

**YM23 Share and Tell Report**  
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<b>Name of Session:</b>	Friends Peace Teams-Asia West Pacific and Global Coordinating Group
<b>Date/Time</b>	07 July 2023 at 11.15am
<b>Person submitting report</b>	Valerie Joy
<b>Clerk/ Convenor/ Facilitator/s</b>	Valerie Joy, Pia Reiersen, Kins Aparece, Rosie Remmerswaal, Selly and Sint, Taisoo Kim Watson
<b>Summary (400 words or less)</b>  <i>include number attending your event</i>	<p>15 present: This Session was recorded and is full of lively information, so ask for a link and plan to view it later.</p> <p>Following a slide presentation of our work, we heard a powerful delivery from Rosie Remmerswaal on “How Young Friends can be involved in Friends Peace Teams”. Rosie’s life has been woven into peace work and she shared her involvement and connections with Young Friends. After being the YF representative from Aotearoa NZ to Australia Yearly Meeting 2018, she went to the International Friends Peace Teams Training at Pati in Java. Her career teaching the Māori language and the FPT training enabled her to see some of the injustices and inequalities present in western cultures. She questioned how to create a “culture of peace’ within herself which could then extend outwards.</p> <p>In 2020, Rosie returned to the Cultures of Peace training in Java as a facilitator with two other Young Friends. She created a board game to use in teaching Māori.</p> <p>At a recent Global FPT Gathering in Philadelphia, she met teams of Peace Workers from around the world and realised the principles of our work are the same everywhere. She took her Board Game and led a session, demonstrating how it could be adapted to teaching any language. Young Friends get involved in varieties of work: doing research, running Power of Goodness workshops, editing articles and all are supported through regular check-ins. Consideration is given to adapt the Board Game for Australians to learn Aboriginal languages.</p> <p>Selly and Sint from West Papua are training facilitators (from several different cultures) and working with mainly young people in orphanages, who are badly affected by trauma. Selly proudly displayed a photo of herself and the motorcycle (purchased with assistance from Australian Friends), which is enabling her to move</p>

between parts of their work.

The annual Peaceways Journal will be out soon, with the theme “Economic Justice”. Friends interested, please email [valuable1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:valuable1@optusnet.com.au) to be included on the mailing list.

Questions from participants on “where do we get our money?” We receive donations from individual Friends, Quaker Meetings and grants from the Thanksgiving Fund, Peace and Social Justice and Jan de Voogd funds. We welcome your involvement and support. More than that we ask Friends/Friends Meetings to connect with one particular worker in one place, and get to know them over time, supporting them in the Spirit and in practical ways.

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