



100 Days of Peace

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Event Planning & Resource Book



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***The Hundred Days of Peace Team
wish you a Great Peace Games!***

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Welcome to the 100 Days of Peace Events Planner

You can help to make peace the legacy of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games!

Most of us will only see the Olympics and Paralympics once in our lifetime. How can we ensure that its international focus makes an impact on our neighbourhoods and communities?

The original Greek Olympics, as many know, were preceded by a Sacred Truce, which enabled competitors to reach Olympia without being attacked as they passed through the small warring city-states of the Greek peninsula. Peace was an original ideal of the Greek Olympics, and also of the modern Games revived in 1896 by Pierre de Coubertin.

100 Days of Peace (HDOP) is an initiative to encourage everyone to organise peace events and make the 2012 Games an occasion to celebrate peace: in our hearts, in our neighbourhoods, reaching out nationally and internationally.



Steps in planning your event

Discussion

What aspect of peace would you like to celebrate or focus on? For instance:

- Building bridges with other faiths
- Street safety for young people
- Reconciliation with the environment
- Celebrating peace heroes and heroines
- Solidarity with the victims of wars – children, refugees etc
- Peace within and between families
- Creating prayers and services, not only to use at the events, but while you prepare for them (take a look at ours on page 12)

What sort of activity?

Anything that promises to create a peace legacy for the 2012 games. Take a look at the Ideas and Resources section of this handbook for a host of great activities that will get you celebrating peace and the Games.

When should the event be held?

The 100 Day 'window' runs from June 28th to October 28th so you can hold your event at any time during this period.

What processes would help deliver a successful event?

- a. Deciding whether to go it alone or in partnership
- b. Setting up a steering/working group to plan a HDOP event
- c. Timeline and schedule
- d. Organising a publicity campaign
- e. Running the event

a) Alone or in partnership

Events could be much more fun if organised with other partners. These key principles should help:

- A partnership approach to events
- An agreement on the aspects of peace you are all celebrating
- Identifying the target audience and tailoring activities to suit

A steering group should be set up if you are engaging with other partners in HDOP. This group will 'steer' the event and will ensure a coordinated approach to the publicity, the funding and the delivery of the event(s).

b) Setting up a Steering Group

Each of the key partners should be represented on the steering group to keep a broad overview, and smaller subgroups may be set up for specific tasks. For instance, the following groups:

Publicity or communications sub group: to ensure that information about HDOP is disseminated to all relevant bodies, either by targeted letters and communication or wider publicity campaign.

Event sub group: to plan the proposed event(s) for 100 Days of Peace. This group will be responsible for venue arrangements, catering, technical, transport requirements etc as relevant to the planned event.

c) Timeline and schedule

A timeline and associated schedule is key to making sure it's not all left to the last minute! Prior preparation and planning are essential for a successful event. Breaking the many tasks over a timeline and actually seeing it on a sheet of paper can help simplify the planning process as well as ensuring that deadlines are met. If your event involves a partnership, the schedule of tasks and the timeline will make the picture clear for all those involved. It is important that there is agreement and that time is left in case of unexpected changes.

d) Running a successful publicity campaign.

Publicity for HDOP serves three key purposes:

- To recruit community members and young people to get involved in Peace and the Games. The more the merrier!
- To publicise the various events occurring across London and beyond.
- The events can contribute to a powerful message: that churches and communities welcome and are willing to work for the international peace symbolized by the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The forms of publicity you would use will depend on:

How many people you hope will attend your event. The higher the number, the more widespread your publicity should be.

Also remember the following key information to include in publicity:

- HDOP event
- Title & Description
- Date
- Venue / Location and directions
- Registration details and deadline
- accessibility and your contact information

e) Running the event

On the day just be prepared to troubleshoot those inevitable glitches that come up during an event. Having volunteers or multiple staff will make all of this much easier.



The following key steps should be taken on or before the day:

- Familiarise yourself with the venue. Be aware of access requirements!
- Set-up - post signs, prepare the registration space, make any changes to space set-up to suit needs, set-up information tables.
- Welcome and register the participants.
- Introduce the event facilitator and mention housekeeping issues (evaluations, restrooms, phones, schedule, etc.)
- Troubleshoot throughout the day.
- A reception at the end of the event is a nice way to treat all to refreshments and will provide an opportunity for networking and solidifying community contacts.

After your event

Send thank you notes:

They don't take much time, and they strengthen your ties with sites, co-sponsors and leaders.

Share the best aspects of the event(s) with the steering group.

What might be worth repeating, or celebrating about your efforts?

Celebrate

How might you want to celebrate your 'Peace legacy'?



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Ideas and resources to create and celebrate the Peace Legacy of the 2012 Games

Sporting

- Organise a mini-Olympics for the neighbourhood, the school, the church
- Hold a run/marathon for peace linking peace places (memorials, plaques etc).
- Walk all or part of the London Loop over the months leading to the Games (152 miles), as an extended peace pilgrimage



- Walk all or part of the Capital Ring footpath (78 miles)

- Walk the Pax Christi peace trail in Central London (Use the Pax Christi travel card wallet!)



- Take part in the 2012 InterFaith Walks in London the weekends of 9-10 June (North of Thames), 14-15 July (South of the Thames)
- Find out about international organisations promoting Peace through Sport such as **Peace and Sport** or **United Nations Sport for Development and Peace**





Celebrating Diversity

People in or near London come from all around the world. We are our own best resource for peace!

