



THE PEACE MUSEUM

Quakers in Yorkshire, Ackworth,
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Imagine...

... a large peace centre,

- unique in the UK,
- in an accessible tourist hub,
- with a dynamic schools' education programme,
- attracting 50,000 visitors a year, most of whom have never before
 - engaged in peace thinking,
 - or heard about peace history,
 - or been inspired to peace practice
- a place to chance to change minds, to change lives
- building a culture of peace...

WOW!

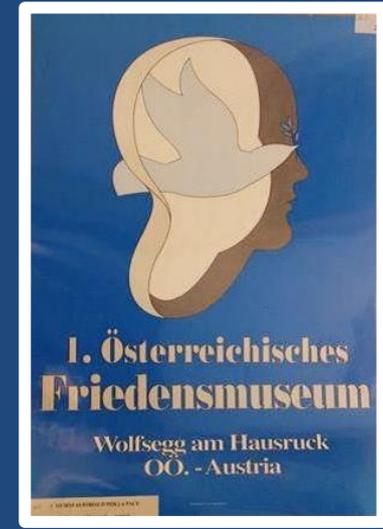
We are within touching distance of this vision



This is our story

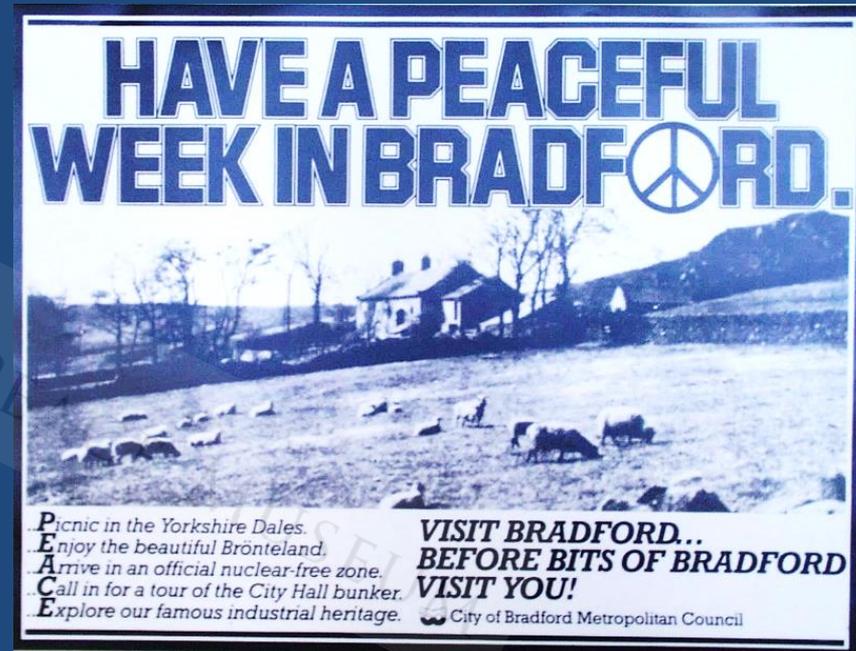
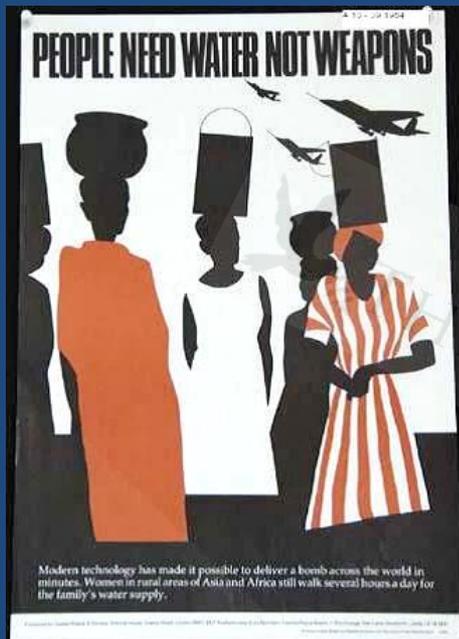
Our origins

