

## THE VICTORY OF REMEMBERING OVER FORGETTING

November 11, 2008 will be the 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War—the war US President Wilson called the “war to end all wars”, which tells you everything about “branding” you need to know. Ninety years and hundreds of millions of dead, wounded and displaced—most of them civilians—tells the lie about what November 11 really is about: the celebration of militarism. This year there will be much hoopla in the service of new wars—the same as every year, just a little more so.

The World Peace Forum wants to use the anniversary to create an event that tells the story about what the First World War was really about—the control of the resources of the planet and suppression of the rightful owners in the interests of the rich and powerful. Sound familiar?

What is not familiar is that there was mass opposition to that war as there is to new wars: that some of the best thinkers, artists and millions of ordinary folk made extraordinary effort to prevent the war, to oppose it and to try and build a new world after

if where war would be as much a part of the distant past as the dinosaurs. They failed, but serve to inspire us in our campaign to end war and to build a world based on economic and social justice. Remembering them is not just an exercise in historical revisionism but an indispensable component of building a new and powerful movement against war. *The victory of remembering over forgetting*, a phrase used by Uruguayan writer, Eduardo Galeano, is part of this.

For three days in November, activists, academics and artists will gather to discuss many facets of what happened ninety years ago and what is happening now in the struggle to stop war and start building the foundations of a sustainable, just and peaceful future. The draft program for this event follows. A registration form is attached. Join us!

BIOGRAPHIES OF ALL SPEAKERS PLUS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT [www.worldpeaceforumbc.ca](http://www.worldpeaceforumbc.ca)

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8

8:30 Registration

9:30 WELCOME, PLENARY AND OVERVIEW

World War I - Links and Lessons - *Gary Cristall, World Peace Forum*

#### 10:45 WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Canadian Workers and the First World War: Lessons for Today *Ben Isitt, BC Labour Against War Workshop*
- Law and Disorder- Ninety Years of International Law. *Michael Byers*
- What The Film *Pesschendale* Doesn't Tell Us About the First World War - How Socialists Ended it *Tim Kennedy and Bill Burgess, Vancouver Socialist Forum*
- The Ugly Side of Peacekeeping - Canada's Haitian Mandate *Stuart Hammond, Haitian Solidarity BC*
- The Artists and The War- Oppositional Art and the First World War *Gary Cristall*

### 12:15 ON SITE LUNCH AND MEETING OF AFFINITY GROUPS

1:30 PLENARY - THE IMPACT OF WAR

Speakers: *Dahlia Wasfqa, Ed Shaffer, Sunera Thobani*

2:45 WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

- The Tragedy of the German Revolution 1918-1923 *Ingo Schmidt*
- War on Women *Sunera Thobani*
- War on the Earth *Dahlia Wasfqa*
- Oil, Blood, Money and Empire *Ed Shaffer and Sean Currie*
- Cultural Forum *TBA*

4:15 BREAK FOR DINNER, INFORMAL NETWORKING, ETC

7:30 EVENING PRESENTATION

TARIQ ALI - 1918-2008 - A Balance Sheet.

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

8:30 Registration

9:30 WELCOME, PLENARY AND OVERVIEW

Building the Movement- Provincial, Regional and International Perspectives for a Vital and Viable Peace Movement. *Mable Elmore, World Peace Forum; Katie Heald, American Friends Service Committee*

10:45 WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Cutting off the Cash - A Proposal to End Military Spending *Peter Pronzos*
- Countering Japanese Militarism *Vancouver Save Article Nine Committee*
- Here a Base, There a Base, Everywhere a Military Base *Don Currie*
- Whose Side Are We On? - Principled Solidarity: Defining the International Peace Movement & Her Allies *Jasmin Mujanovic*
- Iran- The Next War? *Dr. Younes Parsa Benab*
- The Fabric of Peace - Textile Art, Israel and Palestine - A Presentation and Hands On Workshop *Elizabeth Sherfin*

12:15 ON SITE LUNCH - DISCUSSION - BUILDING THE MOVEMENT

1:30 PLENARY - INTERNATIONAL PEACE PERSPECTIVES

*Tariq Ali, UK; Clarence Thomas, IL&WU, San Francisco*

2:45 WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Solidarity Forever- Labour Strategies for Peace Activism *Clarence Thomas, IL&WU, San Francisco; Denis Lemelin, National President, CUPW*
- Regaining Our Imagination - Peace Movements and Social Justice Struggles Since 1968 - StopWar.ca Workshop. *Ingo Schmidt*
- An African Perspective - African Peace Forum
- You Look Like Trouble - Racial Profiling and the War at Home - SIRAAT Collective
- Cultural Forum *TBA*

4:30 PLENARY- BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE

5:30 BREAK FOR DINNER, INFORMAL NETWORKING, ETC.

7:30 EVENING CULTURAL PRESENTATION

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

11:30 Registration

12:15 ON SITE LUNCH

1:30 PLENARY - NINETY YEARS LATER - WHERE ARE WE GOING?

*Ingo Schmidt, World Peace Forum*

2:45 WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSION

- Save The Children - Counter Recruitment Experiences and Perspective *Nina Laboy, American Friends Service Committee*
  - Warriors Against War *Francisco Juarez, Ed Shaffer*
  - Another Choice - Conscientious Objectors *John Grogan*
  - Sam's Vision - War Toys Into Peace Art *Susan Ruzic*
  - Cultural Forum *TBA*
- 4:30 WRAP UP PLENARY
- 5:30 BREAK FOR DINNER, INFORMAL NETWORKING, ETC.
- 7:30 EVENING PRESENTATION: NEW WORLD THEATRE *MY NAME IS RACHEL CORRIE*



**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Full Adult Teach-In Registration** \$30.00 in advance/\$40.00 at the door (Includes Tariq Ali keynote speech but does not include Rachel Corrie presentation)

**Single Day Adult Registration** \$15.00 per day.

**Tariq Ali Keynote speech** Saturday, Nov. 8- \$20.00  
**neworldtheatre My Name Is Rachel Corrie** Tuesday, Nov. 11- \$20.00

**Full Student/Youth (25 and under) Teach-In Registration** \$20.00

(Includes Tariq Ali keynote speech but does not include Rachel Corrie presentation)

**Single Day Student/Youth Registration** \$5.00 per day

**Tariq Ali Keynote speech** Saturday, Nov. 8- \$15.00  
**neworldtheatre My Name Is Rachel Corrie** Tuesday, Nov. 11- \$15.00

**I would like**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Adult Registrations @ \$30.00 for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tariq Ali Keynote speech tickets @ \$20.00 for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ neworldtheatre *My Name Is Rachel Corrie* tickets @ \$20.00 for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Single Day Tickets for (list days) @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student/Youth Weekend Tickets (including Tariq Ali Keynote speech but not Rachel Corrie @ \$20.00 for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student/Youth Day Tickets for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student/Youth Tariq Ali tickets for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student/Youth neworldtheatre *Rachel Corrie* tickets for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help present this event.

I am enclosing a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the above tickets/donation.

Please make payable to World Peace Forum Society and mail to:  
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