

35Call for Input: Examples of initiatives to foster peace-seeking spirit

Report Form

Date of report (mm/dd/yyyy) 11/09/2021
 Name of municipality Oldham
 Name of country United Kingdom

Title of peace education initiative	Seeds of Peace
The initiative was implemented by (Choose one ✓)	School <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> NGO XJoint initiative by: School/The Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum/Oldham Council
Theme/Aim	(Example: Nuclear disarmament/terrorism/violence) To mark the UN International Day of Peace and plant a sapling grown from a Hiroshima tree
Participants (age, school grade, number, etc.)	(Example: 60 children (12-year-old) + 30 adults (parents and people in the community)) 350 children up to age 11, 30 adults (teachers and support staff)
Location	Ss Aidan & Oswald's Roman Catholic Primary School, Roman Road, Royton, Oldham OL2 5PQ, UK
Date(s) of initiative	From (21/09/2021) to (21/09/2021): for (1) day(s) *If it is an initiative held regularly, please tell us when it started and how frequently it is held.
Please answer the questions below clearly and concisely.	
<p>1. Please describe the initiative. For classroom lectures and events, please provide a timeline of the event. For other types of initiatives, such as a competition, please describe the process in detail.</p> <p>The whole school community of 350 children and almost 30 staff was delighted and excited to welcome The Worshipful Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Jenny Harrison, and the Mayor's Consort, Councillor Shaid Mushtaq, Cabinet Member for Education, who joined them for a special assembly held outside, prior to a planting of a sapling raised from a seed from Hiroshima. Also present was the Secretary of The Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum, Richard Outram. This was the first assembly to have been held since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, over 18 months ago and was fittingly on Peace Day.</p> <p>Co-Headteacher Catherine Brogan asked the children to reflect on what peace meant to them and how they could make the world a more peaceful place, before the Mayor and Mr Outram addressed the assembly. The children also sang most beautifully their school peace anthem, May Peace Prevail on Earth (which is titled after the school motto) and The Community Song.</p> <p>Following the conclusion of the assembly, the guests accompanied Mrs Brogan and pupils Loresa and Alfie for a tour of the school and a visit to the school's peace garden where the sapling was planted.</p> <p>During the day, the children enjoyed a different approach to the curriculum as they explored and researched the many aspects of finding and promoting peace. This included activities such as: a peace picnic; prayers for peace; renewing their commitment to the pledge to peace at the school's peace pole as well as a wide-range of exciting activities.</p>	

2. Please tell us about the response from participants.
The children loved participating in the assembly and meeting the Mayor (some thought she was the Queen of England)
3. Please tell us about positive outcomes that resulted from the initiative.
The school reaffirmed its commitment to peace, the children learned about the tree and its provenance, the children carried out activities related to peace, the tree from Hiroshima was planted in the peace garden
4. Please tell us about the challenges encountered in the initiative if any.
None
4. Please identify any materials used in the initiative (books, videos, slideshow, etc.).
None, other than tree and plaque
6. May the Mayors for Peace Secretariat post the material mentioned in Question 5 on its website? (if there are no copyright or other problems in sharing them publicly)
 Yes *Please attach the material(s). No Don't know.

If you would like to submit photos and other materials, please send them in a separate file.