- *Give Peace a Chance Trust*
- 1992 1st international conference, Bradford
- 1993 *The National Peace Museum Project*
- 1998 Our own gallery in Bradford



Origins of our collection

- Collection started with set of campaign posters
- 1st accessioned: "Visit Bradford"



Exploring the collection

1. Small objects, big stories
2. Being peace
3. Making peace
4. Activist Memory - Protesting for peace

Over 9000 objects
Gateways to peace stories

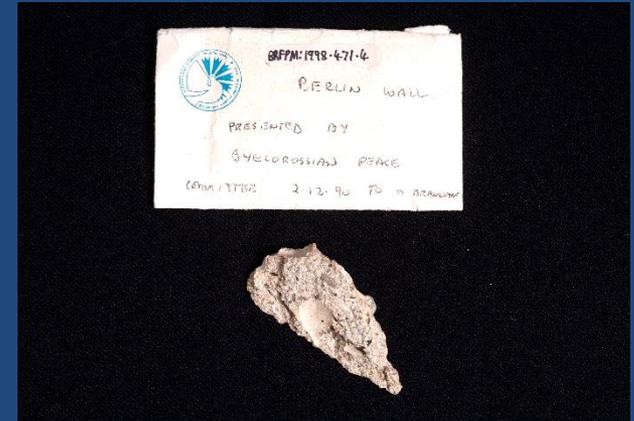


Our collection –

1. Small objects, big stories



Kindertransport Suitcase



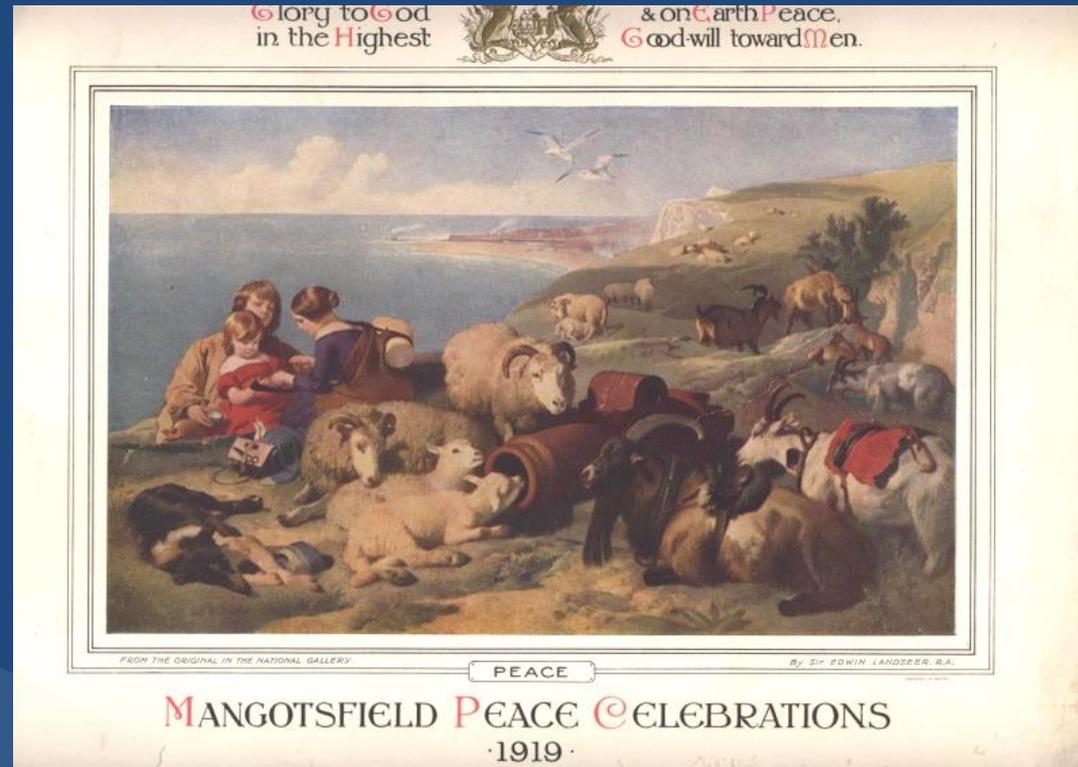
Berlin wall



Nagasaki tile

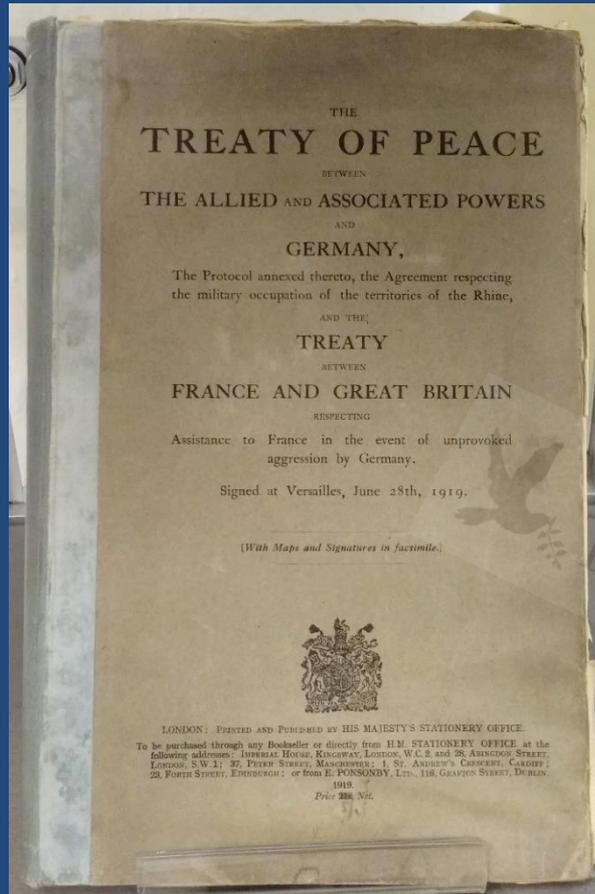
Our collection

2. Being Peace



What kind of peace?
– A question for later

Our collection – 3. Making Peace: treaties, international law/institutions



Reassessing peace history

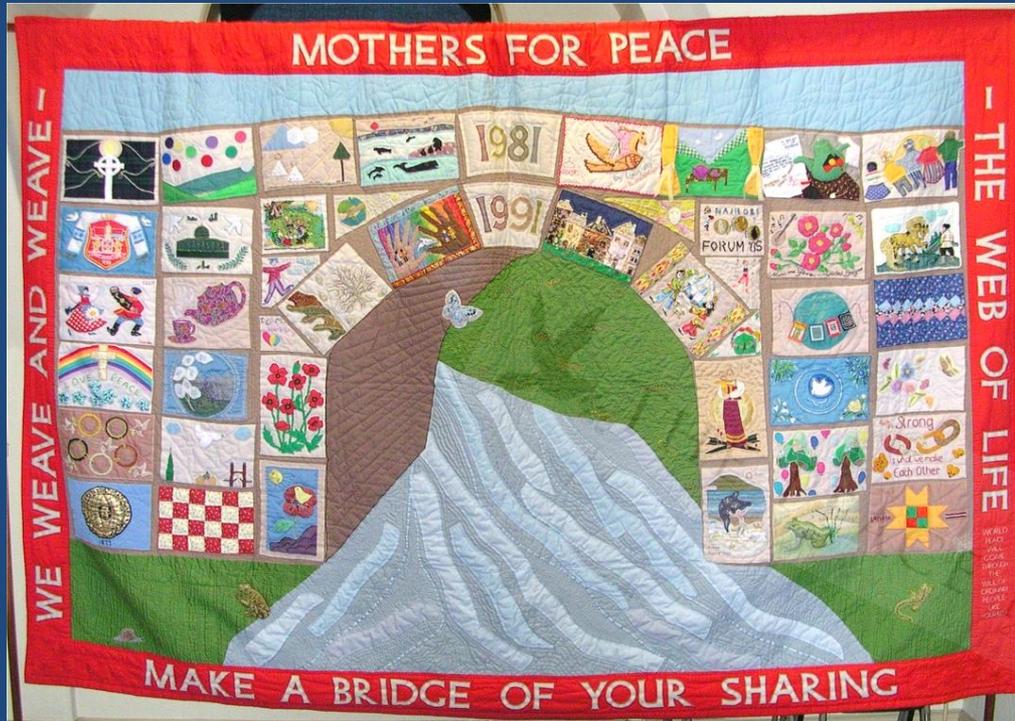


Difficult histories.

