



United Nations Association of Australia
Queensland Community Awards



United Nations, New York



International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers (29 May): Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro (centre left) and UN Peace Keepers observe the wreath-laying ceremony.



World Environment Day (5 June) Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), speaks at a celebration of at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.



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QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY AWARDS

Recognition of Community initiatives

based on

United Nations Principles

and reflecting

Peace, Human Rights, Social Justice

"We the peoples of the United Nations"

UN Charter



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**Applications close on
24 September each year**



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

The United Nations is made up of 192 member states (countries) and Australia was a founding member in 1945.

Many countries established UN Associations after the Second World War, to promote and support the UN. Today there are 103 Associations, and in Australia we have branches in each state and the Territories.

United Nations Students Associations (UNSA) have also been formed to introduce university students to the operation of the UN. Students organise and run Model UN Conferences both in Australia and overseas, and raise funds to support a wide range of charities.

United Nations Youth Associations (UNYA) have been formed to encourage and support secondary school students to develop an understanding of the role of the United Nations.

There are a number of UN Ambassadors who both promote the ideals of the UN and raise funds to support UN programs.

In Australia we have also established the Academic Network and the Parliamentary Group.

People all over the world have initiated activities which support peace and which raise funds for special projects and are recognised by the UN. For example Wangari Maathai, from Kenya planted one tree in 1975 and gradually built this idea of sustainability through trees into an organisation, the Greenbelt Movement, as a result today over 40 million trees have been planted throughout Africa.



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“We the peoples of the United Nations”

“In communities around Australia and in particular in Queensland – from the suburbs to regional and rural areas and to the inner cities – many of us are often struck by the extraordinary efforts made by individuals and organisations to support and assist Australians”.

The United Nations Association Qld Community Awards have been set up so that these people can be recognised for their selfless and often uncelebrated efforts and commitment in their day-to-day lives relating to issues of peace, human rights, social justice and equality – efforts that serve to better the society we live in.

A. RATIONALE BEHIND ESTABLISHING THE UNITED NATIONS COMMUNITY AWARDS

To recognise people and organisations in our communities, based in Queensland, and who have shown outstanding effort in initiating or supporting activities/projects which reflect the basis of the United Nations Charter and purposes (refer B.).

To broaden understanding of the United Nations throughout Queensland.



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B. UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, CHAPTER 1 –

Article 1* as follows: *The Purposes of the United Nations are*

To maintain international peace and security, to that end:

1. take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;
2. develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace;
3. achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and
4. be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

*short extract from the United Nations Charter

Nominations/Applications for UNAAQ Community Awards should be based on activities by individuals or organisations which address one or more of the Criteria and reflect the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.



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C. CRITERIA- The project or activity should reflect one or more of the following criteria and have been undertaken over a substantial period of time within a five year period from 2005:

1. Local, State, National or International capacity-building activity.
2. Impact in terms of increased community awareness.
3. Approximate amount of time and resources devoted to the activity.
4. How cooperation, harmony and growth in community understanding have been fostered
5. How initiative and innovative practices, including working with others, have been demonstrated.
6. Contribution to the advancement of the UN Purpose/s or UN related projects such as poverty, Millennium Development Goals, UN Women or UN volunteering, International Days, Weeks or Years or addressing, for example, sustainability, water issues or climate change
7. Promotion, advancement and understanding of a special activity based on peace, human rights and/or community service.

Awards are made for an outstanding contribution to or development of programs, projects or activities which advance the UN Purpose/s and which address the criteria.

United Nations



Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with OXFAM "In MY Name: End Poverty Campaign" sponsors L to R: Apl.de.Ap, (musician); Rahul Bose, (actor & OXFAM Global Ambassador); Mary Robinson, (Honorary President European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights & Democratisation & an Elder); Ela Bhatt, (founder India's Self-Employed Women's Assoc.); Will. I. Am (musician); Angelique Kidjo, (UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador & OXFAM campaigner); Jeffry Sachs, (UN Special Adviser on MDGs); Kristin Davis (actress & OXFAM Global Ambassador); Kumi Naidoo (Co-chair Global Call to Action against Poverty & Honorary President of the World Alliance for Citizen Participation); Elle Macpherson (Australian model and actress) and Barbara Stocking, (Director Great Britain office OXFAM International).



Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro (front, centre) with participants of the second annual Global Model United Nations Conference, Kuala Lumpur on 14-18 August, 2010



Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon inducts Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize laureate and green advocate Wangari Maathai as a UN Messenger of Peace who founded the Green Belt Movement, which has planted more than 40 million trees on community lands across Africa.



Australian Model Elle Macpherson, and Mary Robinson previous Prime Minister of Ireland and an Elder, participate in the OXFAM "In MY Name: End Poverty Campaign".



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D. CATEGORIES

There are four UNAA Q Community Award categories.

