



Teach Peace Pack

Introduction

In Teach Peace you will find a set of ten lesson plans for use as assemblies or workshops. The pack also contains follow-up activities and resources, prayers, and reflections on peace. The original pack was so popular that we decided to produce an updated edition with three new lesson plans, providing educators with further resources to champion peace education.

Teach Peace opens up many different strands of learning. The themes and ideas we introduce here are useful as part of Citizenship or Personal Social Education and form a strong component of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education (SMSC).

Teach Peace invites children to think about what peace means to them and where they feel peaceful. The resources nurture skills of empathy, which are so important to healthy human development. The follow-up activities encourage children to think about what they can do to build peace within and between themselves, helping to develop interpersonal peace. The pack also encourages children to think critically about war and to explore its human cost; they will learn about how children – so often the innocent victims of war – can work together for peace. It enables

children to consider remembrance and to explore philosophical concepts, including the power of nonviolence.

The activities are suitable for a wide age range, from primary to early secondary school, and can be differentiated accordingly. The pack can help meet the aims of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence and the Welsh curriculum. We hope that you and your students will be inspired to build a more peaceful world.

From the United Nations International Day of Peace on 21 September to the International Day for Children as Victims of War on 4 June, the school year is filled with opportunities to use the assemblies and activities in this pack. You may find the interfaith calendar useful to identify other suitable dates (see www.interfaithcalendar.org). We hope that this resource will help to ensure peace is a key theme in our children's education and help you to celebrate peace and the peacemakers in your school.

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The Peace Education Network

The Peace Education Network draws its membership from organisations working in peace education. We share ideas and inspiration. We also organise professional development workshops for members of the network and other interested educators, and collaborate on creating resources and organising events.

To find out more please visit www.peace-education.org.uk.



Do you teach children about human rights?

Do you explore the ethics of war and violence?

Do you support your children to develop conflict handling skills?

Get inspiration from Wales for Peace.

Do you run peace days or peace weeks?

Do you have trained peer mediators?

Creating a more peaceful school

What's our next step?

Find out about the Peaceful Schools Movement