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## **White Poppies for Peace Annual Appeal, 17 to 24 April 2012**

This mailing has information about the 2012 White Poppies for Peace Annual Appeal. There are street collections in **Wellington** and **Dunedin** again this year - details of both street collections are below, as well as information about the white poppy, the Annual Appeal and how you can support it, and an update on the White Poppy Peace Scholarships.

### **\* About the white poppy**

The white poppy is an international symbol of remembrance for all the casualties of war, civilians and armed forces personnel, and of peace. Some people wear it as an alternative to the red poppy, others see it as complementary; some choose to wear both poppies, some one or the other, and some no poppy at all. More information about the white poppy is available at <http://www.whitepoppies.org.nz>

White poppies are available for a donation to the White Poppy Peace Scholarships.

### **\* The White Poppies for Peace Annual Appeal**

The White Poppies for Peace Appeal is held annually from 17 to 24 April. The Annual Appeal is the main fundraiser for the White Poppy Peace Scholarships.

### **\* How you can support the Appeal**

There are three ways you can support the Annual Appeal - helping with a street collection, having a collection box so you can collect donations, or ordering white poppies for yourself or your group.

#### **1) Helping with a street collection in Wellington and Dunedin**

- **Wellington:** the street collection in Wellington is on Monday, 23 April, and there will be three collections in and around the central city: from 7am to 8.30am, from 12.30pm to 2pm, and from 4.30pm to 6pm. If you can help with the Wellington street collection, please email [whitepoppies@ymail.com](mailto:whitepoppies@ymail.com) as soon as possible and let us know what time/s you are available. Please include your phone number in your message, thank you.

- **Dunedin:** the street collection in Dunedin is on Monday, 23 April, and there will be collections at various locations around Dunedin, including the Peace Pole on the Museum Green and in George Street, times to be confirmed. If you can help with the Dunedin street collection, please email [whitepoppies@ymail.com](mailto:whitepoppies@ymail.com) as soon as possible, include your phone number in your message, and let us know what time/s you are available on the 23rd. Please note that your email and phone number will be passed on to the Dunedin collection coordinator.

## 2) White poppies collection boxes

You could:

- **have a white poppies collection box:** at your work, school, church or other community place during the appeal week (this will be delivered or posted to you depending on where you live); or
- **organise a special or one-off collection:** ask your church or place of worship if they would consider having a white poppy appeal collection around the time of the Annual Appeal, or arrange a collection at a community group or other public meeting during the Appeal week.

Each collection box contains white poppies and white poppy information cards, as well as guidelines for collectors, a parcel post SAE to return the box, and a standard SAE to return the money collected (account details are included if you would prefer to do a bank transfer).

If you would like to be sent a white poppies collection box, please email [whitepoppies@ymail.com](mailto:whitepoppies@ymail.com) as soon as possible and let us know: how many collection boxes you require; the approximate number of white poppies you would like; and your name and postal / delivery address. If you already have a collection box, please include the box / badge number in your message.

## 3) Ordering white poppies

If you would like to order some white poppies for yourself or your group (rather than have a collection box), please use the form available at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/poppiesform.pdf> or email [whitepoppies@ymail.com](mailto:whitepoppies@ymail.com) - please note that all orders for the Annual Appeal need to be received as soon as possible, thank you.

### **\* About the White Poppy Peace Scholarships**

The White Poppy Peace Scholarships comprise at least two grants that are awarded each year to assist with research into: the impacts of militarism, militarisation and warfare; alternatives to militarism, militarisation and warfare; or collective non-violent responses to state violence. The Peace Scholarships are for students studying at any tertiary education institution in Aotearoa New Zealand. Each grant is a minimum of \$1,000 - one is for a Maori or Moriori student, with the other/s open to any student with New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.

The White Poppy Peace Scholarships were launched in October 2009, and the first two Scholarships were awarded in April 2010 to Ryan Bodman and Marianne Bevan. Ryan's dissertation *'Don't be a conscript, be a man!': A History of the Passive Resisters' Union, 1912 - 1914* and a summary of Marianne's dissertation *'The Hero Stuff' and the 'Softer Side of Things': Exploring Masculinities in Gendered Police Reform in Timor-Leste* are available on the White Poppy Peace Scholarship web site at <http://www.peacescholar.org.nz>

The 2011 White Poppy Peace Scholarships recipients were Karly Christ and Audrey Wong - information about their research, which will be completed this year, is available at <http://www.peacescholar.org.nz>

The recipients of the 2012 White Poppy Peace Scholarships will be announced prior to this year's Appeal.

### **\* How you can support the White Poppy Peace Scholarships**

You can support the peace scholarships by making a donation during the Annual Appeal or at any time during the year - your generosity will help to promote peace by directly supporting research into alternatives to militarism and war, and collective non-violent responses to state violence.

To make a donation by cheque, please use the form available at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/poppiesform.pdf> - if you would prefer to make a donation by direct credit or internet banking, please email [whitepoppies@ymail.com](mailto:whitepoppies@ymail.com) and we will provide the details for you - a tax credit receipt is sent for all donations.