Penn: hero or villain?

- Another question for later

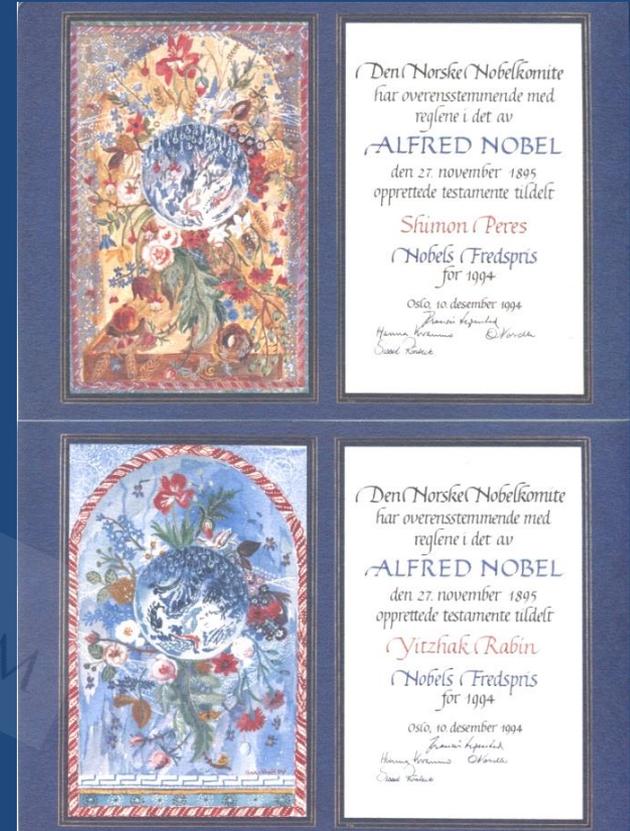
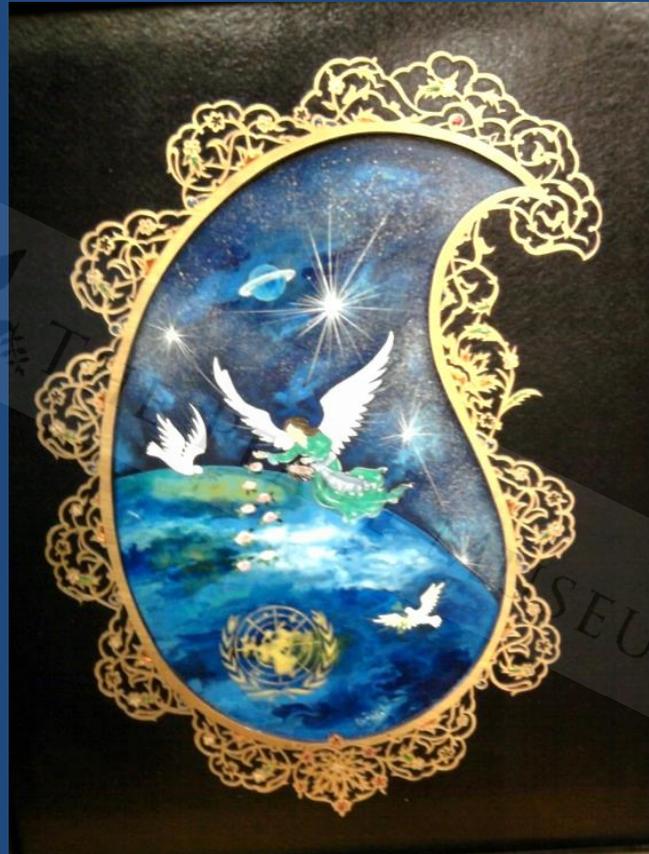
Making Peace: Reconciling nations, communities



