

THE YEAR 2000



*Global
Citizen*
AWARD

*for Peace and
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SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL

**Friday, March 17, 2000
The Washington Hilton
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The Global Citizen Award
is presented to an outstanding individual who transcends national boundaries; works tirelessly for all peoples and their universal human rights; focuses the world's attention on pressing human and social conditions by being a moral witness to the process of peace and reconciliation. The award recipient embodies the leadership, responsibility and promise of global citizenship.

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1988

Bob Dunfey, William Cohen,
and George Mitchell



1996

Mary Richardson and George Mitchell

Senator George Mitchell, a son of Maine, Federal District Judge, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and Chair of the Northern Ireland Peace Negotiations, has been a valued friend of and participant in Global Citizens Circle for more than two decades. While others have recently come to know and appreciate this extraordinary person, we have been privileged to observe, close hand, the journey that led him to earn his place as a global citizen.

As a judge and Senate majority leader, Senator Mitchell honed the listening and negotiating skills that would be tested to the hilt in his role as Chair of the Northern Ireland Peace Negotiations. If asked why he strove steadfastly for a way to forge common ground, he often refers to wanting his young son, Andrew, to join the children of Northern Ireland to observe democracy in action.

His genuine affection for the people of Northern Ireland has been reciprocated. When Senator Mitchell walks down the streets of Northern Ireland, people come up and thank him for his efforts. That word belies reality. In the context of the Northern Ireland Peace Process, "efforts" has meant facing the formidable task with a consummate blend of civility, fairness, prudence, prodding and attention, refusing to be swayed to extremes by the power of centuries' old grievances.

"I am totally committed to the cause of peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland," the Senator writes. "If this process succeeds, the real winners will be the people who want their political leaders to work out their differences through democratic dialogue."

Senator Mitchell is father, husband, lawyer, author, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and recipient of countless awards and honorary degrees. As members of the Senator's extended Circle of family, we add another very personal symbol of George Mitchell's remarkable contribution to peace and reconciliation in a troubled corner of our global community.

We extend our gratitude to his wife Heather, and son, Andrew, for generously sharing him with all of us.

Program

Reception

Welcome

John P. 'Jack' Dunfey, Co-Chair

Award Remarks by

Eleanor Dunfey Freiburger,
Co-Chair and Professor, New Hampshire College

Presentation of The Year 2000 Global Citizen Award for Peace and Reconciliation to

Senator George Mitchell by
Robert J. 'Bob' Dunfey, Sr., Treasurer

Global Citizens Circle Discussion

Peace and the People of Northern Ireland
Introductions by Maurice Hayes, Co. Down, Northern Ireland
Chairman of American Ireland Fund Advisory Committee

Circle Discussion Leader

Senator George Mitchell

Circle Moderator

Monica McWilliams, MLA
Northern Ireland Women's Coalition
Professor of Women's Studies and Social Policy
Ulster University, Northern Ireland

Refreshments and Informal Conversation

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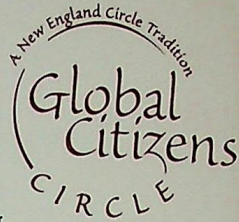
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Global Citizens Circle applauds the efforts of Monica McWilliams to raise the voices of all women in Northern Ireland on the path to peace. We are grateful to have her as moderator this morning for our discussion with Senator George Mitchell.

Monica McWilliams is co-founder and representative for the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and Professor of Women's Studies and Social Policy at the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland.

Monica served as the elected representative for the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition to the Multi-Party Peace negotiations chaired by Senator George Mitchell. In this capacity, Monica was involved in discussions at the Presidential level with the United States of America and South Africa. With the 1998 Belfast Agreement, Monica was elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly to represent the South Belfast constituency.

Monica McWilliams has worked to bring more women into political decision-making roles and to challenge politicians to be more inclusive of women's voices in situations of political conflict. As Professor of Women's Studies and Social Policy at the University of Ulster, her main areas of research are health and social service responses to domestic violence in the North and in the Republic of Ireland. She has published widely on the impact of political conflict on women's lives.

A dedication to inclusivity, a voice for moderation, a sense of humor—these characterize Monica McWilliams and all the coalitions of ideas for principled compromise she so ardently supports. All of us at Global Citizens Circle appreciate her presence with us as we recognize the role Senator George Mitchell has played in a cause to which we all continue to dedicate ourselves.

THE STORY OF

Global Citizens Circle



*F*ounded in 1974 with the intention of building a better world community, Global Citizens Circle has worked to foster constructive change by identifying and addressing critically important issues. We believe that substantive and sustained dialogue is the most effective tool for meaningful and enduring solutions. It is for that reason that we ensure free access to a diverse group of concerned global citizens who represent disparate cultural, political, religious, economic and professional backgrounds.

Woven through the fabric of the Circle's 25 year history has been our commitment to the cause of peace in Northern Ireland. From our introduction to John Hume shortly after Bloody Sunday to this morning's recognition of George Mitchell whom we have known more than 30 years, the story of Global Citizens Circle is a story of countless dedicated activists whose unfaltering perseverance on behalf of all the people of Northern Ireland keeps the thread of hope strong. We acknowledge those, who during more than two decades, have led Circle discussions: Gerry Adams, David Adams, May Blood, Joe English, David Ervine, Liz Groves, John Hume, Billy Hutchinson, Seamus Mallon, Martin McGuinness, Gary McMichael, Marjorie 'Mo' Mowlam, Martin O'Brien, Mary Robinson, Gusty Spence and David Trimble.

Integral to programs on such issues as Northern Ireland, the fledgling democracy in South Africa, the ways of making reconciliation work in our world, and China in the new century, is our recognition of extraordinary individuals whose lives serve to inspire us. Global Citizens Circle continues that tradition today by honoring Senator George Mitchell with the Year 2000 Global Citizen Award for Peace and Reconciliation. In honoring him, we honor all those whose tireless efforts have brought us to this moment. Their example gives us renewed energy and confidence to create the next chapter of the Global Citizens Circle story which, we trust, will include the weaving of enduring peace on the entire Isle of Ireland.

25 years of

DIVERSITY

DISCUSSION

CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE



Past Circle Leaders

For more than twenty-five years we have encouraged a lively and stimulating exchange of views and ideas on such issues as human rights, race relations, governance, world peace, children and family concerns, housing, healthcare, education, industry, the environment, and the economy. Some of our Circle discussion leaders are listed below.

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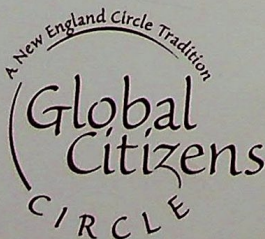
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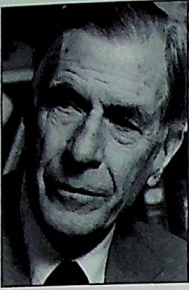
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