

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

Dear all

Thank you for agreeing to join us in the dialogue on Understanding Peace hosted by the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace (GHFP). This dialogue is inspired by the work of Steve Killelea who is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). The IEP is dedicated to exploring the concept of peace. Their work has led to the identification of key insights about structural peace emerging out of their unique approach using data, metrics and analysis.

Indeed, understanding peace is paramount in peacebuilding. The way we define peace determines the approaches we take to cultivating peace. Yet, few would agree on what peace is. One of the challenges here is to reach conceptual clarity about peace and at the same time keep open all possibilities there may be to inquire into how peace can be pursued and realised locally, regionally and globally.

So we are very excited about Steve's visit to the GHFP and the opportunity this affords us for some profound conversations around these important questions. The contributors to the dialogue are:

Alexandra Asseily	Founder, Garden of Forgiveness; Director, Healing the Wounds of History programme in Lebanon; co-Founder, Centre for Lebanese Studies
Prof David Cadman	Quaker, Writer and Economist
Scherto Gill	Research Fellow, Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace
Sir Richard Jolly	former Director, Institute of Development Studies; former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF; former Assistant Secretary General of the UN
Steve Killelea	Founder/Executive Chairman, Integrated Research Ltd; The Charitable Foundation; Institute for Economics and Peace
Prof Mario Novelli	Professor of the Political Economy of Education, University of Sussex
Baroness Janet Whitaker	Politician (TBC)
Prof Nigel Young	Co-Founder, Bradford Centre for Peace Studies; Editor in Chief, Oxford International Encyclopaedia of World Peace

The dialogue will take place at the GHFP's office at 199 Preston Road, Brighton, opposite to the historic Preston Manor and the Preston Park. There is limited parking space at the GHFP through the entrance on South Road, however free on-street parking is available in the vicinity.

We would be pleased to welcome you at around **9.45am** so that you may spend a little time to get to know the other dialoguing contributors over coffee and refreshments. The conversation will start at 10am and draw close shortly after 12pm. The GHFP has arranged transport to take you to the University of Sussex for Steve's Seminar starting at 1.00pm should you be interested and available.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Laura Hobson (+44 7791 075249) if you have additional questions or queries.

We look forward to welcoming you to the GHFP.

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