

The Peace Post

REDUCED INEQUALITIES



PEACE INNOVATION

Dear Friends,

As we continue to build bridges for peace in 2024, our commitment at PII remains unwavering. We are each architects of positive disruption and sustainable impact within a community of global change-makers, diplomats, and innovators. The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) illuminate our path for constructing the DNA of Peace and operating as a world where peace is not just a concept but a lived reality. This month, in celebration of Black History Month, our focus turns to SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities.

Inequalities persist in various facets of our lives, be it in healthcare, economics, or other socio-political structures. To propel peace forward, we must confront these imbalances head-on, recognizing that fostering a harmonious world requires equitable access to opportunities and resources for all. Our commitment to peace-inspired innovation must not only draw inspiration from, but also be led by, diverse voices and issues worldwide.

In the following articles, you will read stories of the enduring human spirit, exemplified by young people and innovative leaders navigating inequitable health systems, environmental degradation, conflict, forced migration, and other forms of violence. We are inspired by their resilience, and their stories fuel a robust hope and commitment to creating systems of opportunity and support for all people facing adversity.

We hope you will join us in celebrating these leaders and supporting the many other young people who are innovating for peace and sustainable development every single day. Each of us has the power to build peace wherever we live, work, and play, so the only question is: *Are you bold enough to practice peace?* Join us and this **movement** for positive disruption!

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

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Birth Can be Dismal for Black Women. What This Hospital is Doing to Stop that

In a country where **maternal death rates** are higher than any other high-income nation in the world and Black women are at a statistically **higher risk for complications**, Los Angeles' MLK Community Hospital decided to do something different in the labor room. Women are guided through childbirth with the expertise and care of certified nurse midwives, with obstetricians on call to support high risk and emergency cases. This approach, which focuses on reducing C-sections and providing personalized care, has reduced unnecessary and often dangerous surgical intervention by almost 10%. The hospital's practices demonstrate the power of targeted and empathetic health solutions for promoting health equity and leading peace innovation.

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How a Nature-Forward Global Economy Can Tackle Both Instability and Inequality

Imagine a world where environmental sustainability, economic growth, and equality are not in competition with one another. With UNDP's Nature Pledge and Brazil's Amazon Security Plan, we are getting a peek into what that world will look like. This article from the World Economic Forum highlights the economic and social opportunities embedded in transitioning towards a "Nature-Forward" global economy, with nearly 400 million new jobs by 2030 and over \$10 trillion in projected annual business value. As we make this exciting transition, Brazil's indigenous youth are leading the way forward in **reforestation and conservation efforts**, mitigating immediate risks while creating pathways for long-term prosperity. These efforts, like the work of our DNA of Peace Fellows, remind us that the best and most productive innovations happen where human genius intersects with the passion to engage our environments for lasting peace and growth.

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MLS's New Anti-Discrimination Policy Focuses on More Than Just Suspensions

Last week, Major League Soccer (MLS) introduced a new anti-discrimination policy focused on implementing restorative practices when faced with cases of player-to-player racism and other forms of discrimination. The new approach will include counseling, education programs, and confidential meetings with trained facilitators to propose action plans for a more impactful resolution. As a collaborative effort between the MLS, MLS Players Association, and the Black Players for Change group, the announcement represents a growing commitment to move away from pure suspension-based policies and towards discipline with opportunities for reconciliation and change. At PII, we see this as true peace-inspired innovation!

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Young couple's Love Endures War in Sudan and Escape to Ethiopia

The story of Mussa and Jamila, a young couple from Sudan whose wedding plans were disrupted by conflict, exemplifies resilience and hope amidst immense adversity. Their journey from fleeing violence to rebuilding their lives in the Sherhole refugee camp in Ethiopia reflects the devastating human impact of conflict and the tremendous endurance required to innovate and begin again in the midst of such circumstances. As local and global conflicts continue to drive forced migration, we're grateful to learn from people like Mussa and Jamila, inspired by their determination, and committed to creating systems of opportunity and support for young leaders like them in conflict-affected areas.

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Event Spotlight



Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys

The Brooklyn Museum presents "Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys," showcasing Black diasporic artists' works from February 10 to July 7, 2024. This exhibition, the first major showcase of the Dean Collection, includes legendary and contemporary artists like Gordon Parks, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and Kehinde Wiley, among others. It highlights the Deans' philosophy of "artists supporting artists" and creates bridges between artists worldwide by sparking "giant conversations" that celebrate Blackness.

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