

KIRAN SINGH SIRAH- President of the International Storytelling Center (ISC),

Bio and links.

KIRAN SINGH SIRAH is president of the International Storytelling Center (ISC), an educational and cultural institution dedicated to enriching the lives of people around the world through storytelling. ISC organizes the world's premiere storytelling event, the National Storytelling Festival, and supports applied storytelling initiatives across a variety of creative industries.

Prior to his appointment at ISC, Sirah developed many award-winning arts, cultural and human rights programs in cultural centers across the United Kingdom and Ireland. These programs have received recognition from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the European Commission. He has spoken at the Library of Congress and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and has led stories for peace-based discussions for the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, for U.S. commanders at Fort Benning Army base in Georgia, for the U.S. Department of State, and for the U.S. Department of Defense. Sirah is widely recognized for advancing storytelling as a tool for building social empathy and intercultural understanding.

In 2015, Sirah was invited to the White House in support of storytelling efforts for national grassroots peace-building efforts. An advisory member to UNESCO Scotland, and a Rotary Peace Fellow, he has developed articles, talks, and conference papers about interdisciplinary approaches to relationship building in communities and around the globe. Sirah's interest lies in the power of human creativity, arts, storytelling, social justice, and the notion of a truly global multicultural society. In 2017, Sirah was named a Champion of Peace during Rotary Day at the United Nations.

Sirah believes that storytelling not only has the power to enrich lives, it also holds the key to building a conflict-free society.

Tedx Talk: Storytelling; A Peaceful Power

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td8sD5KGWSE>

BBC Radio Scotland Interview:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/j5k4nyc8q453luv/AAA6X_nCP1Dxw62tCf3ltoxa?dl=0

Article on storytelling and community

<http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/main-street-news/story-of-the-week/2016/storytelling-community.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/#.V7HWx5grKM8>

- TN department of economic and community development:
<http://www.tnecd.com/blog/18/whats-in-a-story>
- Art Talk blog from NEA
<http://arts.gov/art-works/2014/art-talk-kiran-singh-sirah-international-storytelling-center>

- Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation: UBUNTU storytelling
<http://www.tutufoundationusa.org/2014/08/31/the-storytellers-art-bringing-ancient-wisdom-and-the-philosophy-of-ubuntu-to-life/>
- Building peace interview
<http://buildingpeaceforum.com/2015/12/2553>
- Transformative power of storytelling
<http://www.storytellingcenter.net/learning/stories-connect/the-transformative-power-of-storytelling/>
- Botkins lecture at Library of Congress
<https://www.loc.gov/folklife/events/BotkinArchives/Botkin2016.html#may25>
- Charleston Project
<http://www.storytellingcenter.net/news/isc-president-kiran-sirah-invited-to-give-talk-in-charleston-sc/>

Miscellaneous Links

<http://www.storytellingcenter.net/learning/stories-connect/stories-that-are-changing-the-world-a-report-from-brazil/>

<http://www.storytellingcenter.net/news/isc-president-travels-internationally-and-nationally-to-promote-peaceful-st/>

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[Blog Talk radio- a kind voice](#)

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/akindvoice/2015/07/23/a-kind-voice-on-big-ideas-and-philosophy>

Story in Progress: Our Story in Progress report includes links to many of ISC past projects, as well as news features. This will offer a more overview of our interests, direction and types of programs ISC has carried out in the past.

http://www.storytellingcenter.net/content/img/main/AStoryInProgress_Web.pdf