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From Pacifica Executive Director: Pacifica Statement on Funding Cuts and Support Materials

Excerpt

The Pacifica Foundation stands in firm opposition to the recent decision by Congress to defund public media - a move that threatens not only the operational capacity of public radio stations, but the very existence of many community outlets that serve as vital lifelines for local news, climate emergencies, culture, and democratic discourse.

Congress's withdrawal of funding from public radio places critical independent voices at risk across the country. In this time of social crisis and climate emergencies, local stations provide vital information for keeping our communities safe. Years of corporate media consolidation and deregulation have taken media out of community hands while social media platforms cut back on fact-checking, leaving communities vulnerable to misinformation.

Pacifica operates within a vibrant national network of community and independent radio stations dedicated to localism, diversity, and First Amendment protections. We remain deeply committed to the public good of independent media, recognizing its essential role in advancing democracy, free expression, and access to underrepresented voices.

In solidarity,

Stephanie Wells

Executive Director, Pacifica Foundation

For the full statement, or for more information on Pacifica Network's response to funding cuts, please contact Pacifica Director Stephanie Wells stephaniedwells@yahoo.com or PN Manager Ursula Ruedenberg ursula@pacifica.org



The Intricate Design of KURU's Kindred Continuum

Local Programming Connects an Entire Community, Child to Adult, Advocate to Artist, Past to Present

In the summer of 2019, Laura Ramnarace, a volunteer at Silver



Jewish Voice for Peace: Students at the Forefront of Social Change

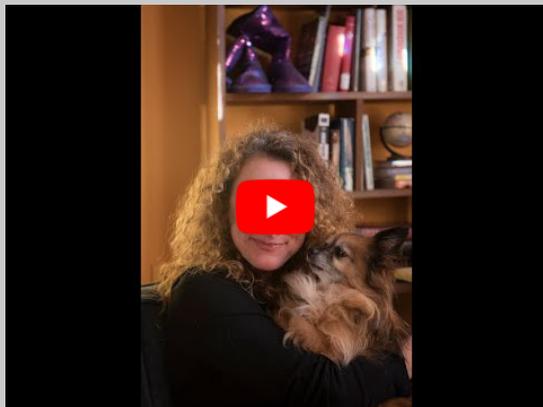
An Excerpt from [Community Report](#).

City's [KURU](#), had an idea for a new show.

The program already had a name, *Kindred Continuum*, and a mission.

Dedicated, as described on the station's website, to "covering our relationship to nature, the creation of a more beautiful world for us all, indigenous issues and the place where art and social justice meet," the series would be presented in a rotating four-part structure. Each Monday of the month would bring a different show with a different format and a different host, varied perspectives with a shared goal.

[Read Diane Reinhardt's interview with KURU's *Kindred Continuum* contributors.](#)



The Israeli government now controls a violence-plagued food aid distribution system in Gaza, and President Donald Trump claimed victory in bombing nuclear siloes in Iran. Meanwhile, the mighty student protest movement of 2024 faces new obstacles.

Pacifica's Lisa Loving speaks with Jonah Rubin, the National Director of Student Organizing for Jewish Voice for Peace, about how his community of young activists continues to protest Israeli aggression in Gaza.

[Read Lisa Loving's interview with Jonah Rubin.](#)

Safety in Reporting

July's round-table features journalist and News Director for Pacifica Network's [Community Report](#) Lisa Loving.

Now in AudioPort



The People's Program

New!

[Half Hour](#)

The People's Program explores global issues in our increasingly connected yet unequal world. Every week, host Rosie Bultman brings an in-depth look at politics and social justice with leading experts, journalists and activists.

Produced independently by journalist Rosie Bultman in Berkeley, CA.



Kickin' it Worldwide

New Format!

[2 Hour](#)

Since 2013, "**Kickin' It**," has aired weekly in the U.S.A. on 32 stations, in 8 countries, and on 5 continents. It's a fun show featuring a stellar sampling of new song releases from a variety of genres, along with insightful commentary!

Also highlighted is a climate related spot.

Audience members have reported looking forward to great music and learning unique facts about musicians and their music.

Produced by Rick Haggerty for WXOJ in Northhampton, MA.



EcoJustice Radio

New!

[Hour](#)

EcoJustice Radio is a weekly program that presents environmental and climate stories from a social justice frame, featuring voices not necessarily heard on mainstream media, co-hosted by Jack Eidt and Carry Kim.

We investigate solutions for social, environmental, and climate issues with an eye to advance human health, steward wild landscapes, and solve the climate crisis across the USA and the world.

Produced by the nonprofit environmental organization, SoCal 350 Media, based in Los Angeles.



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