Mission: Prevent and Resolve Conflict

The goal of the Rotary 100 Centenary Peace Conference is to bring together academics, political leaders, businesses, community leaders and peace activists to explore building peace and discuss how we can work together to prevent and resolve conflict from an international and local perspective.

Planning for the Peace Conference is taking place and we invite all Rotarians to join in the creation of this 1.5 day event April, 2021. The Conference will highlight the areas in which Rotary does its most significant work.

Areas of Focus may Include:

- Economic and community development relating to peace;
- Contributors to conflict including poverty, disease, lack of water, food and education;
- What will tomorrow’s challenges be?
- What forms of political process and decision-making will encourage peace rather than war?
- What is the role of civil society?
- Can we buy peace? How do we invest in peace?
- Is peace an option for everyone?

Plans to Include Presentations and Group Discussions by:

- Professor Tilman Ruff AM, (pictured) Australian public health/infectious diseases physician who has focused his efforts on immunization and "the global health imperative to eradicate nuclear weapons";
- Peace Fellows leading discussions for “Peace on the Streets” and other topics close to our heart;
- Informed Rotarians and Community leaders with ideas and views of what we need to know!
- American Peace Fellow exploring novel approaches to treaties between Indigenous Cultures and Western Societies;
- RedR Leaders whose stated mission is to “rebuild lives in times of disaster by training, supporting and providing aid workers to relief programmes across the world.”
- Group discussions between Rotarians and experts, creating new peace building “dialogues”.

Do YOU know anyone who would be interested to apply for a Rotary Peace Scholarship? Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of our peace centres. Rotary Peace Centre program develops leaders. Over a decade, Rotary Peace Centres have trained more than 1,000 fellows for careers in peacebuilding.

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