

Women of Bradford – Brenda Thompson

Brenda is an inspirational member of the community in Bradford. Her commitment to local people and the city has touched many lives.

Brenda has lovingly brought up her family that includes 4 adopted children. She has dedicated her life to promoting racial equality. This means that she has worked hard to make sure that everyone can live in peace and be treated equally even if they have different backgrounds.

Brenda was one of the first students to attend the School of Peace Studies at Bradford University. Brenda set up a centre where people of different religions could go and learn together. Even in her retirement, Brenda keeps working to make sure communities can live in peace. She set up Bradford City of Peace and made the Bradford Peace Trail.

Brenda is so amazing that people decided to nominate her to be the Olympic Torch Bearer for Bradford in 2012 when the Olympics were held in Bradford.

At The Peace Museum, we have her Olympic Torch (it's very shiny!) on display alongside the tracksuit she wore.



Another amazing thing Brenda did was to put up this peace tree that we now have on display in Bradford city centre. She asked the people of Bradford to place a green ribbon on the tree as a symbol of peace.

Below is a peace tree. Decorate the tree with messages about how we could all make Bradford a more peaceful and happy place to live.

You could use your card and craft stuff to create a big peace tree!

