

The Peace Post

Ending Poverty  Peace Innovation

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! This season is a time to assess the past twelve months, set new goals, and reinvigorate our commitments to the causes we are most drawn to support. As our team and [Cooperative for Humanity](#) members step into 2024, the significance of fostering peace as a daily practice remains at the forefront of our endeavors.

In our dedication to accelerating peace globally, we like to think of ourselves as peace architects, and we believe that work must begin within our own community of global change-makers, diplomats, and innovators of all kinds. The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent the tremendous vision of a world we are building together for our friends, families and communities today, and for generations to come.

In many ways, Goal 1 is— as UNDP suggests— “the all-access key” to this vision. The UN officially describes SDG 1 as “ending poverty in all its forms everywhere.” Is this really feasible? We believe it is— in fact, we believe we already have the minds, knowledge and capacity to do so now. To address poverty is to address one of the root causes of conflict, creating a foundation upon which sustainable peace can be built. SDG 1 urges us to think beyond immediate alleviation with focus on creating enduring solutions. It beckons us to invest in initiatives that connect and equip communities, providing them with the tools and opportunities needed to break the cycle of poverty and sustain themselves indefinitely.

Traditionally, philanthropy has been regarded as the solution, but as the world changes faster than ever, the need for locally-rooted sustainability is clear. Investing in initiatives that require perpetual philanthropic commitment and no return— barring assurance that we’ve “done the right thing”— does not seem to be working for anyone.

I founded PII because I believe that when we join together as a community, we can create new ways to “do well” while doing good. Our global events and programs are driven by this commitment and the belief that the SDGs can truly be achieved by 2030 if we unite within our communities to build circular economies that work for everyone.

As we enter 2024, our team and members are reinvigorating our commitment to sustainable development. In the coming months, the Peace Post will delve deeper into the SDGs, exploring the innovative approaches undertaken by leaders and organizations to address each intersectional issue and promote peace. We will also be joining with other global leaders to launch experiential offerings that provide new opportunities for each of us to activate sustainable peace starting now.

I invite you to join us, as a member, on this journey of discovery and true sustainable impact!

In the spirit of peace and unity,
Barbara Winston
President and Founder

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SDG 1 Confidential: Consigning Poverty to History

Operating across nearly 170 countries, UNDP has long been focused on tackling the root causes of poverty. In this article, they break down the complexity of poverty, demonstrating that gender inequality, inadequate infrastructure, corruption and polarization are just a few of the many intersectional issues that keep people stuck, weakening the overarching social fabric of societies. PII's commitment to transforming philanthropy to support the dignity of all people is mirrored by UNDP's initiatives. Indeed: investing in capacity-building programs that make economic self-sustainability and resilience a core end goal is critical for sustainable peace.

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No Poverty - A Bold Ambition for a Better World

Sustainable Development Goal 1 sets a bold ambition to eradicate poverty in all forms by 2030. Seven key targets are set within the goal, including reducing extreme poverty, ensuring social protection, and building resilience against various global climate and health shocks. This article by Greendeed focuses in on income inequality and climate change's impact on poverty, recognizing that the poorest populations in our world are disproportionately affected by these realities. As a job search platform for sustainable opportunities, Greendeed shares PII's belief in the importance of partnering with innovative organizations for poverty reduction, referencing Simprints and Wagestream as exemplars in the field.

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8 World-Changing Solutions to Poverty

This informative article by World Vision Canada presents eight practical solutions to combat global poverty. It emphasizes the importance of educating children, particularly girls, to break the cycle of poverty and highlights the significance of providing access to clean water to improve health and lessen the burden of water collection. This article also stresses the need to meet basic healthcare needs and to put an end to child marriages. Additionally, it focuses on ensuring adequate nutrition and food security and supporting climate change initiatives all aimed at addressing the root causes of poverty for sustainable impact. PII was founded on these principles, and education, gender equality, and health for people and planet continue to be at the heart of our partnerships, programs, and events.

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