



WINDOWS OF THE WORLD

FEDERATION SQUARE: 12th, 13th & 19th SEPTEMBER, 2009

Inspired by Changing the Dream Symposium, Presented by Be The Change

Windows of the World represents active support for the development of a new and more humane existence on our planet, where environmental sustainability, spiritual fulfillment and social justice become the guiding principals of our time.

Windows of the World provides a window through which we can see other cultures and they can see us. Understanding and appreciating one another's culture seems paramount to living peacefully in this world and for the survival of life on our planet.

Join us in engaging the world as we showcase projects addressing social and environmental challenges. The impact of this event cannot be underestimated. We look forward to seeing you there.

SAT 12th Sept. Indigenous & Cultural Connections

- We kick-off *Windows of the World* at midday, with a junior's game of Marngrook at Birrarung Marr, to demonstrate the traditional Indigenous sporting culture (Victorian football) - *generously arranged by Fitzroy Stars, AFL Victoria and Sports Victoria.*
- At 1:00 pm the event will open with a 'Welcome to Country' by an Indigenous Elder representative. The Square will be filled with cultural groups as part of a theme that acknowledges and honours the Indigenous custodians and land owners, past and present, in Australia and abroad.
- The day will include an exhibition of Indigenous and cultural art and craft, music and dance. Indigenous Elders from Alice Springs and Tiwi Island arranged by *Catholic Mission*, and locally based Tibetan Buddhist leader, Ven. Lobsang Tendar will feature, along with various other master artisans displaying their craft.
- The big screen will show cutting-edge film and be host to stage presentations and guest speakers who will invite the audience to be part of the visions and projects from the various cultures and groups, as a lead into the Symposium.

SUN 13th Sept. Community Building and Faith

- At Midday, gather at any one of the nearby park locations listed below for a world peace walk into the Square. *Windows of the World* will feature the *Gathering of all Nations Australia 2009* by UN representative body, *Universal Peace Society*, who's representatives in over 100 countries are invited to create their own local peace walk as part of *Windows of the World* and follows on from the launch of the 11-day global peace program (11-21 Sept 2009).
- **Walk for peace and harmony starting points:**
 1. Carlton Gardens - Cnr. Rathdowne Street and Victoria Parade
 2. Fitzroy Gardens - Cnr. Albert and Clarendon Streets
 3. Shrine of Remembrance - St. Kilda Road
 4. Flagstaff Gardens - William and Latrobe Streets
- In a gathering of cultures and communities, faith groups and organisations, a display of both local and international development in community and in faith, will take place. As part of Global Shipment to India, two community pilot shipping containers prepared by Eltham and Vermont schools will be on display. APL Shipping Lines is acknowledged for their generous donation of both containers and shipping costs.
- The big screen will show film of local and international community groups demonstrating their efforts in developing capacity for sustainable life on our planet. Included in the audiovisual display will be work by: Jamie Oliver's *Fifteen Foundation* for disadvantaged children, *Mirabel Foundation* for drug affected families, *Centacare's* refugee programs, *Catholic Mission's* local and international community development, Melbourne fire community rebuilding, and other communities. Screen time will include guest speakers, audience interaction and the opportunity for attendees to be involved in the projects exhibited.

SAT 19th Sept. Plants, Animals & Habitats, Recycling, Re-using & Sustainability, Celebrating Life

- The 3rd and final day of the event is about creating new ways to live and inhabit our home, relating to harmony among people, plants, animals, wildlife, infrastructure, creative sustainability. It will include climate justice movements and creative urban living examples. It will aim to increase awareness of the importance of caring for all humankind and of keeping our environment safe so that the all life is carefully protected and safely maintained.
- The day will focus on the gathering of families, children, organisations and various groups and communities, celebrating children's messages for living in harmony.
- The big screen will show cutting edge film presentations and speakers. It will be lead by material from the ground-breaking *Changing the Dream Symposium*. Other initiatives in the film include *Project Kaisei*, which aims to clean and recycle the vortex of plastic waste in the Pacific Ocean, estimated at twice the size of the state of NSW. Recent scientific studies demonstrate the breaking down of plastic is not only a major concern for marine life, however for all life on our planet. *Australia Zoo* will feature, and the latest *Noah's Ark-Global Sanctuary* program demonstrating schools and their communities engaging in a unique project, aiming to see sanctuaries to be adopted for sustainable support.
- SAGE Foundation ambassador Furrah Syed, will travel especially to Melbourne for the event to present handmade rugs by Indian villages to 4 schools in the recent fires. The rug designs were by the children affected by the fires, as their visions for redevelopment.
- To celebrate the inaugural *Windows of the World* event and the sending of the shipping containers in support of Indian community and wildlife, a *Bollywood* performance, generously organised by *Federation of Indian Associations of Victoria* will bring colour, music and fun to the Square, as the closing ceremony.

