

WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dr Melissa Curley, UQ Rotary Peace Centre



It is my pleasure to welcome you all here today to our 15th Annual UQ Rotary Peace Fellow's Seminar. The Seminar is a wonderful showcase for our Class XV Fellows to display the journey they have been on throughout their time with us in the Graduate Centre in Governance and International Affairs, in the School of Political Science and International Studies. Today is a special occasion for us all to come together - for our Class XV Peace Fellows to share their experiences with Rotarians first hand. It is also a chance to meet our new Class XVI Peace Fellows, a diverse and inspiring group of professionals each in their own way.

UQ is now well into our second decade of partnership with The Rotary Foundation with the Peace Centres Program. Rotary Peace Fellows at UQ now undertake a *Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies*, participate in an Applied Fieldwork Experience during their summer break, as well as an annual trip to the nation's capital Canberra, hosted by Rotarians. The Seminar today is one way UQ extends its thanks to Rotarians for their ongoing commitment to the Peace Centres Program – from the philanthropy from The Rotary Foundation, to the volunteer work of Rotarians on committees, or the generosity of our local Rotarian host counsellors. It also showcases the academic programme of study our Fellows undertake. I hope you enjoy the day!

WELCOME FROM ROTARY

Shaughn Forbes, Rotary Host Area Coordinator




I would sincerely like to welcome all Rotarians, friends of Rotary, and students to this exceptional event that we are privileged to have each year. These 10 dedicated young people in Class XV, selected for the prestigious Rotary Peace Fellowships, are now in the last semester of their program. Today they will share ideas, knowledge, and much more with us.

Both Peace Fellows and Rotarians are passionate about contributing to a more just and peaceful world. Rotarians have been working for peace since 1930 and continue these efforts with a few setbacks like World War II. Every year, our Foundation allocates funds to projects that attack the root causes of conflict — lack of access to education, health care, economic opportunity, clean water, and adequate sanitation. We wish the Peace Fellows every success in their future careers making a difference in the world. Enjoy the presentations today!

UQ ROTARY PEACE CENTRE

Established in 2001, the University of Queensland Rotary Peace Centre is one of six centres around the world. Rotary is deeply committed to advancing peace and justice worldwide and annually funding the peace education of up to 110 Peace Fellows globally.

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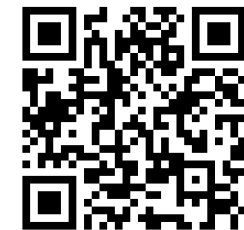
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Peace in Action: Pushing the Envelope

Saturday, 24 March 2018
The Women's College
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WELCOME FROM CLASS XV



Welcome to the seminar! We hope you enjoy the day as we share with you our Peace Fellow journey over the last year, including highlights of our studies at UQ and our Applied Field Experiences. **We express our enormous gratitude to the global network of Rotary and UQ for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study peace.**

As a diverse cohort of professionals dedicated to promoting peace locally and globally, we are from Cambodia, Canada, Honduras, Pakistan, Rwanda, South Sudan, and USA and have expertise spanning from community development, education, engineering, humanitarian assistance, international relations, law, psychology, social work, and youth development.

ROTARY PEACE FELLOW CLASS XV HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the highlights of our time here in Australia include:

- Studying the **theories of peace and conflict resolution** at UQ.
- Deepening our knowledge in **inspiring electives** such as policymaking, monitoring and evaluation, and public health.
- Engaging in and learning about peace and social justice from **indigenous**
- Conducting **Applied Field Experiences (AFE)**s around the world over the summer that provided practical, hands-on opportunities in peace with local and multilateral organisations (see map).
- Networking with **key Australian peace leaders** in policymaking, non-profits, and social entrepreneurship on the Canberra trip.

Map of Class XV AFEs

