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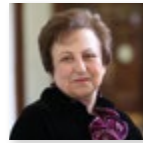


**"WHERE PATRIARCHAL CULTURE  
IS STRONG, DEMOCRACY  
IS WEAK."**

**-Shirin Ebadi**

**"YOU HAVE TO DECIDE  
WHAT ISSUE, OR  
HANDFUL OF ISSUES,  
MAKES YOU BURN WITH  
RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION  
AT INJUSTICE. AND THEN  
YOU FIND A WAY TO  
PARTICIPATE WITH OTHERS  
TO CHANGE IT."**

**-Jody Williams**



# MESSAGE from OUR LAUREATES



As the rise of the far right, dictatorships, and violent repression threatened global freedoms in 2018, we worked alongside women's rights movements around the world. *We will never give up...*

**W**e have always been inspired by the incredible work of our sisters and movements to persist in the face of injustice.

This year we traveled to Bangladesh to meet with the resilient and brave Rohingya women survivors of horrific gender-based violence at the hands of the Burmese army. We were so moved by these women—women who have survived, in every sense of the word, and who are leading their communities in the

aftermath of unspeakable trauma. We had the pleasure of joining forces with other feminist peace organizations to finally call for a formal end to the Korean War when we traveled to South Korea for our delegation, #WomenPeaceKorea: A New Era. This collaboration was an excellent reminder that when we work together, our voices become that much louder. We watched emerging feminist leaders stand side by side to amplify this message in our Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program, and again from the powerful Yemeni

activists and journalists we worked with in Istanbul. Despite global backlash against women's rights, hope was all around us.

All of these powerful experiences have reinforced what we already know: that true peace, justice, and equality can only ever be achieved and sustained when women have a seat at the table.

*In peace & solidarity,*

*Haidee Maguere* *Rosabeth* *Judith*  
*Shirley* *Rhonda* *Stacy*



# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

# CHANGE



## Women's Movement Building

**In January** the Nobel Women's Initiative joined partner organizations including Women Cross DMZ, WILPF and the United Church of Canada to advocate for diplomacy at the height of tensions between the United States and North Korea at the Women's Forum on Peace and Security on the Korean Peninsula.

**In May** the Nobel Women's Initiative reunited with Women Cross DMZ and WILPF, to form a coalition of feminist peace-building organizations with the Korean Women's Movement for Peace for our #WomenPeaceKorea: A New Era delegation to Seoul, South Korea. After this delegation, we began working with these organizations toward the launch of a formal campaign for peace on the Korean Peninsula.

**During our November** media trainings in Istanbul, Nobel Women's Initiative contributed to the inception of Women4Yemen, an organization of Yemeni activists working to ensure that women are fully engaged in the country's peace process.



## Women's Influence Over Public Policy

**In January**, Nobel Women's Initiative and The MATCH International Women's Fund held a series of events titled *Shifting the Power: Opportunities for Innovative Partnerships with Women's Movements* to advocate for Canadian funding to go directly to women's organizations and movements at the grassroots level.

**In March** the conversation moved to New York City focusing on the importance of direct funding for grassroots movements with *Shifting the Power—A Global Conversation on Funding for a Feminist Future*, a follow-up panel at the United Nations Commission for the Status of Women in New York City.

**In April** the Nobel Women's Initiative joined a number of Canadian civil society organizations to help organize the first ever W7 in Ottawa—a feminist summit of women leaders alongside the G7. Nobel peace laureate Leymah Gbowee was also part of Canada's inaugural G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council.

**In September** we worked with partners to organize events around the first ever Women Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Montreal. We joined civil society to call on the ministers to recognize, protect, and support women human rights defenders and movements around the world. Nobel peace laureate Leymah Gbowee carried the voices of these women into the historic meeting.

## Women's Voices in the Media

**In February** the Nobel Women's Initiative traveled to Bangladesh with Nobel peace laureates Tawakkol Karman, Shirin Ebadi and Mairead Maguire for our delegation *Standing with Rohingya Women*. There we met with Rohingya women survivors of genocide at the hands of the Burmese military. We carried their messages into a meeting with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina.

**In September** we hosted the Ottawa premiere of Just Vision's acclaimed documentary, *Naila and the Uprising*. The film chronicles the remarkable journey of Naila Ayesh whose story weaves through the most vibrant, nonviolent mobilization in Palestinian history – the First Intifada in the late 1980s.

Nobel Women's Initiative profiled 17 extraordinary women activists online for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence — game-changers who boldly take risks to build a world of peace, justice & equality.

**In November** the Nobel Women's Initiative delivered media trainings in Istanbul to women journalists and activists from Yemen.



## Young Women's Power and Leadership

Carrington Christmas (Mi'kma'ki), Ivette Estefania Galván García (Mexico), Pamela Okoroigwe (Nigeria), Thinzar Shunlei Yi (Myanmar/Burma), and Enas AbdAljawwad (Palestine) joined us in Ottawa for our Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program, a six-week leadership residency program run by Nobel Women's Initiative.

Nobel Women's Initiative also welcomed four volunteer activists and interns to help move our work forward this year.



**"PEACE CAN ONLY  
COME IF THE PEOPLE  
BUILD IT."**

-Mairead Maguire

**"THE STRONGER WE  
BELIEVE IN OUR RIGHTS,  
IN HUMANITY,  
DIGNITY, AND FREEDOM,  
THE CLOSER WE ARE TO  
THE LIFE WE WANT, AND  
THE WORLD WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
AND HOPE FOR."**

-Tawakkol Karman



# SISTER-TO-SISTER

## Mentorship Program



**Carrington Christmas (Mi'kma'ki)**

was Director of Youth Advocacy and Development with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) and she is focused on equality for all Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit and gender-diverse people.



