then, significant events have shattered that hope but, at the same time,

strengthened our resolve to keep up the good fights.

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After the devastating disappointment of the resounding no vote for the Referendum for the Voice to Parliament, the Peace Foundation has reaffirmed our support for Australia's First Nations peoples. In this newsletter, Leonie Ebert reflects on the brutal campaign and the dignified and resolute response of Elders and Yes campaign leaders as they continue their centuries-long fight for justice and for their voices to be heard.

Our last newsletter was sent with all the hope that comes with spring. Sadly, since

Then, hostilities erupted in the Middle East as Israel responded to the murderous Hamas attack on Israel and the taking of (estimated) 247 hostages. Israel's response - the decimation of Gaza and the ensuing humanitarian disaster - has been condemned by many as disproportional and inhumane. With the shaky 7-day

ceasefire allowing for the exchange of hostages and prisoners and the delivery of limited humanitarian aid now over, there are continued calls for a sustained peaceful ceasefire. We urge you to add your voice by writing to Senator Penny Wong. And Russia's invasion, occupation and devastation of Ukraine grinds on towards the end of its second year. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has verified over <u>9,600 civilian deaths</u>.

Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) - one of the world's most groundbreaking This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to

as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. The Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948. The UDHR is one of the Peace Foundation's guiding beacons as we work for peace

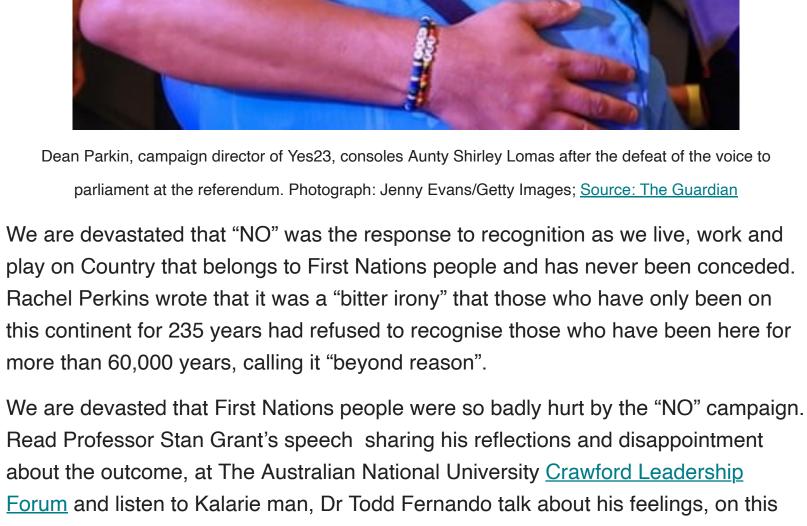
through the arts. We can hope for a more peaceful New Year - but we must ACT, whenever we can,

to make a difference. Call for lasting peace

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Before we move forward – and move forward we must, non-indigenous and indigenous alike - we should reflect on some of the reasons for the success of the "NO" campaign.

Three main reasons to consider are: the role of the Opposition Leader Peter Dutton; the divisiveness exploited by Senator Jacinta Nampjjinpa Price and Warren Mundine on the right and Senator Lidia Thorpe and Michael Mansell to the left; and the appalling role of the media - particularly News Corp. The wise words of retiring Senator Patrick Dodson, the Father of Reconciliation,

should be heeded if we are to move on towards a fair and just future for Australia's

Let Call for lasting peace After two months of intensive Israeli bombing, the respite of a week-long "pause" in

Islamist group Hamas in the Gaza Strip, as seen in a handout picture released by the Israel Defense Forces on November 12, 2023. ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES/Handout via REUTERS An estimated 15,000 Palestinians are dead, including over 5600 children. Many

Israeli military vehicles take position amid the ongoing ground operation of the Israeli army against Palestinian

