

PROUDLY CANADIAN

On Guard for Thee

Our mission and mandate is to advance human knowledge and understanding through the study of and research into international human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, global peace and civil society in Canada, Israel and internationally.

We are proud of our Canadian heritage and values which champion peace, rights and freedoms. Canada inspires hope for millions of people at home and around the world. Our voice is important now more than ever before, especially in educating the public about international human rights.

Through non-partisan study and research and,

- Engage with the public to discuss issues concerning freedom, peace and security.
- We inform and educate about critical issues and discuss with them matters of concern pertaining to human rights.
- Whether on our own or in conjunction with others we inform, study and present policy recommendations in the public interest.

As a Canadian organization, we draw inspiration from our own Charter of Rights and Freedoms; our Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Universal Declaration for Human Rights.



WE SAFEGUARD

PEACE FREEDOM AND SECURITY

In upholding human rights and advancing Canadian policy of building inclusive societies and championing freedom and democracy, AGPI advances peace and security in Canada, Israel and around the world. This is accomplished through collaboration engagement through research, study and educational forums that reinforces co-existence and best practices (from a Canadian framework) that promotes human rights and global peace.

Peace is possible. The Abraham Global Peace Initiative is working to advance the momentum toward peace through dialogue, monitoring and policy development. In keeping with our national interest, Canada alongside western nations have repeatedly advocated for Israel's safety and security.

Canada and Israel have shared values. Both are beacons of freedom and democracy and must be protected. Israel shares the same values as western democracies, which include rights, freedoms and equality.

The Abraham Global Peace Initiative reinforces Canadian Middle East policy by reaffirming democracy, freedom and human rights. It does this through meetings, symposia, seminars and lectures.

In an effort to accelerate peace in the region, AGPI studies inclusivity and peace-building efforts that bring diverse groups together, inspired by a Canadian inspired framework.

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WE STAND

AGAINST DISCRIMINATION HATE AND INTOLERANCE

Standing up against discrimination, hate and intolerance: In accordance with Canada's advancement of pluralism, diversity and equality and protections of gender equality and religious freedoms, AGPI upholds human rights by studying and researching discrimination, hate and intolerance. The organization does this by bringing to the public research, lectures, symposiums and publications about the dangers of hate and discrimination, by drawing on the Holocaust, Rwanda, Darfur and other horrific episodes that endanger civil society and fundamental human freedoms. The benefit to the public is achieved through the public knowledge that the fundamental rights of all members of the community are being protected".^[1]

The international development of human rights, including the Universal Declaration, is grounded in the Holocaust. To educate the public about international human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, global peace and civil society (as our mission dictates) necessitates an understanding of the Holocaust and its causation.

The Abraham Global Peace Initiative's advancement of this human knowledge and understanding is organized through meetings, lectures, conventions and symposia. Through the publication of materials and curricula, the organization offers educators, students and the public at large with information and recommendations concerning human rights.

In our effort to study and research international human rights in this capacity, AGPI has established Human Rights, Holocaust and Antisemitism portals on this website containing its published research in the area. The organization is further complimented by the nation's top award winning experts in the study and research of human rights, genocide and Holocaust studies.

This subject matter is utilized to advance peace, freedoms and civil society in some of the following ways:

- Advancing Holocaust studies and remembrance and countering denial and misappropriation of history.

- Providing resources, counsel and direction to educators, public officials, the media and global institutions.
- Advising and educating law enforcement, educators, political leaders and the public at large through speaking engagements and symposiums.
- Monitoring and responding to Antisemitism and discrimination globally; working to combat its rising tide and monitoring and advising communities around the world.
- Probing international human rights abuses, genocide and working with international partners to prevent mass atrocities.
- Through collaborative partnerships, development of resource materials such as curricula and the like to educate about Holocaust, genocide and antisemitism.

[1] <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/policies-guidance/guidance-001-upholding-human-rights-charitable-registration.html#toc3>

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WE SPEAK OUT

FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND INTERFAITH UNITY

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends" - Martin Luther King Jr.

Speak out for religious freedom and foster interfaith unity: The advancement of religion is a human right enshrined in Canadian and international conventions. We seek to champion religion and protect and promote religious groups from discrimination, allowing them to freely practice. Through educational programs, study and research we promote these freedoms and advance interfaith unity and dialogue to foster an inclusive society at home and around the world.

In accordance with the Charities Directorate, this may involve “securing human rights or providing relief for individuals whose human rights have been violated – as an immediate and tangible benefit, as well as the benefit to the public, is achieved through the public knowledge that the fundamental rights of all members of the community are being protected”.^[1]

[1] <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/policies-guidance/guidance-001-upholding-human-rights-charitable-registration.html#toc3>

Freedom of religion or belief, including the ability to worship in peace and security, is a universal human right. It is enshrined both in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Discrimination against religious and belief communities, as with all forms of discrimination, causes suffering, spreads division, and contributes to a climate of fear, intolerance and stigmatization”^[1].

