



# Presidential Peacebuilding Conference 2018

## Environmental Sustainability & Peace

February 9-11, 2018

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



## AREAS OF FOCUS

We direct our efforts in six areas to enhance our local and global impact. Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:

Promoting peace  
Fighting disease  
Providing clean water  
Saving mothers & children  
Supporting education  
Growing local economies



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RI President Ian H.S. Riseley will host six presidential peacebuilding conferences in 2018 to explore the connection between peace and Rotary's five other [areas of focus](#) plus environmental sustainability. By focusing on the areas where Rotary does its most significant work, the series seeks to:

- Elevate Rotary's status as a global leader in each area of focus
- Demonstrate The Rotary Foundation's impact on our causes
- Educate and inspire participants to increase their Rotary service
- Provide an opportunity for members and nonmembers to explore project partnerships

### Conference schedule

Members and nonmembers are invited to attend. Learn more about each event and register online at the following links:

10 February – [Environmental Sustainability and Peace](#), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

17 February – [Water and Sanitation and Peace](#), Beirut, Lebanon

24 February – [Disease Prevention and Treatment and Peace](#), Coventry, England, United Kingdom

17 March – [Economic and Community Development and Peace](#), Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

28 April – [Maternal and Child Health and Peace](#), Taranto, Italy

2 June – [Basic Education and Literacy and Peace](#), Chicago, Illinois, USA





***Environmental Sustainability, and Peace***

*10 February 2018 — Vancouver, Canada*

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## Friday Night Reception

Ian Riseley



Douglas Neasloss,  
Chief Councilor of the  
Kitasoo/Xai'xais  
First Nation



Augustin Wright



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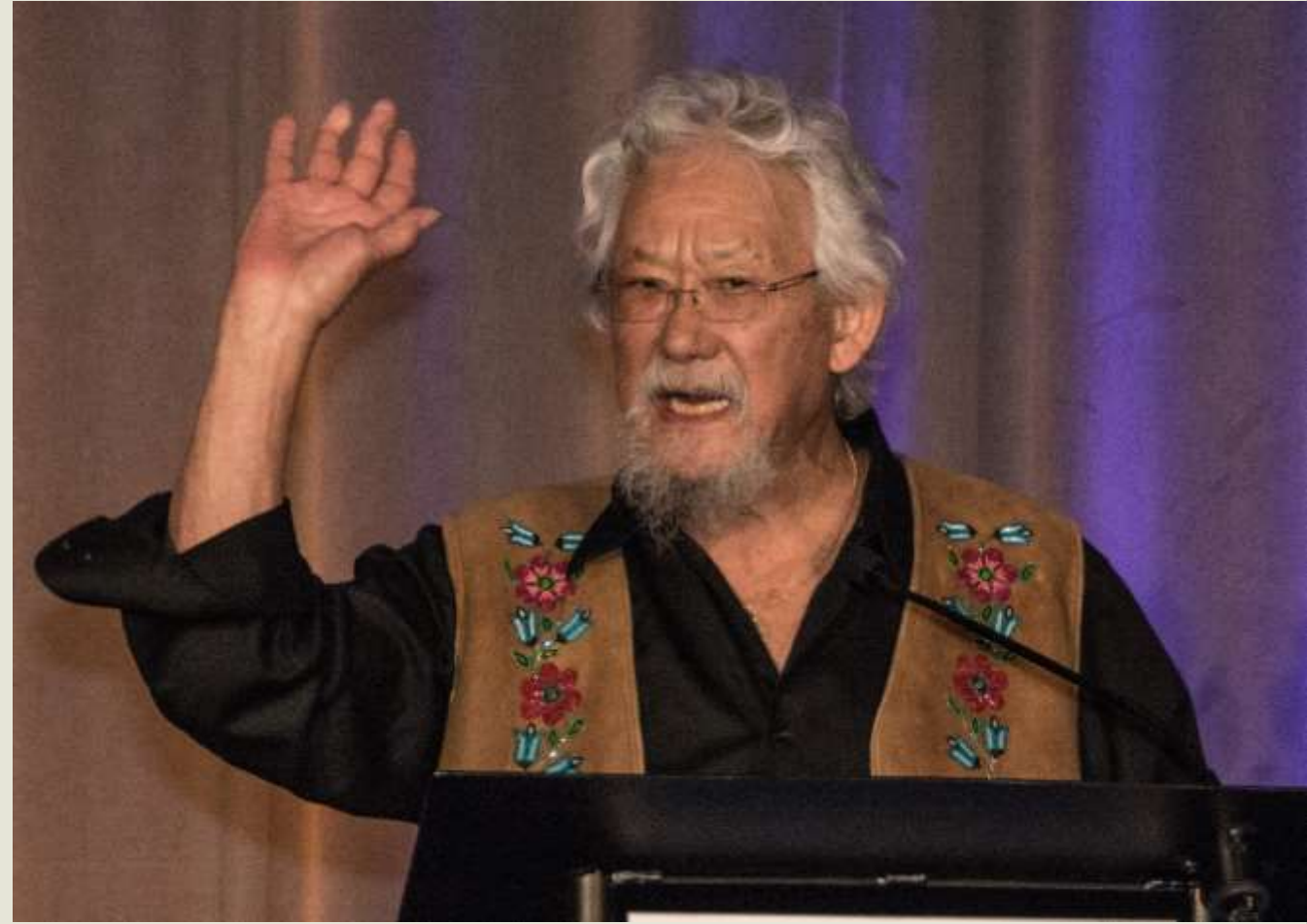


