

## OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES AND SEEDS OF PEACE



In drawing together the *Seeds of Peace* resource, it has been encouraging to hear and see so many encouraging Australian stories of peace and reconciliation. Below are a series of other leading Australian 'seeds of peace' which provide very helpful resources to use, share in, develop and/or make a contribution. As with the stories in *Seeds of Peace*, these are just a start!...



### **Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)** [www.avp.org.au](http://www.avp.org.au)

The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) is a network of independent not-for-profit grass-roots volunteer groups offering experiential workshops on creative conflict transformation in prisons, schools, and the wider community. The Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Program is an adaptation of AVP for schools.

These workshops empower individuals to liberate themselves and others from the burden of violence. The fundamental belief of AVP is that there is a power for peace and good in everyone, and that this power has the ability to transform violence. AVP builds on a spiritual basis of respecting and caring for self and others.

### **Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition** [www.anti-bases.org](http://www.anti-bases.org)



### **Australian Anti-war/Peace groups**

<http://www.actnow.canberra.net.au/>

<http://www.peacecourier.com/>

<http://www.qldpeace.org/>

<http://www.nswpeace.org/>

<http://www.peacetasmania.org/>

<http://www.vicpeace.org/>

**ACT Network Opposing War**

**Australian Peace Committee (SA based)**

**Queensland Peace Network**

**Sydney Peace and Justice Coalition**

**Peace Tasmania**

**Victorian Peace Network**



**Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation**

<http://www.antar.org.au/>



### **Australian Peacekeeper & Peacemaker Veterans Association**

[www.peacekeepers.asn.au](http://www.peacekeepers.asn.au)

Recognising Australia's involvement in Peacekeeping - beginning in Indonesia in 1947 with the United Nations Good Officers Commission it has included some 27 Areas of Operation and 48 missions up to the present day with East Timor (INTERFET, UNTAET). The roles recognised by our association include Peacekeeping, Peacemaking, Military Observers, Truce Supervision, Emergency Forces, Special Commissions, Humanitarian Aid, Monitoring Forces, Demining Teams and Training Teams.

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**ASCA (Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse)** [www.asca.org.au](http://www.asca.org.au)

ASCA is an Australian national not-for-profit organisation for men and women campaigning for recognition of the life impact of the trauma of child abuse, and building the resources - support, advocacy and education - needed to promote healing.



**Beyond Blue**

[www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

**Borderlands** [www.borderlands.org.au](http://www.borderlands.org.au)

Borderlands is a place where you can share your skills, your knowledge and your aspirations -where you can plan together towards a possible and positive future. It provides a space where members and visitors can discuss ideas, read, learn and reflect upon issues of common interest (and have some fun in the process!)



**Catholic EarthCare Australia**

[www.catholicearthcareoz.net](http://www.catholicearthcareoz.net)

A leading example of Christian ecology.

**Columban Mission Society** [www.columban.org.au](http://www.columban.org.au)



**The Conflict Resolution Network**

Conflict Resolution Network was founded in 1986 (then under the auspices of the United Nations Association of Australia), and is headed by Helena and Stella Cornelius. Over the last ten years, CRN has developed a comprehensive range of teaching manuals, trained hundreds of trainers, directly taught CR skills to thousands of people, facilitated the resolution of a broad spectrum of personal, organisational and community conflicts, influenced Conflict Resolution training in school and university curricula and brought a Conflict Resolution focus to many social and political issues. [www.crnhq.org](http://www.crnhq.org)

**CrocFestivals** [www.crocfestivals.org.au](http://www.crocfestivals.org.au)

Celebrating Indigenous culture with young people

**Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse** [www.austdvclearinghouse.unsw.edu.au](http://www.austdvclearinghouse.unsw.edu.au)



**The**

**Edmund Rice Centre** [www.erc.org.au](http://www.erc.org.au)

The Edmund Rice Centre is one of Australia's leading social justice and advocacy groups, with notable recent work in refugee advocacy.

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### **‘Here for Life’ campaign (youth suicide prevention)**

Here for Life is a not-for-profit public benevolent organisation focusing on education, awareness and research aimed at the prevention of youth suicide. It provides resources, education and school based life skills programs to help prevent suicide amongst young people. Why? Because on average 1 young Australian will take their life today and up to 20 more will attempt. (source A.B.S.