Palestinians on the West Bank. In their determined pursuit of Hamas, whose fighters murdered 1,400 Israelis on 7 October and took 242 hostages, Israel has prosecuted the illegal collective punishment of Gazan Palestinians, genocidal in its scale. Shamefully, on 27 October, Australia failed a test of our nation's moral standing to join 120 nations in the United Nations General Assembly, which voted for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire. Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, recently said, "Without immediate restraint on both sides, we are heading for an even deeper humanitarian disaster and perpetuating cycles of violence.

leadership in support of a just and lasting peace for Palestinians and Israelis alike. **Adrian Graves CALL TO ACTION:** Email Foreign Affairs Minister, Senator Penny Wong, to call for an immediate, sustained ceasefire. Amnesty International has a template email here.

coring the need to preserve Palestinian identity in the face of adversity. Heba had said of her work "I consider art a message that I deliver to the outside world through my expression of the Palestinian cause and Palestinian identity," Heba Zagout. Photograph: YouTube Muralist Mohammed Sami Qariqa was killed when a missile

hit al-Ahli Baptist Hospital where hundreds of Palestinians

Just three days earlier he had posted on Facebook that he

happen inside the hospital, capturing a set of painful details

felt a responsibility "to convey the news and events that

writing and drawing, etc ... I am collecting many of these

WION has reported that the Israeli musical couple Shlomi

Hamas attack on Israel while trying to protect their teenage son. They were together in their home for a joyous evening

with music. Shlomi was a music teacher, and Debbie was a

and Debbie Mathias were killed in their home during the

with my phone camera, including photo, video, voice,

stories with different techniques." Muhammed Sami

were sheltering. Sami was volunteering at the hospital,

playing games and entertaining the children.

Hiba Abu Nada, a poet and novelist, was killed along with her son in an air strike in Khan Yunis on 20 October. The 32-year-old writer had published collections of poetry and a novel, Oxygen is Not for the Dead, which won second place at the 2017 Sharjah Awards for Arab creativity. In her final post on X (Twitter), Hiba wrote, "The city night is

time, according to OHCHR, there have been 9,600 civilian deaths – among them the following artists: Ukrainian ballet dancer Oleksandr Shapoval (top left), artist and researcher of Ukrainian cuisine Olha Pavlenko (top right), film editor Viktor Onysko (bottom left), artist and fashion designer Liubov Panchenko (bottom centre), conductor Yurii Kerpatenko (bottom right). Image from: The Kyiv Independent

Meanwhile, Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues – now in its 22nd month. In that

In July the Kyiv Independent reported that dozens of Ukrainian cultural figures have been killed by Russian aggression. There is no official record of such losses, but two lists compiled by PEN Ukraine suggest that the full-scale invasion has claimed the lives of at least 65 Ukrainian cultural figures. "Some were killed as civilians in missile attacks or in occupation, others as service

members after joining the Armed Forces to defend their country. But all of these

culture."

2023 Nobel Peace Prize

deaths have contributed to what experts call Russia's campaign against Ukrainian

On 6 October the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Narges Mohammadi, the

imprisoned Iranian scientist, journalist and human rights activist.

Narges has fought relentlessly against the oppression of women in Iran and has demonstrated her unwavering commitment to promoting human rights and freedom in her principled and persistent campaign against the increasingly repressive regime

Adelaide screening of *Dig Deeper* The Peace Foundation was delighted to welcome Mark Street and Ben McKeown to Adelaide last month for a special screening of Mark's new documentary *Dig Deeper*. The compelling and beautifully crafted documentary unearths the powerful narratives of four First Nations artists, Maree Clarke, Ben McKeown, Penny Evans and Blak

Douglas, as they create new works that speak to their personalities and challenge

Our Adelaide audience gave the film a warm and appreciative reception.

Aboriginal stereotypes.