- 1. UNAA Q Community Award: recognising young people aged between 15- 25 years, Awarded to an *individual or group***
- 2. UNAA Q Community Award: recognising people 25 years and over, Awarded to an *individual or group*.**
- 3. UNAA Q Community Award: – Organisation
Awarded to recognise a non-government or community based organisation or individual**
- 4. UNAA Q Community Award: – Government
Awarded in recognition of a state or local government initiative by a department, team, organisation or individual.**

AND

UNAA Q Community Meritorious Award Medals are special meritorious awards to recognize an individual or group in the above categories who achieved at an exceptionally high level through their project.

Age is taken as at 24 October (United Nations Day) of the year of nomination for the Award.



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E. REPORT

Any nominated activity must be authenticated by appropriate documentary report; the documentation must fully describe the nature and extent of the nominee's activities and address the criteria described.

The report should be between 250 and 1000 words and should include an overview of the program/ project/activity, be no more than four pages, which should address the criteria.

The report should illustrate and explain the program/ project/ activity. Supporting materials such as photos, art work, drawings etc. can be included. Note the report and materials will not be returned. The entry should provide specific examples of the nominee's efforts. The application/nomination form and report must be supported by two referees.

The report (E) and application/nomination form (H) should be included with the referees authorisation (I).

F. JUDGING PROCESS

A panel comprising representatives from the UNAA Queensland Executive Committee and Members, non-government and government organisations, and the community will judge the UNAA Q Community Awards

The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

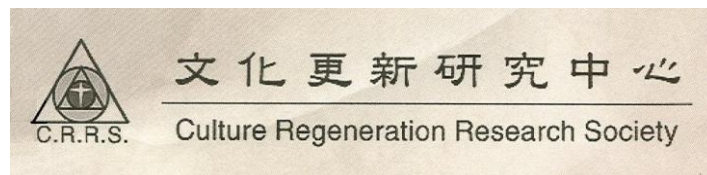
All entrants will be notified and winners will be announced on United Nations Day 25 October.

G. PRESENTATIONS will be arranged at state, regional or local level.



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Some of the organisations who have supported the United Nations Association in Queensland





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H. Application/Nomination Form

Please Print

Name of person or person representing an organisation, nominated or applying for UNAAQ
Community Award

Category _____

Name of Organisation (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

_____ P/C _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Date of birth _____ Date Organisation started _____

Title & brief description of the nominated project/program/activities:

Date of activity/project started _____

Date finished _____ or ongoing _____

Application/nomination and report must be authenticated by two referees and by appropriate
documentary evidence of activity/ project.

CLOSING DATE 24 September each year





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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Age of nominee/applicant is taken as at 24 October (United Nations Day) in the calendar year of application.
2. Entries close on 25 September each year.
3. Only residents of Queensland or Queensland based organisations can nominate or be nominated or apply for the United Nations Queensland Community Awards.
4. The Nominee and the referees attest that, to the best of their knowledge all details in the report, nomination form and referees form are correct and true.
5. You may nominate a member of your family.
6. A referee cannot be a family member of the nominated person.
7. Each nominee and or group hereby agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions as listed in the United Nations Queensland Community Award pamphlet.
8. Nominations/Applications for UNAAQ Community Awards should be based on activities by individuals or organisations which address one or more of the Criteria and reflect the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.
9. The decision of the Selection Panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into in respect of any decisions or aspects in regard to these Awards

Authorisation

I certify that the information contained in the application/ nomination and report is true and correct.

_____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant or nominee or representative of organisation.



I. Authorisation by referees (Please print)

We hereby support _____
Applicant's Name

for the United Nations Association Community Awards Qld. We understand that the report and details of the project are correct, the decision of the Selection Panel is final and that no correspondence will be entered into in respect of any decisions or aspects in regard to these Awards.

Name of Sponsor Referee (1): _____
Print

Address: _____
_____ P/C _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Name of organisation: _____
If applicable

Signature Sponsor /Referee (1) _____

Name of Second Referee (2): _____

Address: _____
_____ P/C _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____
Print

Signature Second Referee (2) _____

Date _____

Return application, documentation and referees' authorisation to:

Secretary,
United Nations Association Qld
UNAAQ Community Awards
P O Box 244, New Farm Qld 4005

United Nations Goodwill Ambassadors



UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and concert pianist Lang Lang (Centre), who Performed at "UN Day Concert - A Tribute to Peacekeeping", with Allan Buchman (R) founder of Culture Project.



Trudie Styler, Co-founder of the Rainforest Foundation, addressed the UN General Assembly's informal meeting on climate change and the status of intergovernmental negotiations. Ms. Styler discussed the foundation's work in protecting tropical rainforests and their indigenous populations. The Rainforest Foundation was founded in 1989 by Sting and his wife Trudie Styler.



Students Participate in International Day of Peace Observance

International Day of Peace, 21 September, is a United Nations holiday. Students with flags of United Nations Member States participating in a ceremony in the Rose Garden, outside United Nations Secretariat Building, New York.

The International Day of Peace was established by the UN General Assembly in 1981 to "commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace within and among all nations and people." Twenty years later, the General Assembly decided that 21 September would be observed annually as a "day of global ceasefire and non-violence" and invited all Member States, organizations and individuals to commemorate the day, including through education and public awareness, and to cooperate with the United Nations in the establishment of a global ceasefire.