We aspire to the promotion of pluralism and inclusion, and the recognition of and respect for diversity, a priority at home and abroad. We strive to enhance the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief.^[2]

In Canada, as in many democracies around the world, this includes combating discrimination with greater urgency. In partnership with 31 nations, for example, and as

part of its international plan, under its religious guidelines, Canada recognizes and seeks to advance the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. [3]

In so doing, Canada has Co-Chaired the International Contact Group (ICG) on Freedom of Religion or Belief (established in 2015) to “encourage and deepen coordination between countries committed to advancing religious freedom for all”[4].

The Abraham Global Peace Initiative seeks to help refine and develop remedies that support the promotion of freedom of religion or belief enshrined in Canadian and international charters. This will be accomplished through educational programming, research, analysis and discussion of emerging issues, exchange of information and best practices that reaffirm freedom of religion or belief-related issues.

In this spirit, The Abraham Global Peace Initiative aims to promote interfaith and co-existence partnerships that mirror the Canadian model of multiculturalism. It aims to bring understanding about the religiously oppressed and support their plight to gain rights and freedoms.

Millions of people around the world are suffering in conflict zones and oppressive conditions. The Abraham Global Peace Initiative joins hands with religious groups to advance fundamental freedoms, civil society and human rights.

We cannot afford to be silent about persecution and oppression of religious groups. That's why we have spoken up against war crimes in Syria; against the plight of the Uighur in China, the Rohingya and religious cleansing of Christians in the Middle East.

We believe in religious freedom and interfaith unity. Inspired by The Abraham Peace Accords, AGPI is building bridges around the world to promote interfaith collaboration to foster peace and advance co-existence.

Canada's Policy on Religious Freedom:

[1] https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_developpement-enjeux_developpement/human_rights-droits_homme/freedom_religion-liberte_religion.aspx?lang=eng

[2] https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_developpement-enjeux_developpement/human_rights-droits_homme/freedom_religion-liberte_religion.aspx?lang=eng

[3] https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_developpement-enjeux_developpement/human_rights-droits_homme/freedom_religion-liberte_religion.aspx?lang=eng

[4] https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/human_rights-droits_homme/freedom-religion-liberte-group_groupe.aspx?lang=eng&_ga=2.211789525.1582344543.1622479247-932059616.1620147482

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WE MAKE PEACE

BY ADVANCING GLOBAL PEACE INITIATIVES

Advancing global peace initiatives: In upholding Canada's stated approach to advancing human rights^[1] abroad, we seek to champion inclusivity and accountability; peaceful pluralism and respect for diversity and protections of rights of minorities to foster and promote global peace.

We do this through study, research, symposia and educational programs that will advance Canadian and international standards on peaceful initiatives. We specifically wish to advance peace in Israel and the Middle East, by strengthening models of diversity, pluralism and co-existence and peace agreements in the region – to ensure the universal safety and security of all the people's in the region.

A signatory to the United Nations Charter along with 193 countries, Canada has diligently worked to fulfill one of its central mandates:

"To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace";

The organization aims to advance peace initiatives with civil society in Canada, Israel and internationally. It plans to build bridges of understanding, collaboration and friendly relations to strengthen universal peace.

[1] https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/human_rights-droits_homme/advancing_rights-promouvoir_droits.aspx?lang=eng

[1] <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/defence/caf/militaryhistory/wars-operations/peace-support.html>

[2] https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/response_conflict-reponse_conflits/psop.aspx?lang=eng#a1



WE DEFEND

UNIVERSAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Defend universal rights and freedoms: We increase public awareness of human rights issues; promote respect for human rights internationally and research, study and disseminate information on human rights, in accordance with Canadian law and international conventions.

Our purpose is to promote the moral, ethical and humanitarian motivations of human rights and to preserve human life – as a fundamental public benefit that fundamental rights and freedoms of members of the community are protected. This is accomplished through facilitation of debate and discussion through workshops and presentations; distribution of material to increase public knowledge about issues and working to

encourage the public to respect each other's rights – implementing ethical codes of conduct as established by the government.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes "the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world".

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides protections and a life of equality, dignity and respect. Internationally, the Universal Charter of Human Rights protects global humanity from indignity and professes universal equality.

These fundamental principles define and dictate our core belief at the Abraham Global Peace Initiative. Advancement of human rights is a pressing issue and for this reason, our core mandate is to "educate the public to a greater understanding of international human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, global peace and civil society in Canada, Israel and internationally.

We do this through research, study, policy and reports about universal rights and freedoms. Our portal on Human Rights has already been populated by our articles, thoughts and concerns. Through grants, scholarships, subsidies - we aim to promote research and strengthen the voice in the field of international human rights and fundamental freedoms especially.