Thank you, Mark and Ben! To watch out for screenings or host a screening, visit digdeeperfilm.com.au/screenings Fun at the Flicks fundraiser

We were thrilled that a good crowd of supporters joined us for September's Fun at

the Flicks morning tea and matinee movie at the Capri Theatre. We raised an

Guests enjoyed delicious cakes, tea and coffee in the foyer before watching A

and investigates the characters present when victims result from a haunting.

and lottery prizes. A special thanks to the Capri charity events and volunteers Naomi, Lisa, Brian, Ingrid, Jennifer and Iris for raising funds for our 2024 peace

Haunting in Venice's first release screening. The classic murder mystery features Hercules Poirot, who is now retired to Venice. He is a reluctant guest at a séance

Afterwards, the board Chair, Adrian Graves, announced the silent auction winners

incredible \$2,333 thanks to the generosity of all.

Here's a selection from our Facebook photo gallery:

award.

AND BIGNAK I **18 NOV-10 DEC ROYAL SA SOCIETY OF ARTS GALLERY** Exhibition 18 Nov-10 Dec @ Royal SA Society of Arts This exhibition celebrates the 28-year creative partnership between Australia's most prolific portrait artist, Robert Hannaford, and the renowned social change and arts company Big hArt. This is a 'must see' collection of dynamic and moving realist portraits painted by Robert Hannaford at workplaces, in homes and on Country to celebrate the people

at the centre of Big hART's work; the most marginalised and hidden communities

send a message that their lives are just as meaningful as the rich and powerful. It is

opening

• 1 March Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Day • 8 March International Women's Day • 21 - 27 March Harmony Week

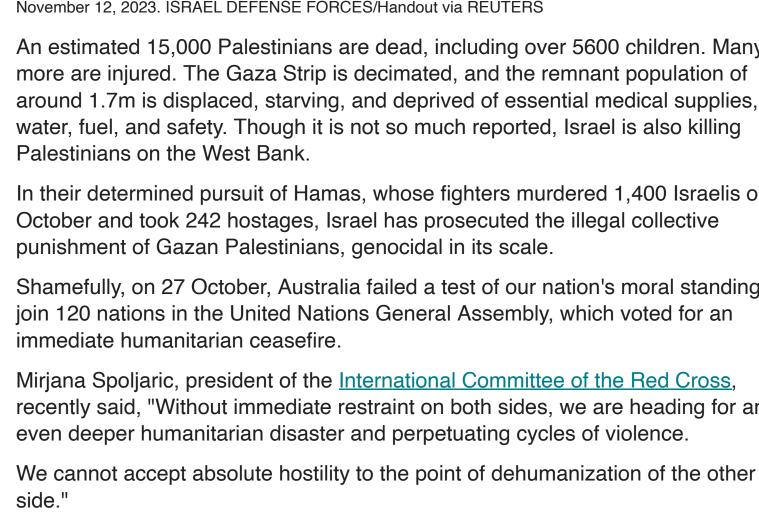
As these events unfold, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal global pledges.

L Community Lottery - Giving Tuesday We at the Peace Foundation are devastated that the majority of Australians said "NO" to recognition and a voice as requested in the generous invitation contained in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

more than 60,000 years, calling it "beyond reason". year's final episode of the ABC's Q+A.

Continue reading Leonie's full article here. hostilities has allowed for the release of 110 hostages held by Hamas in return for Israel's release of 180 imprisoned Palestinians and delivery of some humanitarian aid to the decimated Gaza Strip.

First Nations Peoples.



Today, the imperative for sustained peace is even more urgent. Israel has

urge an immediate cessation of this genocidal war.

resumed its assault on north, and now south Gaza, and the West Bank, aiming to

and it risks widening the conflict. There are two adversarial nuclear powers in the

"crush" Hamas, and occupy Gaza indefinitely. That will undoubtedly extend the war,

region, Israel and Iran. The possible consequences of this conflict are unimaginable.

