UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2014

INVITATION TO CHURCHES & MEETING HOUSES

Sunday 21st September 2014



Churches and Meeting Houses in London are invited to mark Peace Day 2014 by inviting neighbours from different religious traditions to visit, to exchange messages of peace and to celebrate local peace-building and friendship.

This year, the UN International Day of Peace, marked annually on 21st September, falls on a Sunday.

Churches and Meeting Houses across London will be participating. There is no set format; some will invite visitors to observe Sunday worship, others will invite them for coffee afterwards. There may be a talk or guided tour, or activities for visiting children and families. Your local faith forum may be able to assist in passing your invitation to their members.

Islamic centres and synagogues will be opening their doors to visitors on Friday 19th September and Saturday 20th September respectively and you may also like to accept their invitations to visit.

Churches Together in England and the Religious Society of Friends are supporting the UN International Day of Peace. Worship materials are available from www.jointpublicissues.co.uk.

A flyer is available to download from the London Peace Network <u>www.londonpeacenetwork.org</u>. The flyer includes messages of peace from nine religious traditions to use on Peace Day. Participants are welcome to use the 'Peace Bird' logo and are invited to send in photographs and brief descriptions of your activities on Peace Day, to be included in a final report.

To register, or for further information, visit <u>www.londonpeacenetwork.org</u> or email London Boroughs Faiths Network <u>convener@lbfn.org</u> or telephone 07903 682 142.

The Facebook page for Peace Day activities in 2014 is www.facebook.com/sept21, the twitter name is @network_peace and the hashtag is #PeaceDay.

Ride + Stride and **Open House London** are also taking place on 20^{th} - 21^{st} September – both work well in conjunction with Peace Day activities.

The UN International Day of Peace is marked each year on 21st September all over the world. The UN Secretary General has declared the theme for 2014: *The right of peoples to peace*.

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Churches and Meeting Houses are warmly invited to **Peace-Building in the 21**st **Century, Celebrating Achievements and Hopes, Confronting Real Issues** on Monday 15th September at St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, London EC2. Book online at <a href="https://www.londonpeaceconference.eventbrite.co.uk">www.londonpeaceconference.eventbrite.co.uk</a>. #PeaceConf

**Flights for Peace** across the Thames take place on the afternoon of Sunday 21st September. Book online at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flights-for-peace-tickets-11990874027 #Flights4Peace