- Sharing stories, food, and music bring us together
- Church/Street Parties could combine music, sport or dance with a peace element.
- Use One World Week '*Peacing together One World*' material to see what peace means for you and the people organising your event.



STORYTIME

One church in Hackney held an international meal, and then invited people to tell their stories: what had brought them to London, and what were the ups and the downs of staying. The organisers were worried that there might be overwhelming bitterness at prejudice and hardship, but the storytellers were delighted at the chance to express gratitude at the welcome given by churches or friends, and the stories just kept coming all evening!



Environmental

- Plant a tree/trees for peace
- Make a peace garden



- Commit to lowering the carbon footprint of your church/community building, in solidarity with victims of climate change
- Work for a Gold medal for your church by seeking the EcoCongregation Award or the LiveSimply Parish Award or similar, by summer 2012, which will also link up with the One World Week 2011 theme!



Cultural

- Hold a poetry/story/art competition for Peace
- Hold a peace concert
- Research the peace history of the local area: gangs reconciled, victims obtaining justice, racial tensions resolved
- Obtain a peace exhibition from the Bradford Peace Museum and show it in your local library
- Make a Peace quilt
- Paint a Peace wall



Activities and worship for Children and Young people

- Seek activities for children *Society of Friends* – ‘Peace and Non-violence, journeys in the spirit’
- Read the story of Sadako Sasaki and make paper cranes for peace from One World Week materials
- Create a peace table or peace corner in church. Discuss what should be put on it
- Try the Pax Christi WinWin cooperative games
- Do the One World Week Peace quiz (find it on our peace legacy website) or make up your own
- Paint white tiles or large pebbles with peace symbols or messages to decorate a community space
- Hold ‘Peace Games’ with another church or group in your area, making up some new fun games.
- Create a Peace Banner with coloured squares
- Play online peace games from Youth Peace initiative in Australia! website (includes online Climate Challenge from Oxfam)
- Use the St Ethelburga’s discussion resource: *Youth Refusing Violence*
- Peacebuilders Children for Peace Booklet (Methodist Publishing)
- Peacebuilders Worship for Peace Booklet (Methodist Publishing)

Prayers and worship

- Hold peace vigils or peace services such as Piece by Piece, from One World Week, or Pax Christi
- Organise a peace pilgrimage to significant sites in your area
- Hold a local inter-faith pilgrimage or join in a larger interfaith walk
- Obtain the Peace Icon from Pax Christi for your church – this is a modern icon featuring many Scriptural instances of peace and reconciliation, and can be used for prayers
- Use a peace prayer every Sunday during the 100 Days of Peace, or compose one for your church or parish

Prayer for the 2012 Peace Games, remembering July 2005

O God, of all nations and all races, we thank you for London's good fortune in winning the Olympic bid, and the opportunities this is bringing to many parts of this great city. We thank you also for the talents of the young athletes from around the world who will take part.

We remember the 52 people who lost their lives in the bombings on London Transport, the day after the successful Olympic bid announcement. They lived or worked in this multicultural metropolis, and in their varied ethnicity they represented both us and London. We remember also the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes, following this attack. May they all rest in peace.

Bless our prayers that London can be a harmonious city of justice, peace and joy, fit to host the world's athletes. Bless the work of all those who are preparing for the success of Olympics and the Paralympics. And in the words of Thomas More, 'the things we pray for, give us the grace to labour for!' May our work honour those whose lives tragically ended just as the Olympic project was launched.

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we ask all this through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

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A Muslim, Christian and Jewish Prayer for Peace

O God, you are the source of life and peace.

praised be your name forever.

We know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace.

Hear our prayer in this time of crisis.

Your power changes hearts.

Muslims, Christians and Jews

remember, and profoundly affirm,

that they are followers of the one Creator,

Children of Abraham, brothers and sisters;

enemies begin to speak to one another;

those who were estranged join hands in friendship;

nations seek the way of peace together.

Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these

truths by the way we live.

Give to us:

understanding that puts an end to strife;

mercy that quenches hatred, and

forgiveness that overcomes vengeance.

empower all people to live in

your law of love. Amen.

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If you need more information or would like to contact further help, please contact the appropriate organisation

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Pax Christi	info@paxchristi.org.uk
Westminster RC	justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk
More Than Gold	info@morethangold.org

Online resources or further information can be found at

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southlondoninterfaith.org.uk

<http://www.peace-sport.org/viewvideo/66/forum/bestof-du-forum-international-peace-and-sport-2010.html>

<http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/sport/>

<http://www.oneworldweek.org/v2/uploads/PeacingTogetherOneWorld.pdf>

www.peacemuseum.org.uk

www.quaker.org.uk/resources

www.paxchristi.org.uk

www.youthpeaceinitiative.org.au

www.stethelburgas.org

www.mph.org.uk

To sum up

100 Days of Peace is being celebrated across London in churches, schools and many other communities. You will have fun in reaching out to other communities and organising partners!

Success means being clear about what you want to achieve.

Following the steps indicated and sharing out the work can ensure that you achieve your goals.

The whole point is to enjoy the 2012 Games and to see them as an opportunity to strengthen the foundations of peace in our communities.





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