

Mayors for Peace & Manchester / UK & Ireland



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Agenda



- Manchester's involvement in NFLA / Mayors for Peace
- UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter development
- Peace events in Manchester / UK & Ireland
- Manchester's peace education work
- Plans for the future – September Chapter meeting, new peace garden and other developments



MCR & NFLA / Mayors for Peace



- Manchester declared as the world's first 'nuclear free' city on November 5 1980
- Set up UK & Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) – (Nagasaki runs the Japanese NFLA) – 40 years old in 2020
- Joined Mayors for Peace in 1984 and close links with Hiroshima & Nagasaki
- Appointed a Mayors for Peace Vice President in 2001 & Lead City in 2013
- 2018 – first European city to formally support Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty



UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter



Manchester set up UK & Ireland Chapter in 2015, meets twice a year

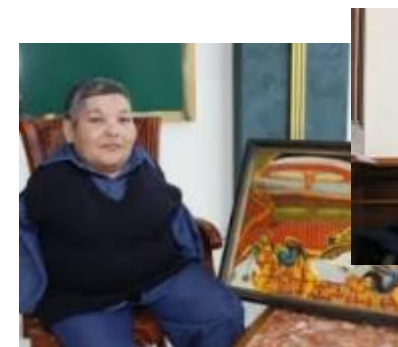


- September 2018 meeting in Scotland - agreed to show support for ICAN Cities Appeal / Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty
- 6 Councils now passed Ban Treaty and nuclear weapon divestment resolutions (others to follow shortly)
- Also promote peace education projects
- Next meeting, September 2019 (see next slide!)

UK & Ireland Chapter – 2019 meetings



- 92 members in UK & Ireland
- Feb meeting – progress report and look at peace education best practice
- Sep meeting – looking at those affected by nuclear tests / UK nuclear policy
- ICAN Cities Appeal resolutions / divestment resolutions



ICAN Cities Appeal / divestment



- 4 members passed resolutions supporting Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty / ICAN Cities Appeal (many more globally)
- 2 members passed resolutions calling on Council pension funds to divest from nuclear weapon / fossil fuel companies
- More to follow – local campaigning tool

Peace Education in Manchester - Project G

- Manchester has 15 gingko trees from Hiroshima, growing at Dunham Massey
- Lots of beautiful paintings, drawings and poetry in the **Project G** competition
- Meeting with Mayor of Hiroshima, Lord Mayor and hibakusha survivors
- 8th tree planted July 2019 at Manchester Metropolitan University



Some Project G art



Lord Mayor and Mayor of Hiroshima and children from St Margaret Mary's School



Manchester's gingko tree planted at MMU



Hibakusha & Manley Park pupils



Children with the hibakusha visiting the gingko trees



Some of the Project G participating school children receiving tree plaques



Peace education & Councils (1)



- 6 schools have gingko trees
- 7th with Children's Hospital
- Also hold peace education events
- Brings the message of the 'hibakusha' alive



Peace Education & Councils (2)



- Peace Trails in Bradford, Leeds, Manchester, Cambridge, London, Coventry, Birmingham & Mayo (Ireland)
- Peace Education programmes in Greater Manchester, Sheffield and many other cities are strongly encouraged
- Peace and community cohesion – a key priority for all Councils
- Manchester Peace Trail has adult & children's version with website





Peace anniversaries 2019



June 20, 2017
**WORLD
REFUGEE DAY**
Hospitality & Hope



Conclusions



- Manchester works hard to promote peace
- Lively UK and Ireland M4P Chapter
- Peace education is very important
- Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day events will be held by around half of UK members
- Planning for 2020 and 75th anniversary of the end of WW2
- See the need to work with children for a more peaceful world

