



Humanitarian Disarmament & Arms Control Campaigns Forum

17 – 19 October 2014

Friday 17 October

18:00 – 22:00

Welcome Reception: The Press Box Bar, Top Floor (932 2nd Avenue)
Appetizers provided, cash bar available

Saturday 18 October

9:00 – 9:30

Arrival & coffee

9:30 – 9:40

Welcome from Control Arms & Pace University
Anna Macdonald & Matthew Bolton

9:40 – 10:00

Pacing the Stage I
Felicity Ruby

10:00 – 10:30

Introductions from all participants
Facilitators: Anna Macdonald & Matthew Bolton

10:30 – 11:45

Breakout Sessions I:
Options include Skill Downloads and Hard Questions & Big Challenges sessions
Introduction: Allison Pytlak

11:45 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:15

Lightning Campaign Updates I
Facilitator: Alexandra Hiniker

12:15 – 12:45

Pacing the Stage II
Jody Williams

12:45 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 – 14:15

Lightning Campaign Updates II
Facilitator: Alexandra Hiniker

On the Couch I: Gender and arms: from the theoretical to the practical

Facilitator:

- Jasmin Nario Galace

Speakers:

14:15 – 15:15

- Where has integrating gender worked and where has it not? - Ray Acheson
- No more all male panels initiative – Laura Boillot
- Resolution on Women, Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Control – Folade Mutota

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45

Building the Action Plan I

Introduction by: Allison Pytlak

Break out group facilitators:

- Resolution on Women, Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Control – Folade Mutota and Jasmin Galace
- No more all male panels – Laura Boillot and Richard Moyes
- NGO presentation on gender and disarmament – Ray Acheson

16:45 – 17:00

Wrap up of Day I

Facilitator: Matthew Bolton

19:00 – 22:00

Dinner at La Mela Restaurant, 167 Mulberry St.

Dinner provided, cash bar available

Sunday 19 October

9:30 – 10:00

Arrival & coffee

Welcome back

Facilitator: Anna Macdonald

10:00 – 10:30

- Overview of Day II
- Lightning Campaign Updates III

On the Couch II: Gender and arms: from multiple perspectives

Facilitator:

- Susi Snyder

10:30 – 11:30

Speakers:

- A researcher perspective - Kathi Lynn Austin
- A diplomatic perspective - Shorna Kay Richards
- An activist perspective – Antonius Wiriadjaja

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:00

Breakout Sessions II:

Choices of Skill Downloads and Hard Questions & Big Challenges

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00

Report backs from break out groups

Facilitator: Mary Wareham

15:00 – 16:15

Building the Action Plan II

Facilitator: Ray Acheson & Allison Pytlak

16:15 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 16:45

Wrap Up & Presentation of video

The agenda features the following types of sessions: motivational presentations; educational panels; campaign updates; skill building opportunities and discussion break out groups. The major outcome of the Forum will be the development of an action plan that will consolidate and potentially expand on existing initiatives that link gender and disarmament. Below is a brief description of each type of session.

1. Pacing the Stage:

These are short Ted-style talks meant to be motivating, energizing and to spark conversation. They will take place sporadically throughout the Forum.

2. On the Couch:

These sessions will be similar to a panel discussions, but with less formal seating and more interactive tone. Each one will have a few speakers who can cover a slightly different topic although each session will have a common theme, and are meant to be educational.

3. Lightning Campaign Updates:

These will be delivered throughout the conference by any campaigns or coalitions that wish to share an update. Each update should be three minutes maximum and should ideally include a reference to any gender-related activities that the campaign or organization has recently done.

4. Breakout Groups:

a) Skill Downloads

These are skill-building sessions to be done in break out groups. Topics will be offered twice – once on Saturday and once on Sunday at the same time as the Hard Questions & Big Challenges groups.

Proposed topics as follows:

- How to do gender analysis for campaigning (Gabriella Irsten)
- Getting our issues into the news (Jennifer Fierberg)
- Planning effective campaigns (Fred Lubang and Allison Pytlak)
- Using social media for impact (Lorey Campese)
- Working in coalition: building them (and keeping them alive!) (Magnus Lovold, Maria Pia Devoto, Bob Mtonga)
- How to interview and fact-find An Introduction to Interviewing in Situations of Armed Conflict (Bonnie Docherty)

b) Hard Questions & Big Challenges

These groups are opportunities for discussion about the difficult challenges facing our community in small break out groups. Topics will be offered twice – once on Saturday and once on Sunday at the same time as the skill downloads.

Proposed topics as follows:

- Working to achieve long-term change while reacting to current crises in Syria and elsewhere (Mary Wareham)
- Overcoming fundraising challenges in tough economic times (Atle Karlsen)
- Dealing with opponents that are not governments, from pro-gun groups to arms manufacturers (Anna Macdonald)

- How academic research and writing can benefit advocacy for humanitarian disarmament (Matthew Bolton & Denise Garcia)

On Day II, there will be an opportunity for sharing back to the group about what was covered in the course of these discussions.

5. Building the Action Plan:

A major outcome of the Forum will be the creation of an action plan that reflects realistic actions we can all take toward advancing gender within disarmament. Prior to the Forum, suggested actions will be circulated via email in order to obtain a short list that reflects real possibilities and current initiatives. Some of these will have already been addressed earlier in the programme.

During Building the Action Plan I, participants will break into small groups – one for each initiative. They will have 75 minutes to further flesh out next steps, key moments, key partners, etc.

During Building the Action Plan II, the ideas put forward in the small groups will be developed into a proper action plan that will be the outcome document of the Forum.