**An Oldham Peace Plan to September 2017 V3**

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| **Objective** | **Action** | **By** |
| **Grow the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum** | **Sign up more members**  | * Promoting the Pledge and Forum through Action Together, at relevant events, on-line and in relevant publications
* Establishing a target of 20 member organizations by Sept. 2016 and 40 by Sept. 2017
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| **Encourage members to attend meetings** | * Agreeing an annual programme of meetings
* Holding a general meeting at least quarterly
* Holding regular meetings of the trustees
* Ensuring meetings are held at a convenient time and place
* Asking members to suggest topics for discussion and giving feedback on their actions
* Inviting interesting speakers on relevant topics
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| **Adopt a formal structure** | **Become a constituted body** | * Adopting a constitution and agree the Action Plan at the September 2016 AGM
* Electing the officers at the AGM
* Symbolically inviting the Council Champion of Peace to Chair meetings and offering honorary positions to the founders of the Pledge
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| **Become financially sound** | * Appointing signatories to a bank account
* Opening a bank account
* Applying for and securing funding
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| **Publicise the work of the Forum**  | **Publish the Oldham Peace Times** | * Circulating newsletter quarterly to mailing list
* Including relevant, up-to-date articles on the work of the Forum, its members and partners (Percorsi etc)
* Building the mailing list on an ongoing basis
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| **Create a ‘brand’ for the Forum** | * Creating a ‘brand’ that is recognizable to the public as symbolizing the Forum
* Including this ‘brand’ on publicity and promotional materials
* Create a certificate with the brand that signatory organisations can display in their premises
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| **Establish an online presence for the Forum** | * Establishing Facebook, Twitter and other relevant accounts
* Appointing administrators to run and update these accounts
* Encouraging members to supply news to feature on these platforms
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| **Issue media releases etc to mark key events , dates and milestones** | * Signing up local media outlets to the Media for Peace initiative
* Arranging media releases and interviews to mark key events hosted by the Forum and its members and key dates and milestones related to peace
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| **Raise the profile of peace** | **Mark key dates with events** | * Host an event to mark the 5th anniversary of the Pledge to Peace (28th Nov. 2016)
* Inviting the Ambassador of the Pledge to Peace – Bruxelles Declaration, Mr. Prem Rawat, to visit our borough in 2017
* Supporting events or exhibitions or promotional activities (and / or those of partner organisations) on or around relevant dates in the calendar, including:
* Holocaust Memorial Day (27th Jan. 2017)
* International Women’s Day (6th March 2017)
* UN Mine Awareness Day (4th April 2017)
* Conscientious Objectors day (15th May 2017)
* UN Day for Women, Peace and Development (24th May 2017)
* UN Peacekeepers Day (29th May 2017)
* UN International Day of Peace (21st Sept. 2017)
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| **Develop peace education provision** | **Work with our borough’s young people** | * Support the efforts of the borough’s Mayor for Peace and Champion of Peace to promote peace education in the borough’s schools, academies and colleges
* Developing a network of Youth Peace Ambassadors
* Supporting Peacejam in organizing a Peace Slam event in our borough
* Working with teaching professionals and the ‘Peace in the Classroom’ initiative to develop peace education materials that can be used as part of an Oldham curriculum
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| **Work in our Communities** | * Working to establish and expand peace book sections, for adults, children and young people, in our central library
* Organizing book readings and a reading group to raise awareness
* Organising a peace writing competition
* Developing more Peace Education Programmes in community settings
* Ensuring public events have an educational content, as well as being celebratory or commemorative
* Developing peace parks as focal points in the districts
* Revitalising the George Street peace garden as a town centre focal point for peace with new signage
* Working with Bradford Peace Museum to bring peace exhibitions to Gallery Oldham
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| **Develop links with Pledge cities** | **Develop a Greater Manchester / UK Network** | * Contacting other local authorities to build a network
* Contacting the Greater Manchester elected Mayors office (May 2017) to seek support
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| **Attend Pledge events in Europe**  | * Where-ever possible ensuring Oldham is represented at Pledge to Peace events in Europe
* Using these opportunities to arrange presentations to Mayors in signatory towns to establish links
* Ensuring contact details for these municipalities are in our mailing list
* Circulating a version of the Oldham Peace Times in Italian
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| **Host Mayors and Councillors from Pledge cities in Oldham** | * Extending an invitation to visit Oldham as part of a visit by Mr. Prem Rawat
* Offering to host a European Peace Forum
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| **Join the Mayors for Peace Network** | * Arrange a signing event for the Mayor on the UN International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons 26th Sept. 2016
* Using this occasion to convey letters of peace and friendship to the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
* Where-ever possible, attending Network conferences to represent Oldham
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