Contested histories



Making Peace: Nobel Laureates



Our collection –

4. Activist Memory - Protesting for Peace



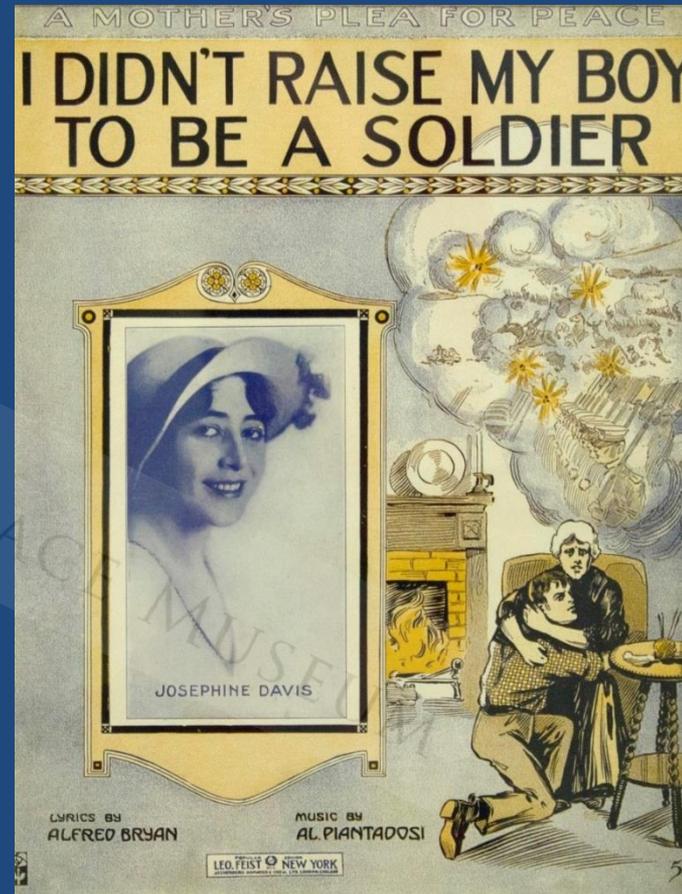
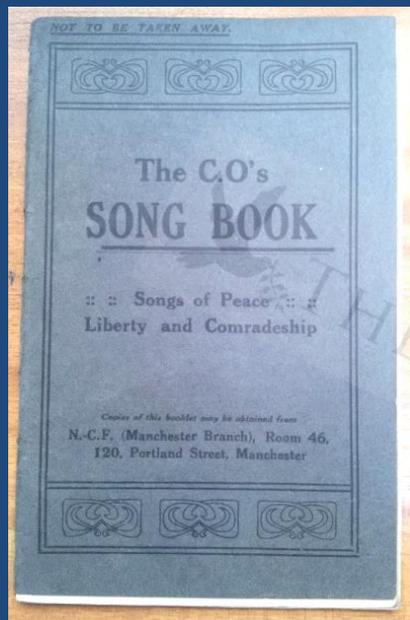
R.-41. **MILITARY SERVICE ACTS, 1916.**

Name of Tribunal _____ Number of Case _____

APPLICATION AS TO EXEMPTION.
(The attached duplicate must also be filled up by the Applicant.)

Any person making a false statement or false representation is liable to imprisonment.

