will join some of the world's most inspiring intellects including Sir Ken Robinson, Daniel Siegel, the Blue Man Group, Eckhart Tolle, Murray Gell-Mann and Matthieu Ricard to explore the topic.

This panel will consider creative thinking and its importance in building peace and a moral global society. The participants will discuss how the creative process can become an effective resource in harvesting the wisdom of the heart and cultivating emotional balance.

Ken Robinson, a recognized expert in the field of creativity and innovation, comments that when people are doing something that resonates with them personally and draws on their own aptitude, it is transformative. They achieve "flow", or come to reside "in the zone"; they are absorbed to such a degree that it becomes a holistic experience. "It speaks deeply to our sense of fulfillment," says the author of *All Our Futures: Creativity, Culture and Education*, who Queen Elizabeth II knighted in 2003 for his services to the arts and education.

One way of defining creative thinking, suggests **Murray Gell-Mann**, a prominent scientist who received the 1969 Nobel Prize in physics, is when you liberate yourself from confined thinking. "A selective letting go takes place," similar to that which occurs in meditation, he noted recently. "In creative work you have to let go of preconceptions. In meditative states, letting go is a very important part; it's also very important part of compassion; you have to let go of hindrances."

Moving into a state of letting go of preconceived notions into a state of "not knowing," is important says panelist **Eckhart Tolle**, the spiritual leader who wrote the internationally-best seller, *The Power of Now*.

"So, when you can be at ease with not knowing, you have already gone beyond the mind. A deeper knowing that is non-conceptual then arises out of that state," Tolle writes.

"Artistic creation, sports, dance, teaching, counseling — mastery in any field of endeavor implies that the thinking mind is either no longer involved at all or at least is taking second place."

Matthieu Ricard is a French biochemist turned Buddhist monk who has received a number of awards for his humanitarian efforts. Ricard, who will moderate Tuesday morning's panel, says that when a person achieves a state of flow, they experience emotions of happiness, kindness and compassion. The theory that creative thinking is a critical element to furthering and enhancing our life is shared by Daniel Siegel, the Executive Director of the Mindsight Institute. Siegel, an educator and psychiatrist, purports that cultivating creativity in schools opens students to new possibilities, transforms neural circuits and ways of thinking. "A learner becomes filled with passion and the mind is awakened to find true fulfillment, engender feelings of compassion, and promote kindness and peace."

Chris Wink is a co-founder of the Blue Man Group, a creative organization that sprang from "an outrageous idea" and has since grown to include theatrical shows and concerts and an innovative elementary school. He believes that the 21st Century will require creative thinking to survive and thrive. "The problems facing the planet will require creative approaches to compassion; creativity that will deal with global issues."

Join these creative thinkers at the Educating the Heart session of the Vancouver Peace Summit, presented by the Dalai Lama Center for Peace & Education. For more information, visit the DLC website.

Women affecting change

VANCOUVER – "There cannot be any excuse for not removing poverty. The priorities have to change. The resource allocations have to change. Policies have to change."

With this conviction, **Ela Bhatt**, the founder of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), has set out to empower women in India by supporting them in their efforts to become financially independent and autonomous through their own labour.

Ela Bhatt is one of the speakers appearing at the Women and Peace-building dialogue on Tuesday, September 29, at the Orpheum Theatre. She will be joined by **The Dalai Lama, Fazle Hasan Abed, Kim Campbell, Jody Williams, Maria Shriver, Ashley Judd, Swanee Hunt and Susan Davis**.

The former Indian parliamentarian has been guided by Mahatma Gandhi's stance that only local employment and self-reliance will lift people out of poverty. As a determined entrepreneur who believes in the force of a grass-roots movement, she has built SEWA, India's largest single trade union, to a membership of 1,000,000. The women labourers are vegetable and garment vendors, in-home seamstresses, head-loaders, bidi rollers, paper pickers, construction workers, incense stick makers, and agricultural workers.

"Self-reliance is self-sufficiency financially ... You decide and you manage in making decisions, in managing your own affairs. That is, in very specific terms, what we mean by self-reliance."

