

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

Report Form

Date of report: 02/07/2020

Name of municipality: Manchester

Name of country: United Kingdom

Title of peace education initiative	Bells for Peace
The initiative was implemented by (Choose one ✓)	<input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint initiative by: Manchester Interenational Festival and Yoko Ono
Theme/Aim	peace
Participants (age, school grade, number, etc.)	Residents and visitors to the city with many children and young people amongst them
Location	Cathedral Gardens
Date(s) of initiative	July 4, 2019
Please answer the questions below clearly and concisely.	
<p>1. Please describe the initiative. Yoko Ono invited the people of Manchester to gather together in Cathedral Gardens and send a message of peace to the world. Thousands of diverse voices and a people's orchestra of bells from home and abroad rang and sang out for peace – welcoming the world to Manchester. This was the opening event of the 2019 Manchester International Festival.</p> <p>People across Greater Manchester designed and created their own unique handcrafted ceramic bells at a series of special workshops prior to the event and brought their bells along.</p> <p>'Come and join together to send a message of peace to the world. The beauty of this piece will break the sky and more. Ring for peace! PEACE is POWER! I love you all.' – Yoko Ono</p>	
<p>2. Please tell us about the response from participants. The response was positive; about 4000 people came and contemplated and talked about world peace before ringing their bells.</p>	
<p>3. Please tell us about positive outcomes that resulted from the initiative. The event managed to highlight the plight for peace in a creative and engaging way and brought the peace message to many thousands of people.</p>	
<p>4. Please tell us about the challenges encountered in the initiative if any.</p>	
<p>5. Please identify any materials used in the initiative (books, videos, slideshow, etc.).</p> <p>http://www.manchestersfinest.com/featured/pictures-yoko-onos-bells-peace-mif-2019/</p>	
<p>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)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes *Please attach the material(s). <input type="checkbox"/>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Don't know.</p>	