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**8:15 – 9:00 Opening Ceremonies: Ian Riseley**

**9:00 – 10:00 Plenary Session One**

The Challenge of the 21st Century –Setting the Bottom Line in the **Anthropocene**, Dr. David Suzuki

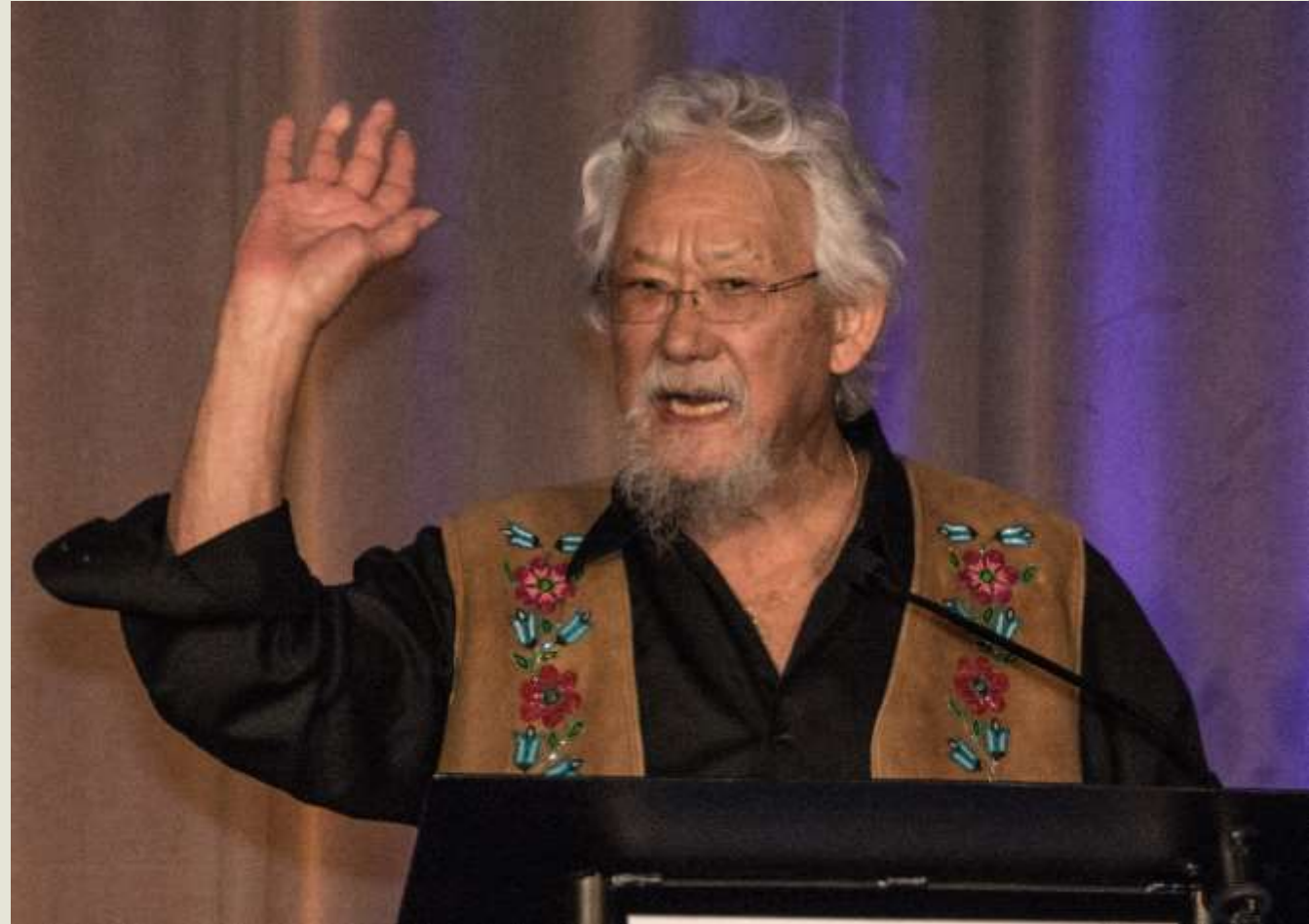




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### The Challenge of the 21st Century –Setting the Bottom Line in the **Anthropocene**, Dr. David Suzuki

- Anthropocene Epoch – Humans are the root of environmental change – air – water – soil
- Humans began in Africa – we are the invasive species throughout the world, waves of extinction followed our travels
- Human population has increased 350% in his lifetime
- We are the most numerous mammals on Earth
- Most technology was invented in the last 150 years
- We have an appetite for STUFF



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## 10:30 –11:30 Breakout Session One:

- a) Business of Sustainability - Beth Keck – International Business / Corporate responsibility. Business Leaders Panel: Bruce Karas, VP Environment, Sustainability Coca Cola; Bridget Croke, VP External Affairs Closed Loop Partners; Atlanta McIlwraith, Sr. Manager Community Engagement, Timberland
- b) Planting for Peace – Dr. Ira Helfand, Nobel Peace Prize 1985, Co- Pres., Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War Jiro Kawatsuma, Hiroshima Survivor Hiroko Seki, Transforming Mines to Vines – Heidi Kuhn, Founder and CEO of Roots of Peace
- c) Peacebuilding under Pressure, Will Plowright, Project Manager, Drs. Without Borders, Derran Moss, United Nations, Office for the Co-ordination of Human Affairs.
