

CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER

STEVE KILLELEA A.M.

Integrated Research Ltd; The Charitable Foundation; Institute for Economics and Peace

An accomplished entrepreneur in high technology and international business development, at the forefront of global philanthropic activities, focused on peace and sustainable development.

Steve Killelea has over 30 years' experience in the information technology industry. Highly skilled in international marketing, business and product strategy, he has developed two highly profitable global companies with exceptional track records of accomplishment.

Over the last two decades, he has applied these skills to his many global philanthropic activities; establishing an internationally renowned global think tank, the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) and a private family foundation, The Charitable Foundation, which currently has over 2.6 million direct beneficiaries. He is regularly quoted in the media on subjects ranging from terrorism to conflict. He is also a sought after international speaker.

THE ENTREPRENEUR

Steve is the founder of [Integrated Research Ltd](#) (IR) an Australian publicly-listed company with a heritage of more than 25 years of providing its PROGNOSIS performance monitoring software for business-critical computing and IP telephony environments.

Through Steve's direction as CEO and now as Chairman, IR has become one of Australia's leading IT companies with an impressive world-class customer base. The company's software is used by many of the world's leading organizations in more than 50 countries, including 35% of Fortune 1000 companies.

Steve was a board member of the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) for 8 years. He also sat on a number of private company and government boards including IIBAB, NICTA and the CSIRO.

Alongside his other business activities, in 2001 Steve founded Smarter Capital, a venture capital company that specialises in investing in unique technologies with global applicability.



A STRONG PROPONENT OF THE STUDY OF PEACE

Steve founded the [Institute for Economics and Peace](#) in 2007 to focus on better understanding the relationship between business, peace and economic development. IEP has four areas of global leadership: measuring peace, calculating the economic cost of violence, analyzing country level risk and understanding Positive Peace.

IEP is recognized as one of the world's most impactful think tanks, with its work being used by the United Nations, World Bank, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Commonwealth Secretariat, as well as being included in thousands of university courses around the world.

IEP is a think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyse peace and to quantify its economic value. It does this by producing global and national indices calculating the economic cost of violence, analysing country level risk and understanding the qualities that create and sustain highly peaceful societies.

Steve is the founder of the Global Peace Index, which is the world's leading measure of global peacefulness covering 163 countries and independent territories. In 2016 its media footprint was over 1.7 billion impressions from over 1,000 articles in 85 countries. Some of IEP's other groundbreaking work includes the Global Terrorism Index, a comprehensive summary of the key global trends and patterns in terrorism.

Steve currently serves on the Club de Madrid President's Circle. He is trustee and treasurer for Religion for Peace, the largest organisation in the world working on inter-religious challenges, and also sits on a number of other influential not-for-profit boards. He is a regular speaker at international forums on conflict, peace, governance and development. His funding of the IEP was recognized as one of the 50 most impactful philanthropic gifts in Australia's history by a coalition of Australian Foundations in 2013, and he has been recognised as one of the 100 most influential people in the world on reducing armed violence.

In recognition of Steve's deep commitment to peace, he has twice been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

THE PHILANTHROPIST

Steve has always had a strong passion for sustainable development and in 2000 established The Charitable Foundation (TCF), which specialises in working with the poorest communities in the world.

TCF is one of the largest private overseas aid organizations in Australia. It aims to provide life-changing interventions reaching as many people as possible by supporting a wide-ranging variety of projects including emergency and famine relief, housing, and the rehabilitation of child soldiers.

TCF is active in East and Central Africa and parts of Asia, and has positively affected the lives of more than 2.6 million people to date. Steve regularly visits and is actively involved in the projects TCF funds.

BUSINESS AND PHILANTHROPIC AWARDS

Steve has received numerous awards including:

- Member of the Order of Australia, 2010 – for his service to the global peace movement and the provision of humanitarian aid to the developing world
- Luxembourg Peace Prize, 2016
- “Top 100 Most Influential People in Armed Violence Reduction”, 2013
- Priyadarshni Global Award, 2008 – a prestigious Indian award for valuable contributions towards society
- Phelophepa Award for Excellence from Desmond Tutu, 2008 – for his commitment to African development
- AIIA Minister's Award for Excellence, 2003
- Australian Exporter of the Year, 1998 and 2003
- Consensus Awards, 2001, 2003 and 2006
- “Soldiers of Peace” the documentary film Steve produced in 2008, has received international acclaim and won a number of awards including the Angel Film Award at the Monaco International Film Festival 2008, the Golden Ace Award at the Las Vegas International Film Festival 2009 and the Club of Budapest Worldshift Ethic Film Award

