



## The Oldham Peace Times

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News from the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum

### Editorial

Welcome to this twelfth issue of the Oldham Peace Times, newsletter of the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum. This is a regular publication to inform people and organisations with an interest in working for peace about the Forum and its work.

During Oldham Peace Week (24 June – 1 July), we had events and activities in schools and Oldham Library. These included Indian dancing, a film show, the launch of our 303 Words of Peace writing competition, paper crane making, a book reading, a tree planting, the unveiling of a new peace pole, and the signing of the Pledge to Peace by three schools in one day (a new record).

Oldham also had two illustrious visitors - Dr Kate Hudson, General Secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, addressed a public meeting about the dangers of nuclear war and Chris Lubbe, friend and bodyguard to the former President of South Africa, Mr. Nelson Mandela, talked to the pupils and teachers of two of our schools.

July was also momentous for the treaty adopted to outlaw nuclear weapons by the majority of member states at the United Nations. Let us now hope, pray and work for a nuclear weapon free world, so that there will be no more Hiroshimas and Nagasakis.

I hope this issue will inspire you to commence or continue to work for peace. If you have any comments, contributions or ideas (or if your organisation wishes to sign the Pledge to Peace) please get in touch. We also have a Facebook page – please do 'like' us.

Our next issue will be out after the summer holidays in September.

Yours in Peace,

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## An Introduction to the Pledge to Peace



The Pledge to Peace initiative, also called the Bruxelles Declaration, was established at the “Peace and Prosperity - Founding Values of the European Union” conference held on November 28, 2011 at the European Parliament in Brussels.

The initiative was the brainchild of then First Vice President of the European Parliament, Mr. Gianni Pittella MEP (**above right**), the former President of the European Parliament Senator Emilio Colombo, and the Associazione Percorsi.

The Pledge to Peace was sponsored by Mr. Prem Rawat, an authoritative and international speaker on peace, who was the first signatory (**above left**). Mr Rawat was later appointed ‘Ambassador to the Bruxelles Declaration - Pledge to Peace’.

Institutions and organisations are invited to sign the Pledge to help create a “culture of peace” across Europe by carrying out practical actions for peace in their communities.

Each signatory is asked to submit a report of these activities to the initiative’s secretariat, the Percorsi Association, by the UN International Day of Peace, on 21<sup>st</sup> September each year.

More information about the Pledge can be found at: <http://www.pledgetopeace.eu/> and <http://www.assoziazionepercorsi.com>

More information about the Ambassador to the Bruxelles Declaration – Pledge to Peace, Mr. Prem Rawat, can be found at: <http://www.premrawat.com> and <http://www.wopg.org>

### Article and photo courtesy of the Percorsi Association

## New Friends on the Farm

A chance meeting in a Salzburg brewery led to Maria Ellis and Richard Outram being invited to Germany to participate in two historic peace events.

In January, Maria and Richard were on holiday when they met with Christiane and Martin Schreder from Kleine Farm in Rickelrath. After a pleasant evening, during which the subject of peace was discussed, the couples parted but they agreed to stay in touch.

After returning home, the Schreders resolved to install a peace pole at the entrance to their farm as an outward sign of their commitment to peace and to hold a special unveiling event at the farm on Saturday 3 June.

Joachim Hecker, Science Correspondence with the regional television and radio broadcaster WDR, was the guest of honour who unveiled the peace pole (**right**).

The unique pole, which was fabricated by Christiane's employer, has the words 'May peace prevail on earth' etched into it in English and German and is also emblazoned with the farm's mascot, Horatio the goat.

The pole is topped with a metal sculpture of a peace dove and, being powered by solar panels, is illuminated from within at night.

Maria and Richard were invited to address the audience of family members, friends and neighbours as well as representatives from civic organisations (**below**).



The unveiling was followed by the signing of the Pledge to Peace by three individuals representing the first organisations to do so in Germany:

- First - Christiane Schreder for Kleine Farm
- Second - Martin Schreder for BSV Kreis Kleine e.V
- Third - Bernd Gothe of the Monchengladbacher Karnevalsverband



**Above Left: Bernd, Martin and Christiane. Above Right: Horatio the Goat.**

Maria and Richard stayed at Kleine Farm at the kind invitation of the Schreders.

The farm is approximately 150 years old, and is a small holding with goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits and horses.

