



NEW HORIZONS FOR WOMEN TRUST (INC.)

SONJA DAVIES PEACE AWARD 2010

The 2010 Sonja Davies Peace Award is funded up to \$3,500.

The Sonja Davies Peace Award was established to promote women's initiatives to advance the cause of peace. It is an annual award made to a woman or group of women who are seeking more knowledge and skills or developing an activity, which will help them build a more peaceful world – through the home, in the school, in the workplace or in the community. Peace is broadly defined as being a freedom from or cessation of war, a freedom from civil disorder, the lessening of conflict between groups within society, or the reduction of violence within families. It extends to activities which foster mediation or resolution of conflict by means other than violence.

The Award was set up as a tribute to the life and work of Sonja Davies on the occasion of her 80th birthday in November 2003, to acknowledge her contribution to the advancement of women, as a city councillor, health board member, and Member of Parliament, as well as through the trade union movement, and in international forums. Sonja Davies was committed to the cause of peace, and worked tirelessly for it. The Award is administered by the New Horizons for Women Trust. The Trust gratefully acknowledges the generous sponsorship of individuals and organisations who made the Sonja Davies Peace Award possible. Donations to this fund are welcome.

Background

The New Horizons for Women Trust was launched in 1992 with the objective of providing grants that enable women to develop their potential. Since 1993, the Trust has, each year, funded a number of second-chance education awards and at least one research award. It has been involved in administering the Sonja Davies Peace Award since the inaugural award in 2004.

Purpose

The Sonja Davies Peace Award shall be used:

- to support a woman to undertake education or training which equips her to directly advance the purposes of the Award in New Zealand; or
- to assist a woman or group to carry out an initiative or activity in New Zealand which advances the purposes of the Award.

Examples include women seeking to obtain qualifications or training in relevant areas; a group or individual seeking to run a workshop; and a group preparing resources to support a relevant activity.

Please note that research projects are not eligible for the Award. The Award is available for an individual's education or training only when that education or training will, on completion, be immediately applied to a peace-related activity in New Zealand. This peace-related activity should be specified in the application and the applicant's training or education will be focused on its' end goal.

Selection of winner

The award winner will be selected by a panel that includes a representative of the New Horizons for Women Trust, and at least one person with a particular interest in peace issues in New Zealand. Where possible, this will be a member of the Sonja Davies Fundraising Group, or their nominee.

In assessing applications, the panel will consider:

- the relevance of the proposal to the advancement of peace in any way;
- the specific contribution it will make to the advancement of peace in New Zealand;
- the ability of that individual or group to carry out the proposal; and
- its benefit to women generally (in New Zealand).

The decision of the selection panel is final. If no applications meet the criteria in any given year, no award will be made.

Application requirements

1. **A completed application form for the current year.** Please complete it in **black biro or type**. Complete all sections of the form, providing as much detail as possible. **Do not leave any sections blank, as this will reduce your chance of selection.** You can use additional pages if necessary but please limit your application to four sides of A4 (four single pages or two double sided pages).
2. **Two recent written references** that support the project/reflect the ability of the applicant/s to undertake the training or project. Telephone numbers must be supplied for each referee. Note that these references are an **essential** part of your application. It will not be considered without them.
3. **A short CV for each applicant.** These should be no more than two pages each and should include experience relevant to the project. If the applicant is a group, please provide a short CV for each member of the group, and a short blurb on the group itself.

Please include requested material only. Other information will not be looked at.

Sending applications

Applications for the 2010 awards (on the 2010 application form) will be accepted between 1 March and the closing date of 31 May 2010. Applications sent electronically will not be considered.

The Trust does not acknowledge the receipt of applications unless an email address is provided on the application form. Once the selection process is completed, all applicants will be notified of the outcome. This is expected to be by the middle to the end of July, with the Award being presented at an Award Ceremony in September. The application material will not be returned at the end of the selection process but will be shredded in an appropriate manner to maintain confidentiality.

Requirements of winners

Winners are required to supply the Trust with a **brief progress report** at six-monthly intervals, and a **short written report** at the completion of the project funded by the Award. They should acknowledge the Sonja Davies Peace Award and the New Horizons for Women Trust in all material resulting from their programme or project. Award winners may be asked to contribute to publicity about the Award (such as providing photos and information for the media).

