

July International Exchange

Peace Within, Building Bridges Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Attempts to gain unity and peace in one group by creating divisions with another is the fool's paradox. Unity and peace cannot be achieved without dialogue and collaboration of all groups. One step at a time, through diverse collaboration, the Multifaith Multicultural Centre of Pure Land Learning College Australia has worked jointly with global organisations to bring people from all walks of life to share stories and learn together. It has been an excellent learning opportunity for all individuals, and with the support of Pure Land Learning College, a group of Australian delegates from Toowoomba attended this event and a member of the youth group as a part of the Australian delegation, Lena Nabizada presented as part of our contribution.



Group photo of Australian Delegates



Plenary 2: Moral Education from the youth perspective

International Interfaith Peace Conference 2023 – Youth Congress

The late Venerable Master Chin Kung always said that the youth are not the future but the present. We must facilitate positive youth development programs and always place the youth at our events' forefront. This way, we can strengthen young people's sense of identity, belief in the future, self-regulation, self-efficiency, and social, emotional, cognitive and behavioural competence. Multi-Faith Multicultural Centre of Pure Land Learning College Australia has always encouraged and empowered the Toowoomba youth to participate in the community and voice their ideas, beliefs, and concerns. Multi-Faith Multicultural Centre mentors young leaders through their youth group TYP.G (Toowoomba Youth Peace Group) and provides opportunities to attend international forums to address and discuss matters directly affecting youth. The Malaysia Youth Forum 2023 brought youths from numerous countries, backgrounds, and religions together. Our delegate Karina O'Reilly presented as part of our contribution to this youth forum, introducing the harmonious society of Toowoomba Queensland in Australia.



Left to right:: Karina O'Reilly, IR Jamal Shamsudin

Above: Closing speech, Haniff Abdul Razak

The art of the peacemaker is their ability to hold on to what love is in the face of confusing statements; the peacemaker has the right intuitions for love - that the correct paths into our future are always built from empathy, compassion, understanding and creative solutions - ones that help all peoples and our Earth.

Through this International Interfaith Peace Conference, we bring together people from all walks of life with different beliefs and experiences to teach and learn the art of being a peacemaker. Evelyn Ray presented at this conference as part of our contribution.



Connecting for Peace Conference 2023, Singapore

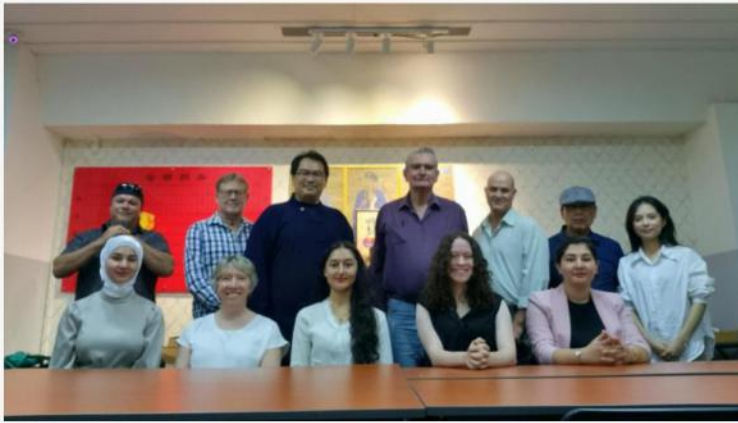
In Singapore, we were brought together to celebrate each of our contributions to building peace. This conference was an excellent opportunity for every individual to witness many peacemakers' success and become encouraged. As part of the Australian delegate's contribution to this conference, our representatives, Sruthi Gandu and Fatima Aria, were co-hosts.



Visit to Community Organisations in Singapore: the Ba'alwie Mosque, the Harmony Centre, Blossom World Society, and the Quan Zhen Cultural Society

As part of our trip to Singapore, we were honoured to have the opportunity to visit organisations in Singapore and connect through dialogue on a more personal level to understand their scope of work further; this was an excellent opportunity where we learnt about Singapore's culture and practice system in peacebuilding.





Upcoming Events

Peace Day 2023

We are very excited to announce once again that our wonderful community will be celebrating the UN International Day of Peace! We will be celebrating this amazing event for the third time on Saturday the 30th of September at Civic Square TRC. We hope to see many of you there!

For more information, visit advancinginpeace.org.au or contact us at mfmcc.pllc@gmail.com.



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VISA CATEGORIES)

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OF TOOWOOMBA?

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WHY DID YOU MOVE TO
TOOWOOMBA AND ARE YOU
PLANNING TO STAY HERE?



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Participate in a Research Study!

Griffith University is inviting people who were born overseas to participate in a one-on-one interview about their personal experiences settling into Toowoomba. The interview will take no longer than one hour, and interpreters will be available. All participants will receive a \$30 gift voucher!

For more information, scan the QR code on the right, or contact Bronte at 0414 993 793 beyondthemetropolis@griffith.edu.au