

Get involved with the
London Week of Peace:
20th - 27th September 2009

The London Week of Peace (LWoP) is an annual week of high profile events, initiatives and action organised principally by communities and individuals but also engaging organisations, businesses and public agencies. During the Week of Peace, people across the UK come together to promote Reconciliation, Collaboration and Celebration in their communities.

The theme for 2009 is **UNITY**. With London and the whole of the UK in the midst of an economic downturn and with the challenges we are facing with youth violence, the Week of Peace is an opportunity for communities to come together and celebrate the diverse cultures that contribute to the rich tapestry of this vibrant, cosmopolitan City. Londoners of all ages, faiths and creeds can come together and strengthen bonds across the Capital.

Aims :

The London Week of Peace initiative has three key aims:

- To raise awareness of community safety and to actively work towards making communities' safe places for all.
- To increase community cohesion and understanding in London,
- To help reduce crime and the fear of crime in the Capital.

Vision :

"We believe in the celebration of peace. Our vision is of an engaged, cohesive society promoting justice, equality and respect, with individuals valuing each other and celebrating their diversity. "

Key objectives of the Week are to:

- Identify, celebrate and profile ongoing community safety work in the corporate, statutory, voluntary, faith and community sectors,
- Provide an opportunity for Londoners to define what peace means to them and proactively get involved in peace initiatives,
- Provide an opportunity for community cohesion across all sectors of society
- Engage and inspire youth.

Why get involved:

The Week of Peace is an opportunity to come together in making your community one that you are proud to live in. Join thousands of people in celebrating the best of the Capital City.

You can share and develop your understanding of Peace and contribute to community cohesion. During the Week of Peace you will meet like-minded people and make new friends within your community while strengthening local ties.

There are 4 ways to get involved:

- 1. Participating in and attending key events throughout the week**
Please see diary of events
- 2. Running your own event**
Please see examples of events and how to run your own event
- 3. Sponsoring London Week of Peace 2009**
Please see sponsorship page on website: www.weekofpeace.org
- 4. Publicising and raising awareness of London Week of Peace**
For further info on publicising LWoP in your newsletter, website or community organisation and for banners, posters and merchandise please contact the LWoP Team on 020 8808 9439 or info@peacealliance.org.uk.

Examples of Previous Events:

The Week of Peace has seen a wide range of activities and events being organised in communities. These have included:

- **Poetry competitions**
- **Football Tournaments**
- **Family Fun Days**
- **Peace Concerts**
- **Multi Cultural Events**
- **Peace Assemblies**
- **Anti Bullying Talks**
- **Art Competition/Exhibitions**
- **Dance performances**
- **Peace Walks**
- **Multi Faith Forums**
- **Knife Awareness Talks**
- **Stranger Danger Talks**

Bexley:

Young people from all ethnic and religious backgrounds took part in a 'Walk of Peace' on Saturday 20th September. They walked from the North, South, East and West of the borough carrying large pieces of a puzzle and arrived together at the heart of Bexley where they joined the pieces together to create a unifying symbol in the shape of the borough.

Brent:

Saturday saw the Brent Peace March "Not Another Drop" which started off from Roundwood park to Wembley stadium. This was the 5th Peace March in Brent and the largest with approximately 1,000 people attending. The official www.notanotherdrop.com was used as well as Facebook, Bebo, Myspace and local radio adverts, to advertise the walk. The event was attended by Paul Lorber (Leader of the council), Mark Toland (Borough Commander), Sarah Teather MP (Lib Dem) Dawn Butler Labour party Whip and Local MP, Louis Theroux (Television personality) and Navin Shah (London Assembly) amongst others. Events were finished with a great International Community Day in Roe Green Park on the Sunday.

Camden

A family day took place at Coram's Fields and included live music provided by a Brazilian band, an under 7's play area, sports area, pet corner, adventure

playground, paddling pool, youth centre, refreshments café and face painting. An anti-theft stall was set up where members of the public were able to register their possessions on the 'immobilise' web site. Officers from the Kings Cross Safer Neighbourhoods Team, a Crime Prevention Officer and police cadets engaged with members of the community. Fire fighters from the London Fire Brigade and a fire engine were also present.

Kingston

A Community Peace Concert took place on Thursday 18th September with an evening of music, dance and readings by different faith groups in Kingston. There was an Art Competition hosted by Sacred Space and the theme was peace and reconciliation and how it relates to young people. All artistic mediums were welcome. The competition invited people from 7 - 16 years old and two age categories. The entries were displayed in the All Saint Church, Kingston Market throughout the week as part of Sacred Space's next art and spirituality exhibition.

Running your own event:

1. Decide what **type of event** you would like to organise. Be inspired by past events or be completely innovative and create your own event.
2. Decide on the **date** of your event. Most events will take place during Peace Week – 20th to 27th September 2009 – but your event can take place any time in the month of September.
3. Apply for **funding** from the Peace Fund. The amount that will be awarded depends on the type of event, the number of people engaged and the duration. Please check the web site for information on when the application process is open to apply for the Peace Fund.
4. **Get in touch** with your key Borough contacts, Safer Neighbourhood Teams and local organisations who may support or partner your event. The Week of Peace Website has contact details of all the borough leads.
5. **Upload** information about your event onto the week of peace website: www.weekofpeace.org.uk Once the event is uploaded we will add it to the events listed online and in our publications so people can find out and participate in or attend your event.
6. Once you have uploaded your event we will send you an **evaluation** sheet so we can keep in touch and find out how the event went. We can then add the event to the Week of Peace website and annual report.
7. **Publicise** your events in the local press and on local radio and join the LWoP communities online on social networking sites like Facebook and Myspace. (Search Week of Peace). Fliers, posters and e-fliers are also effective ways of gaining publicity for your event.
8. **Contact** the LWoP Team for banners, placards and other merchandise and to discuss using the LWoP Logo on your publicity material.
9. No matter what event you are organising, it is always important to be aware of and make arrangements for **potential liabilities** involving the

venue, the audience/guests, volunteers and other people involved. Depending on the event, these can include but are not exhaustive of: Insurance, Health and Safety Provisions, Criminal Bureau Checks, Consent for photos.

10. Please **don't forget** to send back the evaluation sheet and pictures to the London Week of Peace Team so the rest of London can see how you celebrated in your community.

LWoP 2009: Diary of London-wide Key Events

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE
Peace Debate	Monday 21 st September
Peace Awards and Dinner	Wednesday 23 rd September
5K Peace Run	Saturday 26 th September
Peace Walk	Sunday 27 th September
Peace Service	Sunday 27 th September
Peace Concert and Talent Quest	Sunday 27 th September
Multi Faith Forum	(TBC)

We hope this pack will provide all the information you need to get involved in the London Week of Peace. If you have any further queries please direct them to:

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