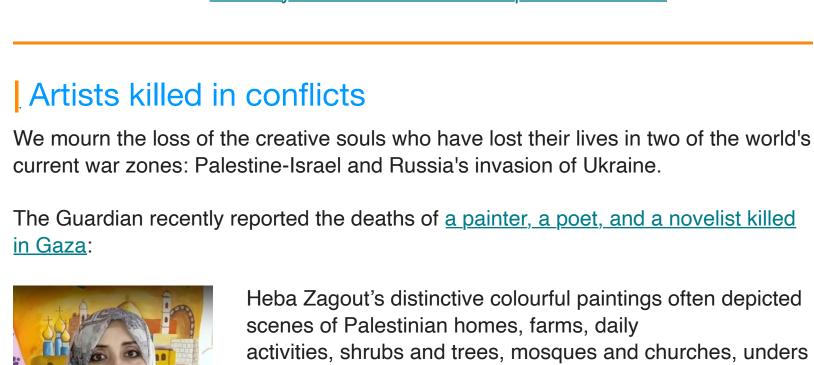
The UN Secretary-General, Pope Francis, over 120 other world leaders, numerous

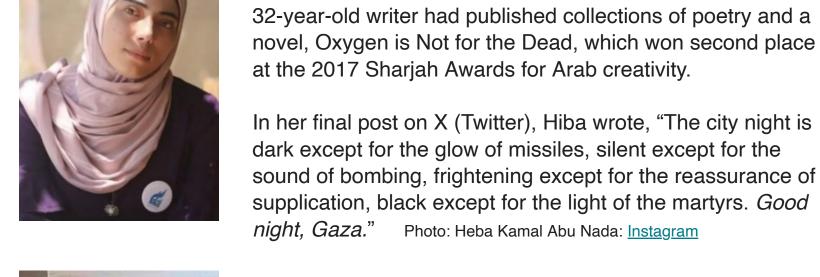
NGOs, and peaceful and humanitarian organisations around the globe continue to

Australian trade unions, all urging our Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign affairs

Please join the Peace Foundation, WILPF, Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA and