- d) Biodiversity Sustains Us All. Glenn Raynor, – Jane Goodall Centre Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dr. Jamie Bechtel Founding CEO of New Course, President of Kito, Douglas Neasloss Chief Councilor and Resource Stewardship Director, KITASOO/XAI'XAIS First Nation
- e) Adaptive Solutions for Sustainable Systems Chris Cochrane, Re Fed, Re Think Food Waste, Prevention, Recovery & Recycling Deborah Harford , ACT Water, Food Energy Biodiversity, SFU, Linda Low, Peace Scholar Duke University

**11:30 – 12:00 Plenary Session Two:** Sustaining Health via a Low Carbon Economy – Dr. Jonathan Patz, Global Health Institute, University of Wisconsin

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**12:45 –1:50 Plenary Session Three:** Nurture the Soil to Feed the World Chris Cochrane, Re Fed. Maria Rodale, Rodale Institute. Dr. Navin Ramankutty , Institute of Resources, Environment and Sustainability, UBC

## **2:00 – 3:00 Breakout Session Two:**

a) Protecting the Waters that Sustain Us - Jess Housty, Heiltsuk First Nations, Dr. Simon Donner , Department of Geography, UBC; Salvador Rico – Rivers of the World.

b) Environment and Peace – Interactive Session Youth Focus

c) No Sustainability, No Peace Prabha Sankaranayan – Mediators Beyond Borders International, Dr. Gregg Walker, Water Resources Programs, Oregon State University, Steve Goldsmith,MBBI.

d) Positive Peace, The Environment and Social Business – Rebecca Crall – Rotary International, Michelle Bresiauer – Institute of Economics and Peace, Julia Roig – Partners Global

e) Peace Scholars in Practice,- Will Plowright, Linda Low (Duke University), Glenn Raynor, Wisdom Addo, Abiola Adimula (Nigeria)

**3:30 – 4:30 Plenary Session Four:** The Tree Solution Douglas Justice, Botanical Gardens, UBC, Dr. Jamie Bechtel, Kito, New Course; Kathleen Rogers, Earth Day Network;

