

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCE  
10 FEBRUARY 2024 – 9.30am to 5.30pm  
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION

**Theme: To Promote & Strengthen Positive Peace to Create Hope in the World.**

**What is Positive Peace**

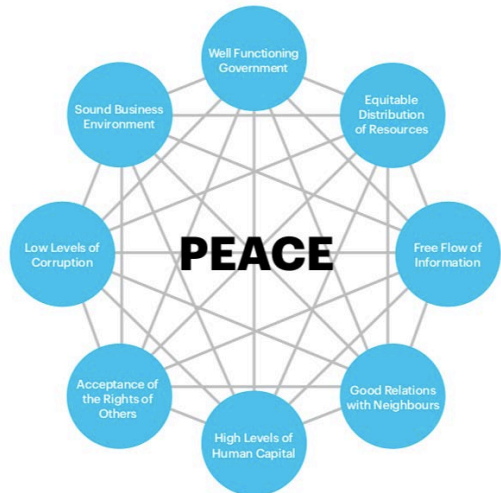
Peace that is underpinned by having the attitudes, institutions and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies is referred to as Positive Peace.

High levels of Positive Peace occur where attitudes make violence less tolerated, institutions are more responsive to society’s needs, and structures underpin the nonviolent resolution of grievances.

**The Positive Peace Framework**

Positive Peace is supported by a set of eight interrelated factors (or Pillars) that the IEP has empirically proven to increase the peacefulness in a community in long-lasting and resilient ways.

- A. well-functioning governments,
- B. free flow of information
- C. sound business environments
- D. acceptance of the rights of others
- E. good relations between neighbours,
- F. low levels of corruption,
- G. equitable distribution of resources,
- H. high levels of human capital.



The Positive Peace Framework encompasses concepts of Systems Thinking where each pillar is a system which also impacts the other seven pillars in varying degrees to effect change. The Theory of Change entails Input, Output, Outcome and Impact. This together with the concepts of moral imagination which includes the Centrality of Relationships, the Practice of Paradoxical Curiosity, the Provision of Space for the Creative Act, and the Willingness to Risk, help to Promote and Strengthen Positive Peace.

## Conference Programme

### Time

- 9.20 am Delegates invited to be seated by Sergeant @ Arms & Stewards
- 9.30 am Start of Conference Proceedings : Emcees Nicki Scott & Hans Bathija
- 9.35 am Announcements - Sergeant @ Arms - Trevor Johnson
- 9.45 am Announcements - Aims of the Conference - David Johnson
- 9.55 am Rotary International President Gordon McInally
- 10.10am Sir Malcolm Rifkind
- 10.30am Lord Mayor Michael Mainelli
- 10.50am Choir - Rotary's Music Relay Song for Peace
- 10.55am *mid morning break / coffee/tea*
- 11.30am Her Excellency Dr Fatou Bensouda
- 11.50am Her Excellency Ms Irina Bukova
- 12.10pm Steve Killelea
- 12.30pm Reverend Debbie Hodge
- 12.50pm *lunch break*
- 2.00 pm Maria Vittoria Gargiulo
- 2.20 pm Juvenal Shiundu
- 2.40 pm Prof. Ann Frisch
- 3.00 pm Prof. Fiona Macaulay
- 3.20 pm Prof. Maryna Dolzhenko
- 3.40 pm 'Murdita' (which means Joy) Drumming for Peace by Taichi Imanishi
- 3.50 pm *mid day break/tea/coffee*
- 4.15 pm Summer Lewis
- 4.30 pm Report Back - David Johnson/Tim Waugh/Eve Conway & Rapporteurs
- 5.00 pm Closing Remarks by Rotary Leadership
- 5.30 pm Conference Closes  
Photo Opportunity
- 6.00 pm International Maritime Organisation - Lights Off

## Conference Exhibits

### Exhibition of Lenticular Holograms of Portraits of the Hibakusha

#### Who are the Hibakusha?

The people who survived with injuries from the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are known as the Hibakusha, which translates to **bomb-affected-people**.

#### Portraits of the Hibakusha - 80 Years Remembered

Ten portraits of the Hibakusha had their inaugural viewing at the United Nations in New York during the Second Meeting of State Parties for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (2MSP TPNW) from 27th November to 1st December 2023. They were selected from 51 portraits that were taken in Hiroshima and Nagasaki between May and October 2023.

The collection was produced to help facilitate visitor learning in high-level settings such as the United Nations. The exhibition during 2MSP TPNW was a precursor to a series of much larger exhibitions to be held all over the world to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of 1945.

Combined with stories of what happened and how those affected survived the horrors of the bombings, the portraits serve as a powerful way of documenting and memorialising a global archive for future generations.

There are now very few of the Hibakusha left alive, and time is running out for them. The Hibakusha willingly came forward so that their memory could be documented, produced and presented in a meaningful and expressive way. Their three-dimensional images and their stories convey much more than words alone. August 2025 will be the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima and survivors wanted to have their presence felt even after they pass on.

This Peace Conference hosts the first London public viewing of the Hibakusha Lenticular holograms.

#### Maritime Themed Exhibits at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

The IMO Headquarters building, located on Albert Embankment, was purpose-built during the 1970s. Following a major refurbishment, it was reopened in 2008.

At the main entrance, delegates will see a striking seven-metre tall, ten-tonne bronze statue by Michael Sandle which depicts a lone seafarer keeping lookout on the prow of a merchant ship. There is an impressive curated exhibition of many model ships, from cruise liners to oil tankers and ferries to container ships. This remarkable collection of artworks, sculptures, hangings and models have been donated to the IMO over the years. Delegates are invited to view the exhibits and take photographs.

## Conference Peace Song, Drumming and Musical Extravaganza

### Rotary's Music Relay Song for Peace

Rotary's Music Relay Song for Peace has been composed for the London Peace Conference by Oscar Brown from the Purcell School of Music under the mentorship of Rotarian Alison Cox OBE who is the Director of Composition at the School.

The song will be sung by a choir comprising student delegates and Rotarians will be invited to join in the chorus.

This song will then be sent to Rotaract Clubs around the world to be sung in a global relay. This will be coordinated by the Commonwealth Resounds and more details will be announced at the Conference.



### Drumming for Peace

Rotary in London has a long tradition of Drumming for Peace. Rotarians participated in the drumming of a thousand drums at the opening ceremony of the London Olympics in 2012.

In 2018 London Rotarians combined with the Commonwealth Resounds and the Purcell School of Music to drum at the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The effort was headlined 'Rotary and the Commonwealth - Drumming for Peace'. Fifty two drummers comprising an inter generational group of students and Rotarians participated at this event.

In 2024, Rotarian Drummers have once again joined the Commonwealth Resounds and the Purcell School of Music to drum at the Rotary International Presidential Peace Conference. 'Murdita' (Joy) Drumming for Peace was composed by Taichi Imanishi. Some of the drums have come from Ghana, Uganda and India.

### Lunchtime Musical Extravaganza

A number of performers are providing a musical extravaganza during the lunch break. The performers are from the under-mentioned groups:



Elstree Mozart Players  
Alba Sinfonia  
Wembley Operatic Society  
Argosy Players

**Elstree  
Mozart Players**



Musical Director: Derek Holland



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