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Sixth International Human Right Education Conference held in the Netherlands

Middelburg, Netherlands, December 17-19, 2015

The three-day program attended by 222 participants was hosted by the University College Roosevelt in Middelburg, and was co-convened by the university's Dean Prof. Dr. Barbara Oomen and Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) Executive Director Frank Elbers.



The conference was dedicated to the theme 'Translating Roosevelt's Four Freedoms to Today's World'. The aim was stated as being to discuss Human Rights Education (HRE) in a variety of settings, for a variety of audiences and through a range of methodologies. Several themes emerged as the conference progressed including radicalisation and extremism and that HRE can contribute to civic skills and competencies. Another was that whilst there is a strong push to bring HRE into the formal education curriculum there is a value in non-formal education and embedding and mainstreaming a human rights perspective; the dignity and equality of all people, in all spheres should be an overarching goal of HRE. SGI participated in several panels including "Global Perspectives on HRE," "Human Rights Pedagogy," "Women's Rights" and "The role of NGO's"

Anti-Nuclear Weapons Exhibition held in Argentina

Rioja, Argentina, November 17, 2015

The exhibition "Everything You Treasure--For a World Free From Nuclear Weapons," (EYT) created by SGI and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), was launched at the Castro Barros Culture Center in the province of Rioja.



The opening ceremony was attended by several government officials including the Walter Rafael Correa, Provincial Minister of Education, Science and Technology and Secretary of Environment Dr. Santiago Azulai who celebrated the occasion recognizing the importance of such nonformal education to promote the awareness of the danger of nuclear weapons.

2016 Potential Landmark Year for Women Leaders in US and UN

By Thalif Deen, Jan 12 2016 (IPS)

The United Nations is hoping 2016 will be a landmark year for gender empowerment – not only for the world body but also for



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the United States.

“The empowerment of women is real,” says UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson of Sweden. “It is a remarkable moment where key candidates for the next President of the United States (POTUS) and for the next Secretary-General of the United Nations (SGUN) are women.”

But will this be a political reality or a floating fantasy?

Asked about history-in-the-making, UN Assistant Secretary-General Lakshmi Puri, told IPS:

“Yes, it will be historic and game changing –if and when that happens, because it would be the first time ever since the founding of the UN and the USA.” [...more](#)

This bimonthly SGI Peace News provides recent updates on SGI's public educational activities to help raise awareness on issues such as nuclear disarmament, human rights, sustainable development, interfaith cooperation and humanitarian assistance.

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