Aiming for self-sufficiency, the couple make bread, cheese and jam; brew their own beer; grow vegetables and herbs; and make treatments using essential oils. Some of the produce is sold, and the couple also host workshops to pass on their skills to the public. Martin's considerable contribution is all the more remarkable as he is almost completely blind, and he has the assistance of his two loveable guide dogs, Lancelot and Ophelia.

The farm is also almost self-sufficient in energy, producing most of its own power using photovoltaic solar panels.

The farm is about to feature in a German TV documentary, Der Experiment.

**Photos courtesy of Christiane and Martin Schreder of Kleine Farm.**

## **New Friends in the Village**

On the final day of their six-day visit to Germany, Maria and Richard met with the committee of the Angersdorf Rickelrath (or Village Association Rickelrath). The committee has representatives from several local organisations in the village, which together arrange a number of annual carnivals and events.

The meeting was arranged by the Schreders at the Association's hall, formerly part of the old village school.

After a discussion on the importance of peace, five committee members - Heiner, Arnim, Jorgen, Christine and Sebastian - signed the Pledge on behalf of the Association, the fourth organisation in Germany to do so (**below left**), before Maria and Richard presented them with a plaque bearing the Oldham Borough coat of-arms (**below right**). The village is over 1,000 years old.



We hope that this meeting will represent the beginning of a long-term friendship between Rickelrath and Oldham as the Association is keen to invite Maria and Richard back in the near future to address a special convention of local associations about the Pledge to Peace.

The Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Shadab Qumer, has since written to the Association offering his congratulations for signing the Pledge and to express his hopes that "Rickelrath will share the path to peace with Oldham" and "that we might walk it together by establishing more formal ties in coming months."



Surrounded by woodland and fields in which wheat, corn and sugar beet grows, Rickelrath is a village of just over 700 inhabitants. It is situated 2 miles from Wegberg, a township of the City of Monchengladbach in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Distinctive features of Rickelrath are its village green, the oldest water wheel in the country, a Roman road, and several interesting timbered houses. Rickelrath is at its busiest when it hosts the Pumpkin Festival every four years; this is attended by 20,000 visitors.

## All the Way to Allanton where Peace Flags Abound

The Allanton World Peace Sanctuary, set in 18 acres of ground near Dumfries, is the European Sanctuary of the World Peace Prayer Society ([www.worldpeace-uk.org](http://www.worldpeace-uk.org)).

The Society was founded in 1955 by the Japanese teacher, philosopher and poet, Masahisa Goi (1916-1980) who dedicated his life to peace and humanity. Following the Second World War, Mr Goi looked for a way to bring peace to all people, and the prayer and affirmation May Peace Prevail on Earth came to him as a means to "help achieve harmony within the individual, in society and with our environment."

Amongst the annual events held at Allanton is the International World Peace Festival. This year the 19<sup>th</sup> such event was held on Sunday 18 June and the Editor was privileged to be present.

In the marquee, there were singers and bands...



And stalls with activities, information, ice cream and cake...

Whilst in the main building, there was Taiko drumming with 'Upbeat'



Before the start of the main event, the World Peace Flag ceremony....



First the flags of the world were paraded in succession in the marquee with participants saying in unison 'may peace prevail in (the name of the country)'.



After the flags of each continent had been paraded, the assembly was serenaded by the Allanton Peace Choir, before we ended with Europe and the United Kingdom.



Then it was outside in the glorious sunshine where the flags were taken down to the peace pole 'henge' of 200 peace poles representing every country in the world for more positive affirmations and friendship.

**Photos from the Allanton Sanctuary Facebook page.**

## Summer Solstice Signing at Crompton House School



Crompton House Comprehensive School (<http://cromptonhouse.org/>) became the 21st school to sign the Pledge to Peace in Oldham fitting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the day of the Summer Solstice.

This Editor was honoured to be invited by Deputy Head Teacher Jim Upton to address a school assembly of 700 pupils and 50 staff before the signing ceremony.



Mr. Upton (**left**) first referred to the recent commemoration of the anniversary of the tragic death of MP Jo Cox. Over the previous weekend, events had been held around the country to bring people together to celebrate their commonality rather than their differences for in Ms. Cox's maiden speech in Parliament she had referred to the fact that "we have far more in common than divides us."

Mr. Upton spoke of the school wishing to make its own commitment to peace by becoming a signatory to the Pledge to Peace and invited Richard Outram to tell pupils and staff more about the pledge.

