

Oldham Peace Plan Sept. 2016 - 17

Objective	Action	By	Current Position
Grow the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum	Sign up more members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting the Pledge and Forum through Action Together, at relevant events, on-line and in relevant publications Establishing a target of 20 member organizations by Sept. 2016 and 40 by Sept. 2017 	Achieved - 49 local and national organisations (incl 25 schools and colleges) have (or will by 23 rd Sept) signed the Pledge and are affiliated to the Forum
	Encourage members to attend meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreeing an annual programme of meetings Holding a general meeting at least quarterly Holding regular meetings of the trustees Ensuring meetings are held at a convenient time and place Asking members to suggest topics for discussion and giving feedback on their actions Inviting interesting speakers on relevant topics 	Needs review - attendance disappointing
Adopt a formal structure	Become a constituted body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopting a constitution and agree the Action Plan at the September 2016 AGM Electing the officers at the AGM Symbolically inviting the Council Champion of Peace to Chair meetings and offering honorary positions to the founders of the Pledge 	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Partially Achieved - Need to build a committee of active trustees</p> <p>Outstanding</p>
	Become financially sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointing signatories to a bank account Opening a bank account Applying for and securing funding 	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Partially Achieved - Being progressed now</p>

Publicise the work of the Forum	Publish the Oldham Peace Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulating newsletter quarterly to mailing list • Including relevant, up-to-date articles on the work of the Forum, its members and partners (Percorsi etc) • Building the mailing list on an ongoing basis • Produce a version of the paper in Italian 	<p>Achieved and Ongoing - 500+ individuals + organisations on mailing list.</p> <p>Outstanding</p>
	Create a 'brand' for the Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a 'brand' that is recognizable to the public as symbolizing the Forum • Including this 'brand' on publicity and promotional materials • Create a certificate with the brand that signatory organisations can display in their premises 	<p>Outstanding - Oldham Sixth Form College Marketing studies students asked for assistance</p>
	Establish an online presence for the Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing Facebook, Twitter and other relevant accounts (create especially a Facebook Account for the Forum) • Appointing administrators to run and update these accounts • Encouraging members to supply news to feature on these platforms 	<p>Achieved and Ongoing - Facebook page established, numbers following growing. Maria and Richard are acting as Administrators. Forum members invited to like us and submit news</p> <p>Twitter outstanding and unlikely to happen</p>
	Issue media releases etc to mark key events, dates and milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing up local media outlets to the Media for Peace initiative • Arranging media releases and interviews to mark key events hosted by the Forum and its members and key dates and milestones related to peace 	<p>Partially achieved - Saddleworth Independent / Mossley Correspondent signed up - first newspaper group in UK (Europe?)!</p> <p>Partially achieved - A limited number of press releases issued re 303 Words competition and Hiroshima activities. Needs review.</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Raise the profile of peace</p>	<p>Mark key dates with events</p>	<p>Inviting the Ambassador of the Pledge to Peace – Bruxelles Declaration, Mr. Prem Rawat, to visit our borough in 2017</p> <p>Supporting events or exhibitions or promotional activities (and / or those of partner organisations) on or around relevant dates in the calendar, including hosting events to mark the: 5th anniversary of the Pledge to Peace (28th Nov. 2016) Holocaust Memorial Day (27th Jan. 2017)</p> <p>International Women’s Day (8th March 2017)</p> <p>UN Mine Awareness Day (4th April 2017) Conscientious Objectors day (15th May 2017)</p> <p>UN Day for Women, Peace and Development (24th May 2017) UN Peacekeepers Day (29th May 2017) UN International Day of Peace (21st Sept. 2017)</p>	<p>Outstanding - unable to arrange visit this year</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved - organized by Saddleworth Peace Group Achieved - Film showing and talk on Women’s Peace Crusade in Performance Space Not possible Achieved - but not on CO Day: Book reading from Objection Overruled organised by Phillida Shipp and Saddleworth Peace Group at Uppermill Library 4th March</p> <p>Not possible</p> <p>Not possible Achieved - Programme of events arranged, including inaugural peace day lecture in Performance Space</p>
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Develop peace education provision</p>	<p>Work with our borough's young people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the efforts of the borough's Mayor for Peace and Champion of Peace to promote peace education in the borough's schools, academies and colleges • Developing a network of Youth Peace Ambassadors • Supporting PeaceJam in organizing a Peace Slam event in our borough • Working with teaching professionals and the 'Peace in the Classroom' initiative to develop peace education materials that can be used as part of an Oldham curriculum 	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Partially achieved - Ongoing - 7 Youth / LGBT Peace Ambassadors. Contact needs revisiting.</p> <p>Not achieved or possible</p> <p>Partially achieved: Meeting held with Head of Education Commission Partnership Peace Education workshop and stall at Oldham head teachers conference 2 March 2017 All head-teachers issued with education pack</p>
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	<p>Work in our Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to establish and expand peace book sections, for adults, children and young people, in our central library • • Organizing book readings and a reading group to raise awareness • • Organising a peace writing competition • Ensuring public events have an educational content, as well as being celebratory or commemorative • Developing peace education programmes in community settings • Working with The Peace Museum, Bradford and Quakers to bring peace exhibitions to Gallery Oldham • Developing peace parks as focal points in the district • • Revitalising the George Street peace garden as a town centre focal point for peace 	<p>Achieved – Children and young people’s peace book section to be established in Central Library, launched on 23 September 2017</p> <p>Partially Achieved - First peace book reading of No Ordinary Box on Sat. 10th Dec. at Crompton Library. Readings from The Pot with the Hole at St Aidan and Oswald School and Holy Rosary School.</p> <p>Achieved - Peace writing competition launched during Peace Week</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Partially Achieved and Ongoing – Playing for Peace exhibition has been shown at the Oldham Sixth Form College and Crompton House School. Will be also exhibited at Oasis Oldham. But nothing shown at Gallery as no display space available.</p> <p>Partially Achieved and Ongoing - Peace poles installed at Dunwood Park, Alexandra Park St Chads Gardens, Uppermill and Tandle Hill Country Park. World Labyrinth Day event at Dunwood Park 6th May Vigil to Manchester Bombing Victims held in Alexandra Park + at St Chads.</p> <p>Achieved - George Street Peace Garden re-launched with new signs following Maria’s designs</p>

