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> NOVA SCOTIA PRESS RELEASE - June 29, 2005
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> MURIEL DUCKWORTH - ONE OF 1000 WOMEN
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> names of the 1000 women who were nominated in January this year for
> the Nobel Peace Prize. Our prominent Halifax peace and social justice
> advocate, Muriel Duckworth, is one of these women.
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> The Canadian press release states, "Muriel Helena Duckworth is an
> extraordinary activist whose work for peace, social reform and
> educational development has spanned almost 90 years. One of Canada's
> most distinguished feminists and pacifists, she was a founding member
> of the Voice of Women (Nova Scotia) and served as national president
> from 1967 to 1971. She has founded many Canada-wide and province-wide
> organisations, has worked at the United Nations and has gone on a
> number of international peace missions."
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> "In my nomination of Muriel," says Linda Christiansen-Ruffman a
> Professor at Saint Mary's University, "I also emphasized the
> importance of Muriel's local community work, her ability to inspire
> others and her sophisticated analysis of the need to create the fair
> and equitable conditions required for lasting peace." As I wrote,
> "[Muriel's] concrete actions and her practical down-to-earth wisdom,
> along with its earth-shaking and transformative ideas and ideals,
> inspire into action almost everyone who meets her."
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> The initiative to nominate the 1000 peace women for the Nobel Prize
> in 2005 began in Switzerland and is supported by organisers from 20

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> different regions of the world.

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> Muriel Duckworth is one of nine Canadian women among the 1000
> nominated from more than 150 countries to represent innumerable women
> worldwide who are engaged in the cause of peace and human rights. As
> Dr. Christiansen-Ruffman remarked, "When I first read about this
> project, I could think of hundreds of worthy women in Atlantic Canada
> alone whose important work should be recognised. So many wise women
> throughout Canada and the world have made contributions to be
> celebrated."

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> She added, "This list is important symbolically. Although I have only
> seen the names of about 30 of the 1000, Muriel is not the only person
> on the list who has been in this region. Marilyn Waring who spoke in
> Antigonish earlier this month and in Halifax on Monday night and
> Vandana Shiva, who was part of the People's Summit held in Halifax in
> 1995, are also included on the list of 1000 women." - 30 -

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-----Original Message-----

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PEACE GARDEN FOUNDER INCLUDED IN NOBEL PEACE PRIZE NOMINATION

June 29, 2005

The International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (IHTEC) congratulates its founder and president Julia Morton-Marr on her inclusion in a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. Julia is included as one of 1000 nominees worldwide announced today by the "1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005" www.1000peacewomen.org project based in Bern Switzerland. Julia's nominator was Professor Helmut Burkhardt, physicist and system scientist, Ryerson University, Toronto.

Julia is proud to be one of nine Canadians included in today's nomination. The other Canadian nominees are Louise Arbour, Maude Barlow, Akua Benjamin, Muriel Helena Duckworth, Marjorie (Maggie) Hodgson, Landon Pearson, Doreen Spence and Kama Steliga.

Julia moved to Mississauga from Australia in 1990 where she had been active in the creation of a Walking Trail and Management Plan for the protection of the water supply at the mouth of the Murray River in South Australia.

In 1993 Julia created the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (IHTEC) and dedicated herself to developing school programs such as the International School Peace Gardens (ISPG) project. Full information regarding the IHTEC projects, including downloadable lesson plans for

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teachers, can be found at the IHTEC website www.ihtec.org

More recently, Julia has also been involved with Science for Peace <http://scienceforpeace.sa.utoronto.ca> in Canada, and the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace. <http://home.ca.inter.net/~vow/>

The "1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005" initiative has recognized these accomplishments by including Julia in their list of 1000 nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize as follows.

"Julia Morton-Marr teaches children how to be citizens of the world. With an understanding that peace, justice, and the environment cannot be taught separately, Julia has developed curricula adopted in 3,500 schools in 34 countries. In 1993, Julia founded the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre and the International School Peace Gardens. An array of topics - from conflict resolution and cultural understanding, to geography and performing arts - are based on the three pillars of human sustainability, ecological integrity, social peace, and individual rights and responsibilities."