Richard (**right**) described the two year journey in Oldham since we had "embraced" the pledge and that Crompton House was the latest signatory in a growing Forum of nearly 50 organisations. This achievement was something that "Oldham could be very proud of". He also said that in signing the pledge organisations were committed to "taking action for peace in their communities and across nations."

He ended with a quote from civil rights leader Dr Martin Luther King: "I still have a dream that one day war will come to an end, that men will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, that nations will no longer rise up against nations, neither will they study war anymore" and thanked pupils and staff for "helping to realise Dr King's vision."



The signing ceremony took place (**below**) with the Headteacher Karl Newell and two Form Captains, Adam Taylor and Imogen Tudor, representing pupils.



Crompton House is the third senior school in Oldham to sign the Pledge.

## Discovering Peace in the Prayer Space

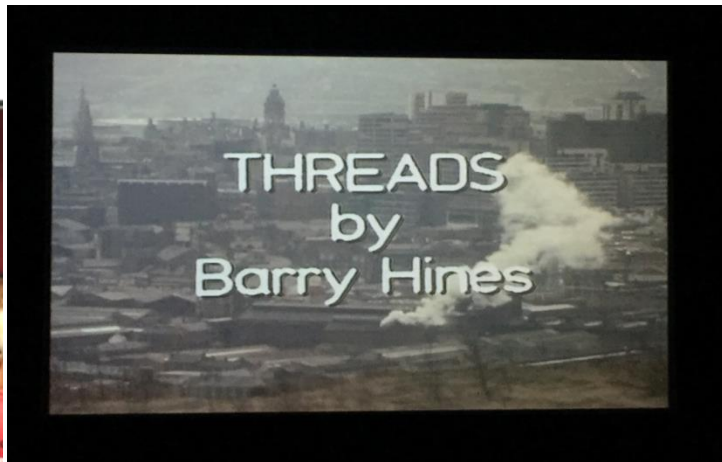
During Peace Week, the pupils of Crompton House School had the opportunity to reflect upon peace, faith and belief and the issues that impact upon their lives and the lives of others their age in the Prayer Space.

Here a range of activities and opportunities were provided in a separate classroom and classes were able to visit at various times to participate with the support and encouragement of Peter Davies (**below left**), a youth worker from the Salt Cellar Youth Project ([www.scyouthproject.org](http://www.scyouthproject.org)).



**Photos courtesy of Judith Skelton, Head of Religious Education, at Crompton House**

## “Threads” Film Show in Peace Week



As part of the second Oldham Peace Week, Greater Manchester and District CND, a signatory of the Pledge to Peace, screened the classic 1980s television drama, *Threads*, at Oldham Library on Monday 26 June.

Before the screening, CND General Secretary Dr Kate Hudson (**above left**) spoke about the dangers of nuclear warfare, and Dr Hudson also answered questions at the end.

Millions of people tuned into BBC 2 to watch the programme when it was first screened in 1984. It gives a scientifically-informed account of the effects of nuclear war, particularly on Sheffield. Despite its harrowing content, *Threads* was nominated for seven BAFTA awards in 1985 and won 'Best Drama'.

One of the organisers, local CND activist Andrew Gibson, said: “*Threads* is a powerful film. It really shows the human and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons. We need to work together with people across the world to ensure that what happens in this film doesn't become reality.”

Dr Hudson viewed the display in the foyer of peace cranes made by the pupils of St. Paul's School, Royton (**below left, with CND activists Andrew Gibson and Jacqui Burke and Richard**). She also signed the petition supported by the Hibakusha - Japanese A-bomb survivors calling on the UK to participate in UN negotiations to ban nuclear weapons (**right**).



**Thanks to Maria Ellis and Andrew Gibson for the photos**

## A Special Day of Peace at Ss Aidan and Oswalds

Lauren Beeney who teaches at Ss Aidan and Oswald's RC Primary School in Royton (<http://www.ssaidanoswald.oldham.sch.uk/>) told the Times about their wonderful Peace Day on Tuesday 27 June. The school signed the Pledge in February this year and has as its motto: 'May Peace Prevail on Earth'. The Peace Day was held as part of the Second Oldham Peace Week.

Lauren described the day: "We have lots of lovely things going on, this morning we are creating a human rainbow out of the entire school (holding up coloured card depending on their year group) (**below**)."



"We also planted a Gingko Biloba tree in our peace garden which I know is quite a symbolic tree regarding peace. Father Stephen will be blessing this and planting it today with some of our children (we will have to embrace the rain!)" (**Below - the children planting the tree supervised by Headteacher Damian Harrison and Father Stephen**).