Develop links with Pledge cities	Develop a Greater Manchester / UK Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacting other local authorities to build a network • Contacting the Greater Manchester elected Mayors office (May 2017) to seek support 	<p>Partially achieved and Ongoing – Meeting with GM Mayors Sept. 2016. Contacts with interested parties in Glasgow, Hull, Leeds, Richmond and Warrington. Other contact with Hebden Royd, Calderdale and Kirklees. Presentation to Todmorden Town Council committee Aug. 2017</p> <p>Outstanding</p>
	Attend Pledge events in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where-ever possible ensuring Oldham is represented at Pledge to Peace events in Europe • Using these opportunities to arrange presentations to Mayors in signatory towns to establish links • Ensuring contact details for these municipalities are in our mailing list • Circulating a version of the Oldham Peace Times in Italian 	<p>Partially achieved and Ongoing – No Pledge to Peace events held over last calendar year. Link with Wegberg, Germany, two municipalities in Albania and one in Israel / Palestine being developed Visit to Rickelrath and presentation made to Village Association. Because of our initiative, four local organizations signed the Pledge – the first to do so in Germany!</p>
	Host Mayors and Councillors from Pledge cities in Oldham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending an invitation to visit Oldham as part of a visit by Mr. Prem Rawat • Offering to host a European Peace Forum 	<p>Outstanding</p> <p>Outstanding</p>

	<p>Join the Mayors for Peace Network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange a signing event for the Mayor on the UN International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons 26th Sept. 2016 • Using this occasion to convey letters of peace and friendship to the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki • Where-ever possible, attending Network conferences to represent Oldham 	<p>Achieved - Mayors from five other boroughs attended the event. Oldham's Mayor of Peace became the 7133rd signatory to Mayors for Peace</p> <p>Achieved - Letters sent to Hiroshima (twice) and Nagasaki. Seeds received from Hiroshima planted by Hibakusha at Alexandra Park in April. Paper peace cranes made by Oldham children sent to Hiroshima for 6 Aug commemoration.</p> <p>Achieved - Maria and Richard attended Mayors for Peace events in London Oct. 2016 and Manchester Jan. 2017. Next event in Manchester in Dec.</p>
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