Please refer to the IHTEC website at www.ihtec.org for further information, or contact her by email at julia@ihtec.on.ca Julia is spending most of the summer at Dreamland Resort in Hastings Ontario at 705-696-3808, or a message can be left for a return call at her office at 905-820-5067. A photograph is available on the web site in the link to the IHTEC Board <http://www.ihtec.org/index.php?id=186> along with a more detailed biography.

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Subject: More info: 1000 women Nobel peace prize
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Please spread the news!

The Project - Short Version

This year 1000 women from more than 150 countries are jointly nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Muriel Duckworth was one of them. The Association 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 wants to publicize the wealth of strategies, procedures for conflict resolution and methods of negotiation that women all over the world develop in order to deal with the various socio-political issues and problems in their respective regions. In order to make 1000 inspiring biographies known to the public, a book on the 1000 women and a travelling exhibit will appear at the end of this year. An interactive online platform will improve the women's networking and make their biographies readily available. The project needs broad financial support. Further information: www.1000peacewomen.org
< <http://www.1000peacewomen.org> >

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1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005
Publication of the 1000 Names?9 Canadian Women among Them

Oakland, California, USA 29.6.2005 - This year 1000 women from more than 150 countries are jointly nominated for the famous Nobel Peace Prize! The official nomination was handed in to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee in Oslo

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in January 2005. As of today the names of the 1000 women can be found under www.1000peacewomen.org < <http://www.1000peacewomen.org> > . The number 1000 is symbolic, as the 1000 nominated women represent innumerable women worldwide who are engaged in the cause of peace and human dignity.

Who are the 1000 peace women?

The nominated women commit themselves daily to the cause of peace and justice, often under the most difficult circumstances. They call for reconciliation and organize peace talks, they rebuild what has been destroyed in villages and cities, they fight against poverty and create new sources of income. They struggle for access to clean water, land and other resources. They care for those infected with HIV and give war orphans a home. They denounce violations of human rights and give public condemnation to all forms of torture. They utter silent protest in public places and seek solutions to all forms of aggression.

They work mainly in their own villages and regions, but many women are also in institutes and universities. Some of them are members of their local governments or are active on the international scene. The criteria for each nomination were, among others, sustainability and integrity, long-term engagement, the inclusion of all parties to a conflict, and a wide network.

The 1000 women are experts in their fields of work, they are beacons of hope for their local people, they are informed, demanding, and not accommodating!

You can find several short biographies under www.1000peacewomen.org
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Who are the Canadian nominees?

Louise Arbour

Maude Barlow

Akua Benjamin

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Julia Morton- Marr
Landon Pearson
Doreen Spence
Kama Steliga

A crazy idea? - A challenging project!

The project began in 2003, under the conviction that the commitment of women working for peace should finally be acknowledged and made publicly known. It began as a Swiss initiative, but has become a project supported globally, thanks to the untiring work of coordinators and many voluntary helpers from 20 different regions of the world. They were responsible for the identification and documentation of the women nominated in their regions, and they kept the communication lines open. The project has the support of the Swiss Minister for Foreign Affairs, Micheline Calmy Rey, the support of UNIFEM and UNDP, and the patronage of UNESCO Switzerland.

In January of this year the 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 were nominated as recognition of their daily commitment to the improvement of the living conditions of present and future generations. And today we are publicizing the names of these 1000 women.

Giving a Profile to 1000 Women

In order to make 1000 inspiring biographies known to the public, a book on the 1000 women will appear the end of this year. It will present their work, their visions and their life stories. These biographies were written by hundreds of journalists all over the world. The book will be a clearly structured source of reference for NGOs, relief organizations, peace networks, women's networks and official institutions.

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A travelling exhibit is planned, with texts and pictures documenting the 1000 women. It will be able to be shown anywhere in the world. An interactive online platform will improve the women's networking and make their biographies readily available.

Furthermore, academics will study the women's work, and the results of this research will provide feedback to civil societies, international organizations, politics and further research into the store of experience and knowledge acquired by the peace women.

The Nobel Committee

The Norwegian Nobel Committee will probably announce on October 14, 2005 who will receive this year's Nobel Peace Prize. Today's publication of the 1000 women's names by the Association 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 is to serve the long-term public awareness of these women's work and is not intended to influence in any way the decision of the Nobel Committee.

Media Conferences Worldwide

Today press conferences to make known the names of the 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 are taking place from Fiji to California, from Germany to Brazil. You will find attached a list of the regional coordinators.

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Further information and media documentation under www.1000peacewomen.org

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