"The children are designing a 'hand cut out' and writing on what peace means to them which will then be put on a giant tree display! The 303 words for peace writing competition (launched by Maria Ellis from Peace Talks Oldham as part of the Second Oldham Peace Week) is also taking part within our school today, followed by our visit of Chris Lubbe (**below right**) and our assembly and liturgical dance in Church this afternoon (**below left**)."



"We are currently in the process of making our peace tree display with the peace promise hands, which is looking brilliant!" We look forward to seeing the pictures Lauren.



**Left:** The proud children with their teachers Lauren and Sharon. Well done to all concerned.

**Thanks to Lauren and to Ss Aidan and Oswalds for the story and the photos.**

## Pax Christi helps makes peace at Holy Rosary



Matt Jeziorski was delighted to spend a day at Holy Rosary RC Primary School, Fitton Hill (**above left**) on Thursday 29 June (<http://www.holyrosary.oldham.sch.uk/>) on behalf of Pax Christi – the International Movement for Peace – as the school celebrated the signing of the Pledge to Peace by holding a Peace Week. Matt said:

“It was a great pleasure to work with so many enthusiastic and thoughtful children in years 1, 2, 3, and 4, as we explored what it means to be a peacemaker and how each of us can help build peace in our day-to-day lives in our homes, amongst our friends, and at school.

It was clear that as they sign the Pledge to Peace and set out on the journey to becoming a school for peace that Holy Rosary is building on firm foundations. The children have a strong grasp of what it takes to build a more peaceful world and can be great champions for peace in their world.”

Maria Ellis from Peace Talks Oldham (**above right**) also read from Prem Rawat’s new book *The Pot with the Hole*. Maria also ran a workshop to launch the 303 Words of Peace writing competition where the children came up with many words relating to peace as a ‘stream of consciousness’. Pupils also decorated hearts and doves with these words.



**Thanks to Matt Jeziorski for the article and teacher Jane Finch for the photos**

Matt is the education worker for Pax Christi and is available to visit schools across England and Wales to help children and young people explore issues of peace and peacemaking.

Full details on the Pax Christi’s education project can be found at [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

## Peace Soars High at Lyndhurst

This Editor had the great privilege of making a very special visit to Lyndhurst Primary School (<http://www.lyndhurstprimaryschool.co.uk/>) on Thursday 29 June as part of the Second Oldham Peace Week. Not only were the children able to exchange the wonderful paper peace cranes they had made for Hiroshima with cranes made by the children of that city, but supervised by teacher Kate Graham they also became the 24<sup>th</sup> school in Oldham to sign the Pledge to Peace.

**Below:** Annabelle and Safer sign the Pledge on behalf of the pupils of Lyndhurst Primary.



## Uppermill is more than just a Branch Library

Uppermill is more than just a local Branch library - it is now a Peace Pledge tree library.

Our friends in the Saddleworth Peace Group have been fortunate in being able to locate their own peace pledge tree there - which is now complimented beautifully by the peace pole located in St. Chad's gardens outside the entrance.

Overleaf are some anonymised examples of early pledges, comments and suggestions made by peace-loving visitors to the library.

*Be nice to people, be kind and help others.*

*We pledge to always think about others before ourselves.*

*I hope the wars in the Middle East will end and there won't be any terrorism.*

*I pledge to continue the fight against fascism.*

*♥ Open my heart.*

*Keep calm and read a book.*

*Get more involved in anti-nuclear, anti-racist campaigns.*

*I pledge that I will ensure that my grandchildren are aware of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides and of the importance of remembering through Holocaust Memorial Day.*

*Be nice to people. If you see someone being bullied, help them! ☺ Be good.*

*To listen harder and think more positively about the world*

*We pledge to continue to work towards a peaceful non-violent world where aggression between countries races and people is a thing of the past.*

*I pledge to be more prepared so that I can challenge and ideas that oppress "others".*

*I pledge to do more for refugees, financially and in person. They need help and support, and we need to learn from their experiences.*

*I pledge not to remain silent when hearing racist or homophobic remarks.*

*I pledge to continue and increase my non violent resistance to violence, aggression, racism & hate in any way I can.*

*I pledge to never hate anyone.*

*I pledge to carry out my non-violent actions like I have done for years.*

*I will challenge people on Facebook.*

*To always stand up and speak out for everybody's right to be themselves.*

*I pledge to speak up for the marginalised and oppressed and to speak truth to power.*