[1] <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/about-human-rights.html>

[2] <https://www.un.org/en/content/action-for-human-rights/index.shtml>



WE ADVOCATE

FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICIES AND REMEDIES

Advocate for international policy remedies by creating and disseminating reports and well-reasoned commentary and recommendations. Analyzing human rights covenants or agreements nationally and internationally to ensure compliance and implementation and when and if necessary providing workshops, educational programs and symposiums to advance human knowledge about the monitoring or fulfillment of human rights obligations. The benefit to the public is achieved through the public knowledge that the fundamental rights of all members of the community are being protected”.^[1]

We encourage and promote, on our own or in conjunction with others, the advancement of human knowledge and understanding. Our study of and research into international human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy, global peace and civil society involves non-partisan collaboration to seek remedies to critical issues.

Our issues range from helping advance global sustainability goals as proposed by the United Nations and endorsed by Canada; to helping remedy international dialogue about racism and discrimination policies; to looking for equitable solutions concerning Covid-19 vaccinations as it pertains to human rights.

When it comes to advancing global peace, AGPI studies and reviews current frameworks and proposes remedies. The Abraham Accords in the Middle East provide an opportunity to further the study and research on peace and develop lectures, seminars and conventions to advance peace.

[1] <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/policies-guidance/guidance-001-upholding-human-rights-charitable-registration.html#toc3>



WE PRESERVE THE PLANET

By Thinking About Sustainability and Covid-19

At first, it may seem odd that we might include the environment and sustainability in our call to action. But if there is no planet, there is no humanity.

In keeping with the United Nations 17 goals set out for sustainable development^[1], The Abraham Global Peace Initiative review both Canadian and international progress toward sustainability. Many of these goals involve critical issues for Canadians, including Clean Water and Sanitation in remote and First Nations communities. Canada has pledged a national strategy to implement the SDG goals by 2030^[2].

While we may not cover all 17 goals all at once, we will be studying, learning about and writing about critical issues that affect humanity such as poverty, climate, gender equality and quality education – among other areas. This research will involve meeting with international organizations and experts to collect data and report on it and educate our supporters and the public at large.

Increasing scarcity of resources contributes to conflict and human rights violations. The Abraham Global Peace Initiative endorses the United Nations action plan for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030.

Within the spectrum of 17 goals set out by SDG, AGPI is particularly interested in advancing renewable energy platforms that may advance social entrepreneurship projects. AGPI is establishing partnerships with international human rights NGOs that advance renewable energy, water and irrigation and agriculture in particular.

The world around us is becoming acutely aware that human sustainability is intimately tied to our environment. The recent emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic which has already killed millions of people, is a testament to why humanity must place its relationship with the earth first.

Our environmental approach is apolitical and evidence based. We are here to encourage a clean and sustainable environment; responsible consumption and production; clean water and renewable energy for people in need.

Help us advance our philosophy to help make the world a better place.

[1] <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

[2] <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/agenda-2030/national-strategy.html>



WE PRODUCE POLICY

To Advance Human Knowledge

Through our fellows program, we study human rights, freedoms, democracy, global peace and civil society in Canada, Israel and Internationally. We advise world leaders, governments and the public.

The Abraham Global Peace Initiative collaborates with adjunct fellows all over the world. They are experts in various disciplines from security, to human rights, peace and Middle East policy. Through our fellows program, we:

- Produce policy for government, media and public opinion.
- Document and report on critical issues concerning human rights, Holocaust, antisemitism and freedom and democracy.
- Present our findings at symposia and conferences and ensure continued public discourse and education is at the forefront of our effort.

We believe in education as a platform that can advance human rights and bring an end to hate and discrimination.

To counter hate, AGPI provides educational platforms internationally to achieve peace through meetings, symposia, lectures, films and events and by writing new curricula. Our action plan to this effect includes:

- Deployment of expert educators on equity, diversity and inclusivity who can develop new international curricula that can advance inclusivity.
- Facilitation and sponsorship of programs, lectures, symposia that meet our mission objective of advancing human rights.
- On-field educational programming through educational missions to hotspots around the world.



WE RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS

BY Informing through Mass Communication Platforms

Millions of people around the world are suffering from oppression and require their stories to be heard.

The Abraham Global Peace Initiative's executive leadership has 27 years of media experience and the respect of widely acclaimed journalists. We reach millions of people through our media credibility to discuss critical issues concerning human rights, peace, freedom and democracy.

Our media action plan stands on three pillars:

- Issuance of press releases on our website and social networking vehicles about critical issues pertaining to human rights.

- Publishing opinion pieces and contributions in the media to foster public awareness.
- Being available to speak to media to provide expert opinion and educate the public, while inviting media to attend press conferences.

Our objective is to bring to light critical issues concerning human rights, freedom and democracy that affect global populations. Media and public advocacy can foster social change and help make the world a better place.