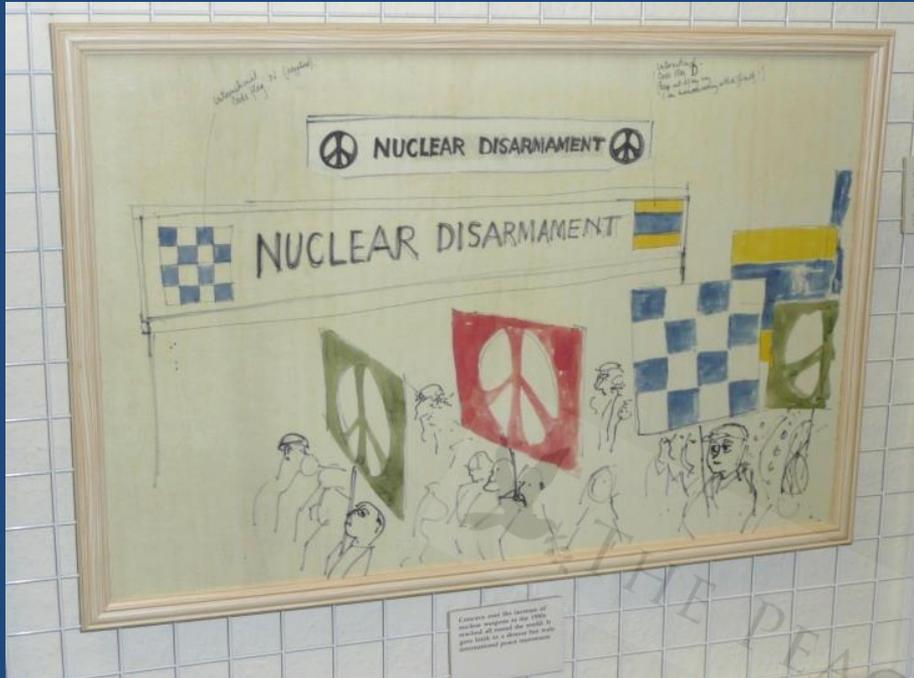
Activist memory: protest music from the First World War



Activist memory: 1930s peace movement,



Activist memory: 1950s/60s –



Gerald Holtom's symbol for
"nuclear disarmament"



Direct action... Viet Nam...
mass movements...



Aldermaston marches

Activist memory: 1980s



Revived anti-nuclear movement;
Greenham Common



Resourcing national museums

In the V & A...

... and in the Imperial War Museum



We have a permanent exhibition, *Farewell to Arms*, at the Royal Armouries



(1990s)

