

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION  
ASSOCIATION

**“Justice in Action, Oneness in Spirit,  
Nano in Heart”**

**ORGANISATIONAL  
PROFILE**



# WHO WE ARE:

**The International Presentation Association (IPA) is a faith-based, non-governmental organization that brings together Presentation Sisters and Presentation People (Sisters, Associates, Partners in Mission, and lay collaborators) from around the world in a shared commitment to justice, peace, and the dignity of all creation.**

**Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the life and legacy of Venerable Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters, IPA works to address the causes of systemic injustice and to advocate for those made poor and vulnerable.**

**We focus particularly on issues related to Women and Children, Care for the Earth, and Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, with a special UN advocacy focus on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children.**





# WHO WE ARE:

## *Our Origins and History*

The IPA was officially established in **1988**, when **Presentation Sisters** from around the world gathered in response to a growing desire to unite their efforts in **global advocacy and collaboration**.

The founding IPA Assembly recognised the **power of collective voice and action**, particularly in the context of the emerging global social justice agenda. It set the tone for what would become a **vibrant international movement** grounded in the **Presentation charism** and **Nano Nagle's commitment to justice**.

We have been accredited with the United Nations **Department of Public Information (DPI)** (now UN Department of Global Communications) since 1997 and with a special consultative status at the United Nations **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** since 2000.

## *Where We Are Based*

The IPA is a truly global organisation! Our members are active in over 20 countries across six continents. These are: **Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Dominica, Ecuador, England, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, the Holy Land, the United States of America, Zambia, and Zimbabwe**. We have staff based in our offices in New York (USA) and Cape Town (South Africa), as well as have staff and team members working remotely in various regions around the world.





# WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the life and legacy of Venerable Nano Nagle, IPA connects local action to global advocacy. Nano's courageous work in 18th century Ireland – educating the poor, challenging systemic injustice, and walking with the most vulnerable – remains at the heart of all we do. Her spirit continues to guide our collective mission.

## *Our Vision:*

A world in which the oneness and sacredness of all life is honoured.

## *Our Mission:*

To speak and act in partnership with others for global justice from a contemplative stance in a spirit of oneness with the whole of creation.

## *Call to Action:*

The International Presentation Association believes in and respects the dignity of all. In our advocacy, we will honour and advance the rights of women and children, the Earth and indigenous and tribal people.

## *Our Beliefs:*

- We believe in the dignity and rights of all beings.
- We believe in one sacred community.
- We believe in education as a vehicle for transformation.
- We believe in the work of transformative justice, consciously living out of an understanding that everything is related and interconnected.



# Our Values:



**Compassion:** Being fully present with people and creation, responding with empathy, care, and practical action to the needs we encounter. We commit ourselves to service rooted in love and justice, walking alongside those who are vulnerable and marginalised.



**Peace:** Practicing nonviolence in our thoughts, words, and actions. We seek to be peacemakers in our communities and our world, addressing the roots of injustice and fostering reconciliation, healing, and right relationships.



**Partnership:** Communion and collaboration with one another. We honour the wisdom and gifts each person brings and work together in mutual respect and shared responsibility for the common good.



**Diversity & Inclusivity:** Embracing the richness of our cultures, identities, experiences, and diverse ways of thinking and being. We celebrate difference as a gift and actively work to dismantle exclusion, prejudice, and inequality in all their forms.



**Hospitality:** Receiving all with a welcoming heart and an open mind. We create spaces of belonging where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued, cultivating an environment of safety, warmth, and mutual respect.



# VENERABLE NANO NAGLE

Venerable Nano Nagle, founder of the Presentation Sisters, is the enduring inspiration behind IPA's mission.

Known as The Lady with the Lantern, she courageously walked the streets of 18th-century Cork, Ireland, bringing light to those living in darkness — especially the poor, the sick, and children denied education.

In a time of political oppression and religious persecution, Nano risked everything to establish secret schools, an almshouse, and ultimately the Presentation Order, devoted to education and compassionate service.

She gave up a life of privilege to stand with the most vulnerable, guided by a deep faith and a fierce commitment to justice. Her light did not dim with her passing — it continues to burn in the lives of those inspired by her legacy.

In 2013, Pope Francis recognised her extraordinary life of faith, love, and courageous action by declaring her "Venerable" — acknowledging her heroic virtue.

Today, Nano's vision lives on through IPA's global justice work. Her spirit continues to guide us as we respond to the cry of Earth and the cry of those made poor, with courage, compassion, and hope.





# PRESENTATION SISTERS.

We are comprised of Sisters from the Presentation Sisters Union, the Conference of Presentation Sisters of North America and the Presentation Society of Australia and Papua New Guinea.



Presentation  
Sisters



CONFERENCE  
OF PRESENTATION  
SISTERS



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Australia

# PRESENTATION PEOPLE.

Presentation People refers to individuals connected to the mission and charism of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters. This includes lay associates, partners in mission, educators, advocates, and supporters who embody Nano Nagle's vision of justice, compassion, and service. United by a commitment to education, human rights, environmental sustainability, and social justice; Presentation People work to create a more just and compassionate world.





# OUR FOCUS AREAS:

Our advocacy and action are grounded in the real needs of people and the Earth. These three areas guide all that we do.



**CARE FOR THE EARTH**



**WOMEN AND CHILDREN**



**INDIGENOUS & TRIBAL PEOPLES**

## Care for the Earth – Why this matters:

The Earth is sacred, yet it is under threat. Climate change, deforestation, pollution, and the exploitation of natural resources are destroying ecosystems and harming the most vulnerable—especially Indigenous peoples, women, and children.

