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## Classroom Conversations

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### A conversation with Jody Williams



Peace activist, defender of human rights, 1997 winner of Nobel Prize for Peace

**Date: 11 February 2014**

**Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Where: CR 2 (CB)**

In the 1980s, while studying at University of Vermont, Jody Williams became involved in aid work in war-torn El Salvador and Nicaragua, where she saw first hand the devastation caused by landmines. In 1992, she founded the International Campaign to Ban landmines. In 1997, as a result of this citizens' initiative relentless campaign, an International Treaty banning landmines was adopted. Currently, 161 countries are signatories to the treaty.

In recognition of her efforts to ban and clear anti-personnel mines, Ms. Williams was awarded Nobel Prize for Peace in 1997.

Ms. Williams' memoir, *My name is Jody Williams*, has been published by the University of California Press (2013)

**Open to all.**

Seats are limited. To ensure your seat, please pre-register by sending an e-mail to [academicimpact@un.org](mailto:academicimpact@un.org) (Subject: Jody Williams).

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