

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

#### Report Form

Date of report (mm/dd/yyyy) 11/10/2021  
 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 attend a special whole school assembly on peace 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)) 230 pupils aged up to 11, 15 adults (teachers and staff)
Location	St Pauls CE Primary School, Hindle Drive, Royton, Oldham
Date(s) of initiative	From (3/11/2021) to (3/11/2021): 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.

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.

St Paul's CE Primary School in Royton, Oldham, UK was the first school in Oldham to sign the Pledge to Peace. Oldham currently has 26 signatory schools.

In 2017-8, pupils from the school joined pupils from four other primary schools in Oldham to make thousands of paper peace cranes which were sent to the Mayor of Hiroshima and displayed at the children's memorial in Hiroshima for the 6 August commemoration event.

On Tuesday 3 November 2021, Headteacher Hilary Henderson hosted a special assembly where the children sung their hearts out for peace and where the school council led a special prayer for peace.

The assembly was also addressed by The Worshipful Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Jenny Harrison, who called on every pupil to do their part for peace, stressing that their individual contributions make a big collective difference.

Father Graham Hollowood, Vicar of St Paul's Church, Royton, then drew reference to the COP26 conference in Glasgow and called on everyone to make their peace with nature and to work to save our planet, before blessing the gingko sapling.

Richard Outram, Secretary of the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum, also told the assembly about the provenance of the Gingko tree as it had been grown from a seed sourced from a tree that had survived the atomic bombing in Hiroshima. The seed was one of many sent as a gift by the Mayor of Hiroshima, President of Mayors for Peace, as a gift to the Mayor of Oldham, also a member of Mayors for Peace.

Following the assembly, pupil School Councillors from year 3, 4, 5, and 6 accompanied the Mayor, the Mayor's Consort Councillor Shaid Mushtaq, Headteacher Hilary Henderson, Father Hollowood and Richard Outram into the peace garden where the tree was planted.

2. Please tell us about the response from participants.

The children loved singing for peace and were really attentive throughout the assembly.

The School Councillors loved planting the tree in their peace garden.

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.