**Pamela Okoroigwe (Nigeria)**

is a Senior Program Officer with the Legal Defense and Assistance Project (LEAP); she oversees advocacy and strategy for the provision of pro bono legal services, especially to women survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.



**Ivette Estefania Galván García (Mexico)**

is a lawyer from the Chiapas jungle who uses her legal skills to defend the rights of self-determination and governance of indigenous communities with the Centre for Indigenous Rights (CEDIAC).



**Thinzar ShunLei Yi (Myanmar/Burma)**

is the Advocacy Coordinator for the Action Committee for Democracy Development (ACDD), and the host of the television show Under30Dialogue which discusses major national issues with young leaders in Burma.



**Enas Abdaljawwad (Palestine)**

is a human rights defender and graduate of the An-Najah National University Faculty of Law concerned with women's equality and security under UNSCR 1325. She also worked with the Palestinian Working Women's Society for Development.







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- Shirin Ebadi
- Leymah Gbowee
- Tawakkol Karman
- Rigoberta Menchú Tum
- Mairead Maguire

*...and many more generous individuals.*



**"AS A WOMAN YOU CAN'T  
DO THIS WORK WITHOUT  
OPTIMISM."**

**-Leymah Gbowee**

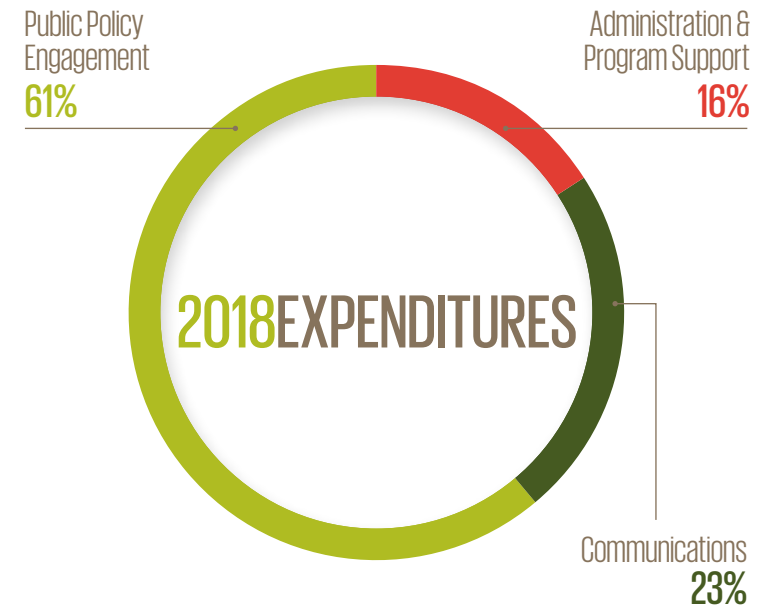
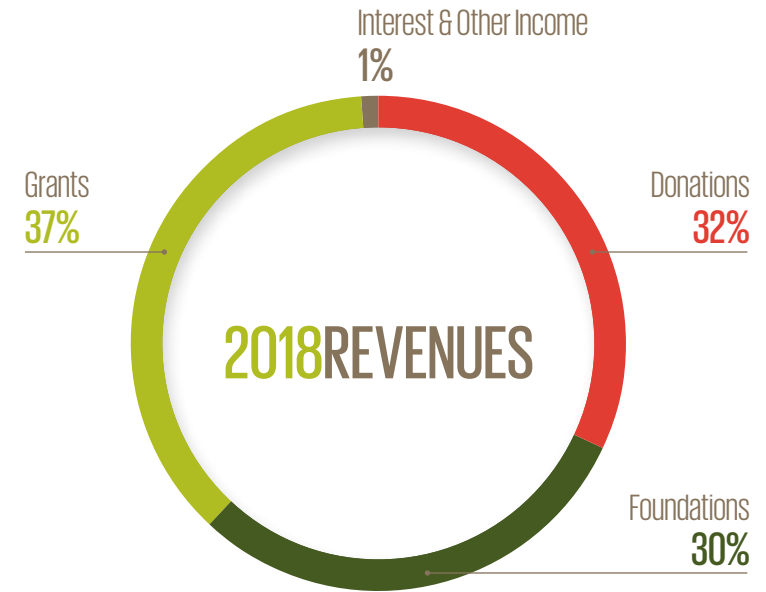
**"IF YOU KEEP DREAMING  
AND DREAMING,  
IT'S NOT GOING  
TO HAPPEN. YOU HAVE  
TO WORK  
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN."**

**-Rigoberta Menchú Tum**



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 687,109	\$ 322,027
Accounts Receivable	235,218	226,174
Prepaid Expenses & Deposits	7,190	1,290
	<u>\$ 929,517</u>	<u>\$ 549,491</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 90,901	\$ 52,221
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	543,487	1,903
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS BEGINNING	495,367	631,680
Net Revenue (Expenditures)	(200,238)	(136,313)
	<u>295,129</u>	<u>495,367</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS ENDING	<u>\$ 929,517</u>	<u>\$ 549,491</u>
<b>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS</b>		
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 365,894	\$ 494,928
Foundations	337,969	120,000
Grants	422,503	756,502
In Kind Contributions	-	-
Interest & Other Income	14,944	33,503
	<u>1,141,310</u>	<u>1,404,933</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Administration & Program Support	212,173	210,939
Communications	306,259	238,934
Public Policy Engagement	823,116	1,091,373
	<u>1,341,548</u>	<u>1,541,246</u>
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	<u>\$ (200,238)</u>	<u>\$ (136,313)</u>







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