to pursue an immediate ceasefire actively and to exercise their formidable

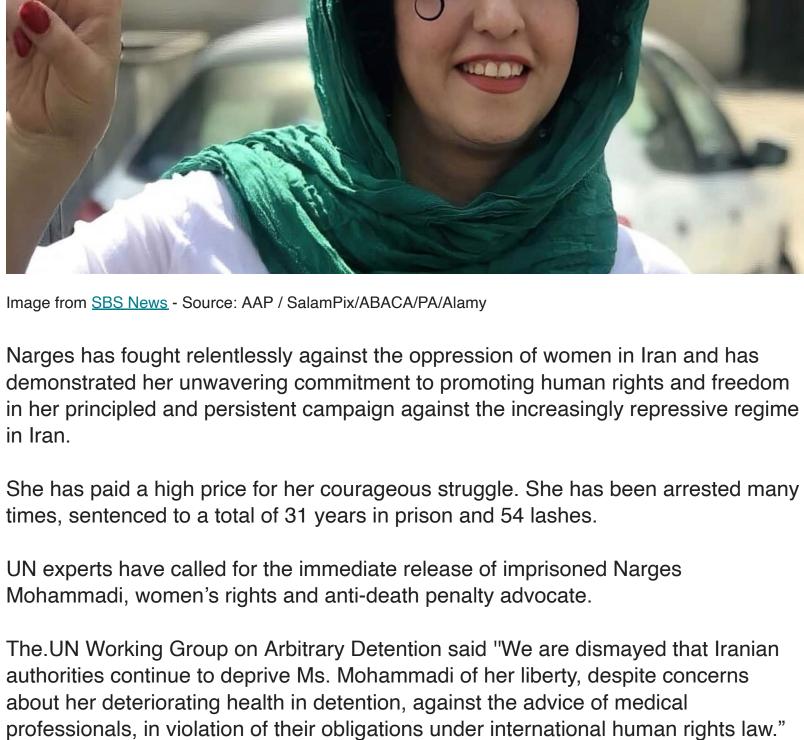




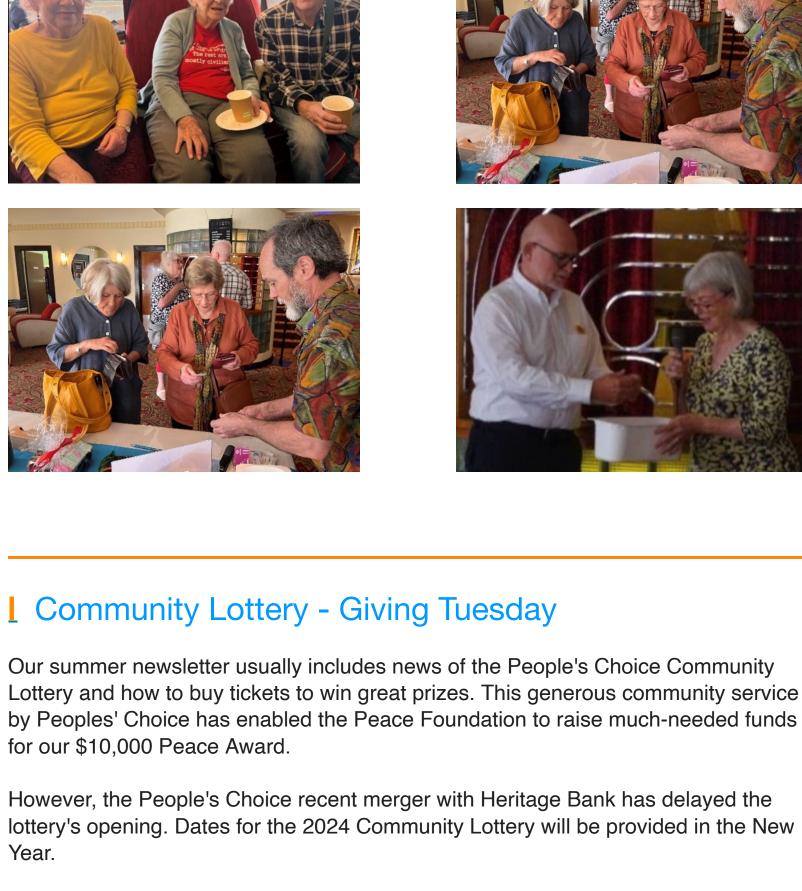
singer and songwriter.

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Left to right: Ben McKeown, Jenny Smith, Mark Street and Troy-Anthony Baylis at the Adelaide screening and Q&A. During the Q&A session that followed the screening (moderated by Adelaide-based visual and performance artist Troy-Anthony Baylis), Mark talked about how the film's title revealed itself. Ben shared the value of trust in working with Mark, which unearthed his personal journey.



In the meantime, in the spirit of Giving Tuesday (28 November), please consider

I want to give a donation

donating to the Peace Foundation via our website here.

An exhibition not to be missed

an honoured way to bestow respect.

Take advantage of this exhibition!

Left to right: Naomi Ebert Smith, Trevor Jamieson, Leonie Ebert and Robert Hannaford.

Peace Foundation Calendar

20 February World Day of Social Justice

Peace Foundation Events:

Robert Hannaford and Big hArt contributing artist, Trevor Jamieson, pose for photographers at the official

• 28 February Membership renewals for 2024 are due. Notices for memberships will be sent out in February. • Renew here via our website. **Other Dates of Interest:** • 30 November - 12 December Cop28 in Dubai • 10 December <u>Human Rights Day</u> • 18 December International Migrants Day • 20 December International Human Solidarity Day 2023 • 22 January Anniversary of the commencement of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons • 27 January International Holocaust Memorial Day

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