

An Oldham Peace Plan to September 2017 V3

Objective	Action	By
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
	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
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
	Become financially sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointing signatories to a bank account • Opening a bank account • Applying for and securing funding

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
	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
	Establish an online presence for the Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing Facebook, Twitter and other relevant accounts • Appointing administrators to run and update these accounts • Encouraging members to supply news to feature on these platforms
	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
Raise the profile of peace	Mark key dates with events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host an event to mark the 5th anniversary of the Pledge to Peace (28th Nov. 2016) • Inviting the Ambassador of the Pledge to Peace – Bruxelles Declaration, Mr. Prem Rawat, to visit our borough in 2017

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting events or exhibitions or promotional activities (and / or those of partner organisations) on or around relevant dates in the calendar, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Holocaust Memorial Day (27th Jan. 2017) ✓ International Women’s Day (6th March 2017) ✓ UN Mine Awareness Day (4th April 2017) ✓ Conscientious Objectors day (15th May 2017) ✓ 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>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>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 • Developing peace parks as focal points in the districts • Revitalising the George Street peace garden as a town centre focal point for peace with new signage • Working with Bradford Peace Museum to bring peace exhibitions to Gallery Oldham
<p>Develop links with Pledge cities</p>	<p>Develop a Greater Manchester / UK Network</p>	<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>Attend Pledge events in Europe</p>	<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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulating a version of the Oldham Peace Times in Italian
	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
	Join the Mayors for Peace Network	<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