*I'm going to talk to my grandchildren about the Holocaust.*

*To try to be kind in thought & deed.*

*I will always challenge hatred, persecution and unkindness & not stand on by.*

*I will speak out when I see injustice.*

*Continue to bear witness to oppression, inequality & injustice, wherever and whenever & try to do it with goodwill.*

*I pledge for no bullying ever.*

*I pledge to always stand up against oppression, to give a voice to the voiceless to continuously campaign for equality for all, always.*

*Try to find the confidence and the words to challenge those who express prejudiced thoughts*



## **Peace takes Root in Central Library**

**Left:** The wonderful peace tree from Greater Manchester and District CND which was on display during Peace Week in the Foyer at Oldham Central Library.

We did though have to take the roots off because of the (inevitable) Health and Safety concerns.

Members of the public were invited to hang their hopes for peace on the tree and to sign a petition calling on the UK to participate in the talks to abolish nuclear weapons held at the United Nations.

## **Historic Treaty signed at United Nations**

A global treaty banning nuclear weapons was adopted at the United Nations on Friday 7 July. Led by Austria, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa and New Zealand, 141 countries and civic organisations took part in three weeks of negotiations (**below**) on the treaty which bans developing, stockpiling or threatening to use nuclear weapons.





The nuclear weapons states - the United States, Russia, Britain, China, France, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel - boycotted the talks despite most having made commitments under the Non-Proliferation Treaty to negotiate "in good faith".

Nonetheless Costa Rica's Ambassador to the UN, Elayne Whyte Gomez, who has acted as president of the UN conference on the treaty described its adoption as a "historic moment" adding that the world has been waiting for this for 70 years."

Disarmament campaigners hope it will increase pressure on nuclear states to take disarmament more seriously and that public opinion will swing behind global efforts to make the world nuclear-weapon free.

Oldham Council's Champion of Peace and former Mayor of Peace, Cllr Derek Heffernan shares this hope: "I was born one month after the start of the Second World War and that terrible war ended still more terribly when, whilst I was still a small child, two nuclear bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki extinguishing thousands of innocent lives."

"It has always been my hope that nuclear weapons would be banned in my lifetime. The adoption of this treaty is the first step towards their eventual abolition - this is not the end but it is the beginning of the end for these hateful weapons."

"I am disappointed that the United Kingdom and the other nuclear weapons states did not participate. We must hope that the conclusion of these talks will place an intolerable moral burden upon those countries that possess nuclear weapons to eventually ratify the treaty."

**Below left:** Japan boycotted the talks. On 15 June 2017, members of the Hiroshima Alliance for Nuclear Weapons Abolition held a powerful vigil near the iconic A-Bomb Dome.

**Below right:** A card held up by a delighted delegate to the conference.



Cllr Heffernan was particularly pleased to hear that the treaty also creates obligations to support the victims of nuclear weapons use (known in Japanese as 'hibakusha') and testing and to remediate the environmental damage caused by nuclear weapons.

"As Oldham's Mayor for Peace, it was my great privilege to welcome two hibakusha ladies from Hiroshima. The ladies came with a clear message - that there should be No More Hibakusha to suffer as they did. Let us now hope that their dream is realised".

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted in the morning of Friday 7 July and will open for signature by states at the United Nations in New York on 20 September 2017. Once 50 states have signed the treaty, after 90 days it becomes international law.

## Pledge Ambassador on Prestigious UK Tour

The Ambassador of the Pledge to Peace, Mr. Prem Rawat, has just completed a UK tour of five events in Edinburgh, Bournemouth, Belfast, Brighton and Nottingham.

For over 50 years from the age of 8, Prem has spoken to public audiences about a personal Peace that every human being is born with and can experience in their everyday lives. He first came to England in the 1970's. In June he started his UK tour.

Maria Ellis, Chairperson and founder of Peace Talks Oldham tells us more:

Prem's message is always essentially the same; that Peace is Possible, but he always wants to keep his message fresh, enjoyable, sometimes very deep, powerful and profound. Sometimes serious but often fun; he has a great sense of humour!

This year he tried a new style of event, with guest hosts, introducing the evening, explaining the new style. They were also in conversation with him, in an informal setting on 2 sofa's, asking questions that had been submitted by the audience, during a short break, by text message.

