

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	24 Hours for Peace
The initiative was implemented by (Choose one ✓)	<input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Joint initiative by:
Theme/Aim	Peace
Participants (age, school grade, number, etc.)	100 peace workers 48 artists 3,000 audience members of which about 1,500 were high school or university students.
Location	Royal Exchange Theatre
Date(s) of initiative	From (11/10/2019) to (11/11/2019): for 24 hours
Please answer the questions below clearly and concisely.	
<p>1. Please describe the initiative. 24 Hours of Peace was a 237,000-word-long act of witness to the work of peace. It only happened once – on Remembrance Sunday, November 10th, 2019. Created by writer and director Neil Bartlett, it was staged live as a marathon performance at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester. That performance was also broadcast by radio station Resonance FM. In the course of 24 uninterrupted hours a team of 48 artists and community members took it in turn to bring to life the testimony of one hundred British peace-workers who Neil had interviewed in the course of the previous year.</p>	
<p>2. Please tell us about the response from participants. There was a lot of interest in this event; around 3,000 people attended and a much larger audience listened to it on Resonance FM. Many more have since accessed the audio recordings held by the British Library and Manchester Central Library.</p>	
<p>3. Please tell us about positive outcomes that resulted from the initiative. The message of peace reached a wide audience of people who might not normally have been inclined to engage with the peace message.</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. Theatre performance, radio live stream, recordings available in British Library archives, dedicated website with additional information https://24hoursofpeace.co.uk</p>	
<p>6. May the Mayors for Peace Secretariat post the material mentioned in Question 5 on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Yes *Please attach the material(s). <input type="checkbox"/>No <input type="checkbox"/>Don't know.</p>	