SEWA's goal is full employment, which means employment whereby workers obtain work security, income security, food security and social security (at least health care, child care and shelter). "Let us guarantee a living income, provide social protection, ensure decent work and most important, build communities," Bhatt has declared.

In order to help achieve these goals, Bhatt established the Cooperative Bank of SEWA, founded in 1974 by 4,000 women each contributing ten rupees. Called a "gentle revolutionary," Bhatt is also the founder and chair of Sa-Dhan (the All India Association of Micro Finance Institutions) and founder-chair of the Indian School of Micro-finance for Women.

"Through their own movement women become strong and visible. Their tremendous economic and social contributions become recognized." The result, as Bhatt has shown us, is the alleviation of chronic deprivation, poverty, injustice and the realization of social change.

Fazle Hasan Abed is another luminary who shares Bhatt's viewpoint that poverty must be tackled through the organization of the isolated poor and by finding practical ways to increase their access to resources, support their entrepreneurship, and empower them to become active agents of change. Abed is the founder and chair of BRAC, formerly known as the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee, one of the largest non-government development organizations in the world.

"No human being should be in dehumanizing poverty for any time. And we would like to break the cycle of poverty into a cycle of human existence," Abed has vowed.

Under Abed's leadership, BRAC has taken a holistic approach towards combating social, economic and political inequalities by introducing innovative initiatives in health care, education, income generation, population control and microfinance. BRAC is currently active in 70,000 villages of Bangladesh connecting with an estimated 100 million poor and the organization is also on the ground working in Afghanistan, Africa and Sri Lanka.

Women and girls have been the central analytical lens of BRAC's anti-poverty strategies. The organization has introduced programs and initiatives that have enabled 3.8 million women, the backbone of BRAC's organization, to establish village microfinance organizations that have disbursed more than \$1 billion in loans. These loans have allowed women to create small businesses, poultry farming, cow rearing, and dairy farming, and in the production of iodized salt, which helps prevent goiter.

Abed, formerly a Corporate Executive at Shell Oil, strongly believes that poverty cannot be eradicated without the reconstruction of gender role in the society. Empowerment of women is a precondition for sustainable poverty alleviation. He has been tireless at promoting a development culture with women at the forefront of all activities, be it micro-credit, health, or education.

Espousing Peace

His Holiness the **Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Matthieu Ricard and Eckhart Tolle** will meet on Sunday, September 27, at the Chan Centre to engage in a discussion on World Peace through Personal Peace.

Much has been written about the two elder world statesmen, the peace-mongering world-beloved spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, and the Archbishop, a stalwart defender of human rights and masterful conciliator and mediator. Their own close relationship is renowned and many are moved by their spontaneous show of affection for each other. Tutu once commented on his friend, the compassionate leader: "Isn't it extraordinary, in a culture that worships success, that it isn't the aggressively successful, the abrasive, the macho, who are the ones that we admire. We might envy their bank balances, but we do not admire them. But we revere the Dalai Lama."

But what about the two other panel members – a molecular biologist turned monk, who has been dubbed the "happiest man in the world," and a quiet individual, who at 29 experienced a profound inner transformation, which led to teachings that have, in turn, inspired millions searching for personal peace and greater fulfillment.

What will they bring into the conversation, drawing from their life journeys and lessons learned?

Ricard came from a privileged background, growing up among the personalities and ideas of Paris' intellectual and artistic circles. He completed a doctoral thesis in 1972 at the Pasteur Institute under the supervision of Nobel Laureate Francois Jacob. He left behind the western world and headed to the Himalayas to become a monk, studying various oral and practice lineages of Tibetan Buddhism. In all, he studied with 50 great teachers, including Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche.

The scientist monk, who is a best-selling author and photographer of stunningly beautiful images, has chosen to pursue happiness, both at a basic human level and as a subject of inquiry. The attainment of true happiness, Ricard has said, requires the same type of rigorous training and dedication that other serious pursuits demand.