I went to the events in Edinburgh, Bournemouth, Brighton and Nottingham. For this article, I want to focus on my personal favourite event - that on 24th June in Brighton. Every event had a unique theme; this had the title of 'The Timeless Breath'.

June Sarpong MBE (**below**) was the beautiful host of the event. She is a TV presenter, political activist and social commentator, and also has a bubbly personality & a great sense of humour. A great conversation ensued and they interacted incredibly well together!



**June Sarpong MBE** ✓  
@junesarpong

An inspirational evening with [#PremRawat](#), what a total honour to interview such a truly enlightened human being. [#Iloveyourjob](#)



Super excited to be hosting [#AnEveningwithPremRawat](#) in Brighton. Such an honor to moderate conversation with this great man of peace.



This event and the other events may be shown on [www.timelesstoday.com](http://www.timelesstoday.com); [www.wopg.org](http://www.wopg.org) or [youtube](https://www.youtube.com) in the near future.

There were some beautiful and profound quotes by Prem on the large overhead screen before the event started, which I eagerly took note of. Some of them were;

*Everything you need you have.*

*The most magnificent of gifts comes to you, and you don't think about it.  
You know what it is, the gift of breath.*

*Every breath is a gift, receive.*

*Appreciation of life begins with every breath.*

*This day is unique  
This moment is unique  
Your life is unique -  
Priceless in fact.*

*Do you know what else is priceless?  
You get it for free, again and again and again.  
Your breath.*

*One breath at a time is how you are alive.  
You cannot take two breaths;  
You cannot take three breaths -  
Only one breath at a time.*

*Everybody's a little different, but ultimately we are all human beings, and because we are human and we are on this planet, there's a common thing we share. We all breathe!*

*Your life is not about seconds, minutes and hours, but about every breath you take.*

*As long as breath comes in, it's never too late.*

*Every breath that touches you is a blessing.*

*As long as breath is constant, everything else can change.*

*The breath is so simple, yet so valuable.*

*This subject truly is timeless.  
It is about you.  
It is about being alive.  
It is about this breath.  
It is about understanding.  
It is about opportunity.  
It is about discovery.  
It is about feeling.*

*Simplicity is everything and simplicity is the coming and going of this breath.  
It's the simplicity of feeling joy; the simplicity of being alive.*

## **303 Words for Peace Competition launched in Oldham Peace Week**

Maria Dawn Ellis, Chairperson of Peace Talks Oldham, launched the 303 Words for Peace writing competition as part of the Second Oldham Peace Week. This is a writing & poetry competition that any person in education, or living or working in Oldham can enter, aged from 7 - 107 years.

The title of the competition is '303 Words for Peace - What Does Peace Mean to You?' 303.66 is the Dewey Library classification for Peace Books. Can you describe what Peace means to you in poetry or prose in 303 words or less?

Only one entry is permitted per person, please either a story/description or piece of poetry, in order to give everyone a fair chance and to make it easier to judge.

Entrants will be judged in their age category:

Primary schools - 7 - 9 year olds and 10 - 11 year olds.

Secondary schools - 11 - 13 year olds and 14 - 16 year olds.

6th Form & Colleges - 16 - 18 year olds.

Higher Education – 19 – 21 year olds.

Other residents and workers in the Borough – 21 years+

The closing date is FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017 - AT 11.59pm.

After judging, semi-finalists will be invited to read out their piece at the 4th Oldham Peace Day Celebration Event at Oldham Library on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017. Winners will then be announced and prizes awarded.

Please send entries to the following email address: [303words4peace@gmail.com](mailto:303words4peace@gmail.com)

Entrants are asked to include their name, age, school, college, place of work, or district of Oldham where they live, as well as a telephone number or email so they can be contacted if their work is selected. Please remember there is only ONE entry permitted per entrant.

Permission is also sought to reproduce entrant's work in the media, on Facebook and in The Oldham Peace Times, with credit to the author unless they wish to remain anonymous.

**With thanks to Maria Dawn Ellis for this information.**

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 6pm:** Vigil to mark Hiroshima Day. Hosted by Saddleworth Peace Group in the Uppermill Square

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 6-8pm:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Oldham International Peace Day Lecture with Vijay Mehta – Performance Space, Oldham Library, Union Street / Greaves Street

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1-4pm:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Oldham International Peace Day Celebration Event – Foyer, Oldham Library / Gallery.

Please do come and bring family and friends. Free, all welcome.