



# THE PEACE MUSEUM

*We are the national museum for peace*

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## The Peace Museum Newsletter

## Summer 2015

*The Peace Museum is the only museum in the UK which is dedicated to the history and (often untold) stories of peace, peacemakers and the peace movement in the UK. Key elements of our work are educational outreach and promoting community cohesion in partnership with community agencies. We use the collection of over 6,000 artefacts, banners, posters and videos to inspire people to see peacemaking as an active endeavour. We have had a busy few months here at the Peace Museum. A new exhibition, group visits, school workshops and initiating a new project with external funding has been the focus.*

The Museum is open on Thursdays from 10am till 4pm at 10 Piece Hall Yard, Bradford.

## Peace History is Her Story Too: An Exhibition Celebrating Women's Peace History

The temporary exhibition space has been transformed into an exhibition celebrating the work and achievements of women and women's peace groups. The exhibition commemorates the centenary of the **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom** in April and International Women's Day in March. Objects include several banners from various peace groups, artefacts relating to the WILPF and its history, and a beautifully made large Mothers for Peace Quilt. The exhibition joins on to our permanent **Greenham Common Exhibition: Common Ground, Uncommon Women**. Women's groups and peace groups from across the district have visited, including women involved within the making of the Mothers for Peace quilt. It has proved to be a popular exhibition and will remain in place throughout the summer. For more information, or to book a visit, please contact [info@peacemuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@peacemuseum.org.uk)



## Events and Educational Outreach



Following on from the success of our **'War Horses, Poppies and Remembrance'** sessions at various events last summer, in November we held a joint **Remembrance Day** event with Bradford Libraries here at the Museum. The event brought four schools from the Bradford district together to participate in various activities. With Museum staff, the pupils discovered the story of Bradford's own warhorse, 'Spare Parts', and learnt about the three different types of poppy (red, white and purple) and their meanings. They each made their own poppy to take home. With the Library, they helped continue a rug that was started as a commemoration project for the centenary of the First World War. The rug consists of an intricate poppy design. The pupils used the 'rag rugging' technique and the names of everyone who participated in making the rug will be recorded. The event was a success, with the children understanding the importance of remembrance and its link with peace.

Other school groups from Bradford and further afield, including South Yorkshire, have participated in various workshops such as our **'Routes to Peace' Heritage Trail visit** and in our **'Peace Challenge'**. *Continues over...*





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## 'Choices Then and Now' Project

Our successful '**Choices**' resource presents the dilemmas faced by those at the time of the First World War and contrasts them with the choices faced by people in modern society. The resource is now to form the basis of a project funded by a grant from the Armed Forces Community Covenant. Our collection of artefacts and documents related to conscientious objection and the search for peaceable solutions to war will be used in an offsite exhibition and in school and community workshops in Yorkshire. We will be seeking to stimulate interaction between people of different perspectives on war and force as solutions to conflict, including those from a military standpoint. Thus we intend to challenge people of all ages to understand and consider their own response to conflict.



'The Conchie' by Arthur W Gay © The Peace Museum

***In addition the Home Office is promoting the Choices resource as a tool for community cohesion projects under the government sponsored PREVENT scheme. This is a significant endorsement of the resource and of the Peace Museum's role in countering extremism, and interest is being expressed by a number of local authorities.***

To find out more, visit [www.choicesthenandnow.org.uk](http://www.choicesthenandnow.org.uk)

## We welcome visitors

During 2014 we received 1,500 visitors and engaged with a further 2,800 at our outreach events. Our Twitter page remains lively with 1,700 followers (@peacemuseumUK) and our website, [www.peacemuseum.org.uk](http://www.peacemuseum.org.uk) is updated monthly with blogs and posts. We are open 10am–4pm every Thursday. We also welcome group visits at other times by prior arrangement, please email us on [info@peacemuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@peacemuseum.org.uk) to arrange a visit.

## Museum Funding update and our Future Prospects

The Museum has always depended upon the generosity of supporters and benefactors. Since the last newsletter, and a short appeal on BBC's Look North, we have been gratified to receive donations which secure our position through 2015.

However, we continue to need financial support to provide for the restoration of longer opening hours and see us through 2016. Any donation, however modest, is welcome and standing orders enable us to plan ahead with confidence.

*We thank all our supporters for their continued support. See our website [www.peacemuseum.org.uk](http://www.peacemuseum.org.uk) for how to donate, return the coupon opposite or contact us at [info@peacemuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@peacemuseum.org.uk)*

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