

## A bright idea on the buses

A BRIGHT idea is helping visually impaired bus users.

Passengers who are registered blind or partially sighted can use fluorescent wallets, yellow bus hailers and bright numbers to let drivers know about their disability as they approach their stop.

The free products let drivers know they might need extra help boarding the bus and getting to their seat.

Transport for Greater Manchester has teamed up with local bus companies and Henshaws, a charity which supports partially sighted people, to promote the initiative. All products are free and available from Rochdale Interchange.

## Show your colours at Dr Kershaw's fun run

TIME is running out to sign up for the spectacular Dr Kershaw's Hospice Colour Blast on Sunday.

Last year thousands of people took part in the fun run through the Alexandra Park in which participants get covered in brightly coloured powder, and raised £10,000 for the Royton Hospice.

The team at Dr Kershaw's are hoping to repeat this success this year and are encouraging as many

people as possible to sign up before 2pm on Friday.

Angela Higham, fundraising team leader at Dr Kershaw's, said: "Last year we had so much fun at Colour Blast we knew we had to do it again."

"It was great to see people of all ages and doggies joining in."

"This year we are making it bigger and better with more family-fun things to do including chil-

dren's rides, stalls and food.

"We hope to raise lots of money and awareness of the hospice, to ensure we can keep the vital work going like with new services such as Hospice at Home."

### Tickets

The event is open to everyone and participants can run, walk or jog the route.

Registration for the event closes

at 2pm on Friday. Tickets are priced £15 for adults, £8 for children or £42 for a family (two adults, two children).

All registered Colour Blasters will receive a T-shirt and a packet of coloured powder, which can be picked up on the day from 11.30am. Sponsorship forms will be issued upon registering via email.

To register visit [www.drkershawshospice.org.uk](http://www.drkershawshospice.org.uk).

# Give peace a chance to promote global unity



**Thursday 18th May 2017**  
**At the Opera House Manchester**  
**Pick up 6.15pm - back approx. 11pm**  
**£47 per person**  
**Centre Stall Tickets**

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**MANCHESTER**

Don't miss your chance to join the party of the year - the musical that promises to get you up faster than your dad at a wedding. With songs that capture all the fun and energy of the smash hit film. Starring **Ray Quinn** from X-Factor, **Roxanne Pallett** from Emmerdale and Waterloo Road and **Ruth Madoc** from Hi-Di-Hi and Little Britain.

**IT'S 1985, HAIR IS HUGE, GREED IS GOOD!**

To book or for more information please call the Promotions Team on 0161 622 2130 or call in at the office 172 Union St Oldham OL1 1EQ.

Parental guidance is advised due to the occasional use of strong language



OLDHAM Council is spreading peace across the borough with a series of events.

Oldham's Peace Week starts today on the United Nations International Day of Peace to celebrate, reflect and act on peace.

The activities aim to engage the public, schools, the community, faith groups and businesses in Oldham.

The council became the first local authority in the UK to sign the Pledge to Peace in 2015; a commitment to put in place projects and actions promoting a culture of peace in the borough.

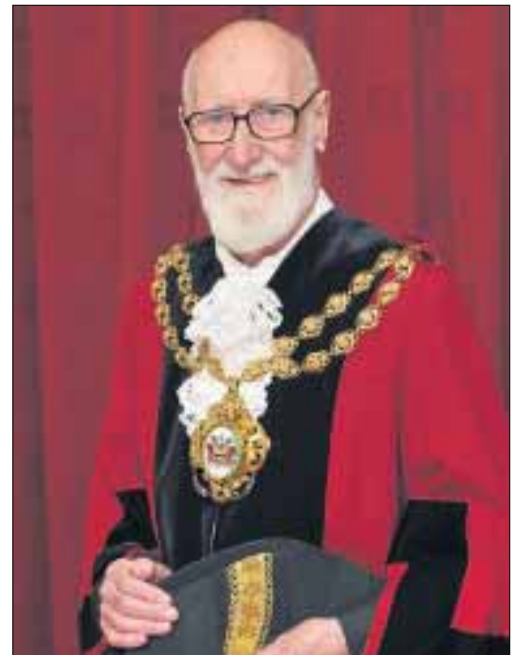
Since then 13 local organisations have joined in signing the pledge and formed the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum.

### Activities

The council further showed their commitment by appointing the first mayor of peace, Councillor Derek Heffernan, this year.

Various activities will take place throughout the week including a peace day celebration event at Gallery Oldham and Oldham Library on Saturday from 1pm to 4pm — with the launch of a new peace book section, live music, entertainment, poetry and book readings, and a technology section with Hack Oldham and Roamer the Robot.

As well as the technology action, Legoland Discovery Centre at The Trafford Centre in Manchester will be there on the day with its master model builder, Alex Bidolak.



**FIRST mayor of peace . . . Councillor Derek Heffernan**

He will be hosting Lego building workshops and giving away prizes for the best build.

Anyone who attends the event will receive 'Kids Go Free' vouchers to use at the popular attraction.

There will also be a peace picnic in Dunwood Park on Sunday with arts and crafts, face painting and family entertainment between 1pm to 3pm.

Councillor Barbara Brownridge, cabinet member for neighbourhoods and cooperatives, said:

"Oldham is home to many communities and cultures and these events are to help reinforce our positive work to promote peace."

"Two years ago Oldham Council worked with Peace Talks Oldham to organise a peace day event and it was so successful it's now developed into this programme."

"The fact we have 13 local organisations that have signed the Pledge to Peace just shows the borough's commitment to promoting peace."

"We will be raising the peace and respect flag on the UN International Day of Peace and engaging with schools through assemblies across the week."

"Through promoting peace we currently have links with four Italian signatory towns, Mazara Del Vallo, Calatafimi-Segesta, Pisa and Lari, and this will enable us to learn how we can help promote peace within our communities and beyond."

A web page has been set up which includes more information and a full list of events. Visit [www.oldham.gov.uk/peaceweek](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/peaceweek).



Have you an **OLDHAM** story that's worth telling?

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