2003 & Department of Health and Well Being 2002) [www.hereforlife.org.au](http://www.hereforlife.org.au)

### **International Conflict Resolution Centre** [www.psych.unimelb.edu.au/icrc](http://www.psych.unimelb.edu.au/icrc)

The ICRC is a thriving interdisciplinary learning community committed to the development of cultures of peace. It is known and respected, locally and globally, for the excellence of its contribution to the increase of knowledge, understanding, and promotion of the skills and values in resolving conflict in the Asia Pacific Region.

### **International Women’s Development Agency** [www.iwda.org.au](http://www.iwda.org.au)

IWDA is an Australian non-government organisation working with women in developing countries to support their efforts to improve their life choices and those of their families and communities, and to advance women's human rights. It focuses on groups of women that are particularly marginalised or suffer poverty or oppression.

*How can we lay claim to making an open and friendly society where human beings are respected and fostered when by the values we teach and foster, we systematically exclude segments of our population? —Jean Vanier*



### **L’Arche Community Australia**

Inspired by the profoundly peacemaking spirituality of Jean Vanier, L'Arche is an international organisation which typically provides family-style homes and lifestyle support to people with an intellectual disability. In Australia, a L'Arche community is usually formed by establishing a number of homes in a neighbourhood. Within this community, residents with a disability are encouraged to build their living skills in areas such as group living, work, recreation, spirituality and health. Assistants, or support staff, and volunteers are an integral part of a L'Arche community, discovering and deepening their own spirituality while building relationships with all members of the community.

[www.larche.org.au](http://www.larche.org.au)

### **Brian Martin’s work** [www.uow.edu.au/arts/sts/bmartin](http://www.uow.edu.au/arts/sts/bmartin)

Brian Martin is Associate Professor in Science, Technology and Society at the University of Wollongong.



**No To Violence** (NTV), the Male Family Violence Prevention Association Inc. is a peak organisation of individuals and agencies working for the prevention of male family violence. The specific focus is work with men to assist them to change and end their violent behaviour.

[www.ntv.net.au](http://www.ntv.net.au)

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### The Nonviolence Training Project and Pt'Chang

pt'chang nonviolent community safety group inc.



**Pt'chang** is an Australian Nonviolent Community Safety Group conducting a wide range of dynamic and creative violence-prevention, peace-building and

community safety initiatives. The aim is to assist community groups and grassroots organisations create safety in a variety of areas and situations.

[www.nonviolence.org.au/about.html](http://www.nonviolence.org.au/about.html) <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~ptchang/>

Pt'chang Nonviolent Community Safety Group Inc., in partnership with the Donald Groom Peace Committee initiated a *Nonviolence Training Project* and created an excellent Resource Manual - To download the manual as a free pdf or order a hard copy, visit:

[www.nonviolence.org.au/resources.html](http://www.nonviolence.org.au/resources.html)



**Pax Christ Australia**

[www.paxchristi.org.au](http://www.paxchristi.org.au)

**SIEV X Memorial Project** [www.sievxmemorial.com](http://www.sievxmemorial.com)

**Stop Violence Against Women (Amnesty International campaign)**

- with excellent resources and practical activities

[http://www.amnesty.org.au/whats\\_happening/stop\\_violence\\_against\\_women/home](http://www.amnesty.org.au/whats_happening/stop_violence_against_women/home)



**Sydney Peace Foundation (and Peace Prize)**

[www.spf.arts.usyd.edu.au](http://www.spf.arts.usyd.edu.au)

The Sydney Peace Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation which was created as a partnership between business, media, public service, community and academic interests. The Foundation aims to promote peace with justice in the Australian community. The Sydney Peace Prize given each year has helped highlight prominent international 'seeds of peace' See also *Prof. Stuart Rees* and other related work through the *Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies* at Sydney University [www.arts.usyd.edu.au/centres/cpacs](http://www.arts.usyd.edu.au/centres/cpacs) (and the *Australian Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies* [www.uq.edu.au/acpacs/](http://www.uq.edu.au/acpacs/) )

**UNIFEM** [www.unifem.org.au](http://www.unifem.org.au)

UNIFEM help organise *White Ribbon Day*: the largest effort by men across the world, working in partnership with women, to end men's violence against women. *White Ribbon Day* is held on November 25 each year, which was designated by the United Nations in 2000 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW). [www.whiteribbonday.org.au](http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au)

**Alan Weeks** – *Initiatives for Change* – on the Bougainville experience of peacemaking:

[www.forachange.co.uk/index.php?subjid=121&stoid=290](http://www.forachange.co.uk/index.php?subjid=121&stoid=290)



**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom**

[www.dragon-amazon.net/wilpfaustralia](http://www.dragon-amazon.net/wilpfaustralia)