



Jean Hearn StGiles 2015 Writing for Peace Awards

(Part of the Community Festival for Peace)

Who:

- Maureen Street - retired primary school teacher assistant principal and early childhood consultant.
- Lucy Millwood - co-author of Tommy and the Rainbow Baby, marketing and advertising
- Danielle Blewett – writer and profile and engagement manager StGiles Society.

Tasmania's first Writing for Peace Awards were announced in Launceston yesterday. The Award will be co-ordinated and managed by StGiles and is named after the inspiration behind Launceston's first Community Festival for Peace, Jean Hearn, a former Tasmanian Senator and Principal of Launceston's Steiner School.

Entry forms and school and family resource kit will be available for download from the Community Festival for Peace website from 5pm Monday, April 20.

“The power of the entry is more than important than the rhetoric – we're looking for a genuine interaction between young people, the community and the meaning of peace,” Mrs Street.

The Awards will close at 5pm on June 20 and will be announced at a Children's Peace Party at StGiles on Friday, July 11 within the new StGiles hub and community space at Amy Road. The writers of all shortlisted entries will be invited to the party where their works will be on display.

“We want to encourage the written expression of peace and for young people to express a thought or action that can contribute to their own or community peace,” Ms Blewett said. Mrs Millwood said her experience publishing Tommy the Rainbow Baby with her daughter Lily (9) had shown the value of helping a child bring an idea to life and she wanted to help other children share.

“Lily and I have learned so much from one tiny idea and piece of plasticine to publishing a book,” she said.

“There are so many people in life who fall through the cracks and go unnoticed – this is our chance to inspire people that anything can be done.”



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Very young children or children and young people living with disability can have their parents or carers scribe on their behalf.
Entries will be judged by Mrs Street, Mrs Millwood and Ms Blewett.

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