## Women and Children – Why this matters:

Across the world, women and children are disproportionately impacted by poverty, violence, and systemic injustice. Girls are denied education, women are excluded from decision-making, and gender-based violence remains a global crisis.

## Indigenous and Tribal Peoples – Why this matters:

Indigenous and Tribal Peoples hold deep wisdom, land-based knowledge, and cultural heritage that are essential for the future of our planet. Yet, they often face systemic marginalisation, land dispossession, discrimination, and cultural erasure.

# OUR IMPACT:

At the International Presentation Association, our global impact is rooted in compassionate action, bold advocacy, and a deep commitment to justice for people and planet.



**300+**  
ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS  
RUN GLOBALLY



**20**  
COUNTRIES WITH IPA  
PRESENCE



**30+**  
JUSTICE CONTACTS  
ACROSS THE GLOBE



**20+**  
UN SUBMISSIONS MADE



**8+**  
LOCALLY PROGRAMMES  
FUNDED



**500+**  
SISTERS ACROSS THE  
GLOBE



**100+**  
SCHOOLS, MINISTRIES &  
EDUCATIONAL  
INITIATIVES GLOBALLY



**37**  
YEARS OF MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE!



**5+**  
RESEARCH PAPERS  
RELEASED



# UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME

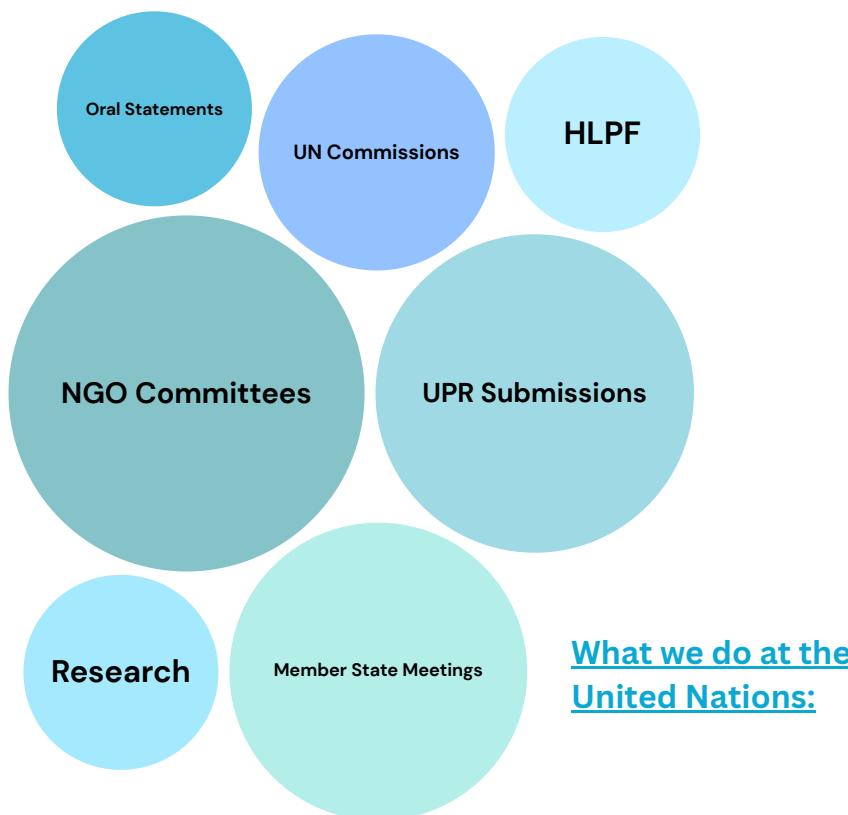


At the United Nations, IPA advocates for systemic change on a global scale. We work to influence policies and decisions that align with our mission to uphold human rights, promote ecological justice, and address the needs of marginalized communities such as women and children.

IPA actively participates in UN processes, such as the UN Commission for Social Development (CSocD), the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, to amplify the voices of those most impacted by poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation.

We deliver oral statements, submit written statements, meet with UN Member States delegates and UN officials, make recommendations on UN declarations and resolutions as they are being negotiated, host/sponsor events at the UN, and submit reports and comments to national review processes.

We work with other NGOs and coalitions at the UN within certain NGO Committees to amplify our collective impact, particularly on shared concerns and common advocacy priorities.





# EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Our second program, The Empowerment Programme, focuses on the grassroots justice work of Presentation People around the world. It was created to build a strong global network, connecting Presentation communities across borders and cultures. The programme equips IPA Justice Contacts with the skills, confidence, and support they need to be effective advocates and agents of change. Through training, mentoring, spiritual grounding, and opportunities for collaboration, the Empowerment Programme aims to nurture a vibrant, global community rooted in the Presentation charism and committed to transformative action.

In this programme, we offer:



## JUSTICE CONTACTS

Justice Contacts (JCs) are key representatives of the International Presentation Association from across the globe! Appointed by their respective Units, they serve as vital links between local realities and IPA's global advocacy efforts. They may be Presentation Sisters or lay collaborators, can be full-time, part-time or volunteers! Across diverse contexts, they engage in a wide variety of human rights and justice work – advocating for systemic change, raising awareness, supporting charitable initiatives, accompanying vulnerable communities, and promoting IPA's campaigns. They are the "hands and feet" on the ground, and their contributions ensure that IPA's global mission is grounded in lived experience and active compassion.



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