**4:30 – 5:00 Rotary Leadership Panel:** Bringing Sustainability Home

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## Saturday Banquet Speakers

**Derran Moss** – United Nations Office of Humanitarian Affairs. Peace Fellow UNC



## Langley Ukulele Ensemble



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## Sunday Tree Planting



### *Ginkgo biloba*

Second generation atomic bomb survivor tree from Hiroshima, Japan

広島市の被爆樹木二世 [イチョウ]

This tree is a descendant of a ginkgo tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. It was presented by Heiwa Rotary Hiroshima Survivor Trees (Heiwa) to Rotary International President Ian Risley at the 2018 Rotary Presidential Peace-building Conference in Vancouver. This living symbol of global peace was planted at VanDusen Botanical Garden on February 11, 2018.

Heiwa grew from the vision of its parent organization, Green Legacy Hiroshima, to safeguard and spread the seeds and saplings of Hiroshima's atomic bomb survivor trees – and their message of peace and hope for a nuclear-free world.

このイチョウは1945年8月6日広島市の原爆を生き延びた樹木の子孫です。この樹は、カナダ・バンクーバーで開催された会長主催平和会議開催に当たり2018年2月10日Heiwa: Rotary Hiroshima Survivor Trees (Heiwa) よりこの会議を主催する国際ロータリー会長Ian Risley氏に贈られました。


Heiwaはグリーンレガシーヒロシマの理念を受け継いだロータリー奉仕活動団体です。「核のない世界」を目指して、広島市の被爆樹木の種や苗を通じて世界に広め、平和や希望のメッセージを伝えるために設立されました。



Mother ginkgo tree 広島市縮景園内の母木 at Shukkeien Garden, Hiroshima, 1370m from the atomic bomb's hypocenter.







# Rotary Peacebuilding through Sustainable Living

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2018, Vancouver BC

# “L”

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- L is for leaves
- Which absorb the CO<sub>2</sub>
- That is causing temperatures to rise globally (Global Warming)
- Which causes climate change, a rise in vector illness, widespread flooding, drought and fires

Rotarians are asked to plant one tree per member this year



# “O”

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- O is for oceans
- That are absorbing much of the CO<sub>2</sub>
- Which forms carbonic acid that destroys coral, shellfish and plankton
- While warming the water, expanding it and melting polar ice
- And changing the weather patterns that lead to drought and floods in fragile economic and political areas of the world.

Rotarians are tasked with funding more projects in areas hard hit by climate change.





# “V”

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- V is for values
- Defining what is sacred to humans: clean air, clean water, sustainable soil for a sustainable food supply.
- Defining what is most important in our lives: family, friends, memories
- Clarity on these issues will lead to peace.

Rotarians are tasked with valuing people over material goods through service and stewardship in our communities.



# “E”

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- E is for evolving
  - Evolving from burning stuff for heat and energy.... to harnessing the sun, wind and sea. Cave people burned stuff.....why are we still doing it?
  - Evolving from a pattern of “buying more stuff” to selecting only items you really need
  - Evolving from the idea of “owning” to that of “care-taking” (property, land)
  - Evolving from eating items that increase global warming, like beef and rice, to those that are easy on the planet and grown locally.

Rotarians are tasked with evolving to preserve our land, our planet for our children and grandchildren. Fund neighborhood compost sites for food waste or consider meat-free Rotary meals.



# LOVE

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- L is for planting trees. One per Rotarian in 2017-2018.
- O is overcoming old ways and adopting new ones, such as “meatless meetings”.
- V is for valuing our biosphere and making sure our club activities align with our values by reducing our food, plastic and paper waste.
- E is for evolving into a club that promotes stewardship of the earth.

Rotarians are tasked with sharing the love.





# Happy Valentine's Day Ideas for our Planet

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- Make your next car a hybrid or electric model – or car-share.
- Use solar power for outdoor lighting. Put up solar panels if you have a good location for them.
- Buy local produce, organic, if possible. (Soil health is human health).
- Take your own bags or plastic containers when shopping, to reduce need for waste.
- Compost food scraps or make soup with them.
- Make one day per week a meatless day – Meatless Monday, for example.
- Use a washable container with a filter & drink tap water when you travel.
- Reduce the amount of grass in your yard, eliminate pesticides and mulch with ground up leaves.