A fantastic textile collection



British Textile Society: Brierfield Mill



Sculpture, too



Maquettes by
Josefina de Vasconcellos

Some artefact-led Temporary Exhibitions

- Inside an arms fair



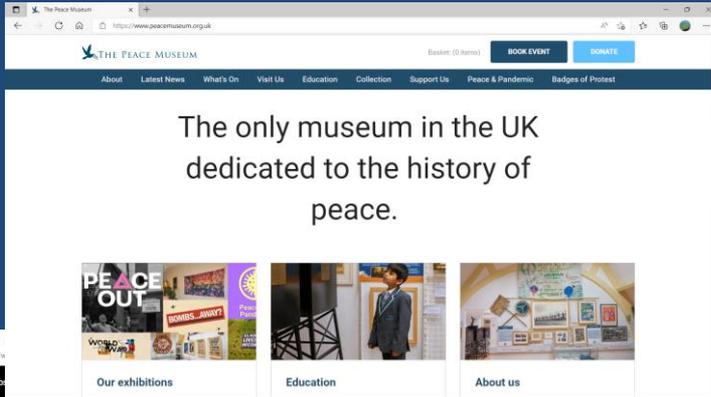
- *PEACE OUT! (No Pride in War)*



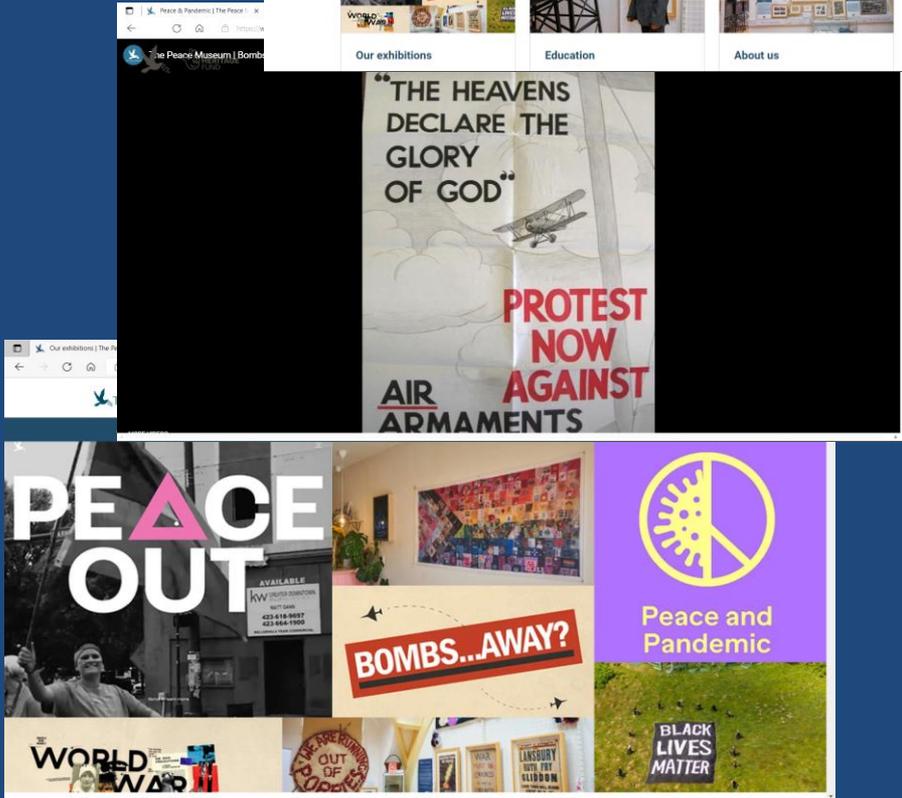
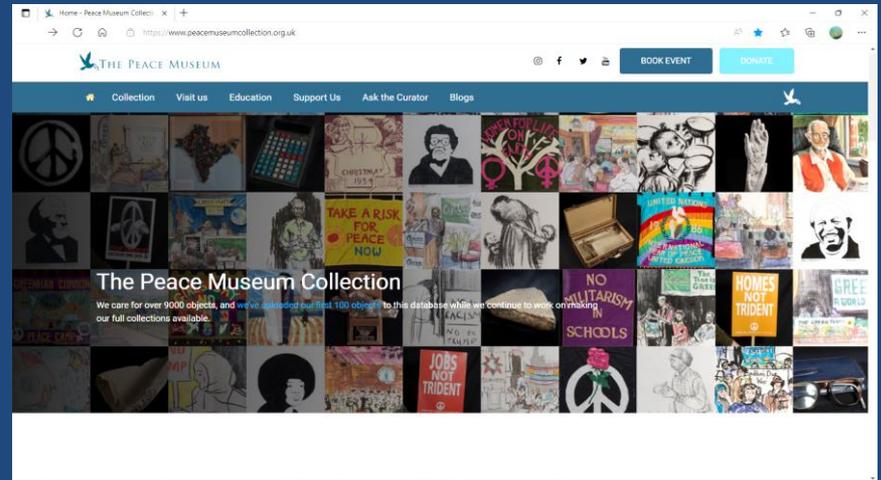
- India-Pakistan partition; 70
- German women on war's end 1918
- Refugee art
- Jewish voices from the Holocaust



Online presence



Some collection online too



One of the best – official!

Shortlisted by the
Museums Association for
the Best Small Museum
in the “Museums Change
Lives” awards, 2021



Memory is not enough

- We are not content with CONTENT alone
- What matters is INTent
- The Peace Museum holds the memory of past generations IN ORDER TO inspire future generations.



The purpose of The Peace Museum is to be a museum *FOR* peace:
ENGAGE, EDUCATE, INSPIRE, ACT

Education Programme



Changing lives



Collection-based workshops

Everyone comes from Somewhere /
Poppies, Remembrance and War Horses /
Caring for Our World / The Art of Peace /
The Treaty of Versailles /
Routes to Peace – Heritage Trail /
Peace OUT! ...



THE PEACE MUSEUM

SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Key Stages 1-3

The Peace Museum explores the history and the often untold stories of peace, peacemakers, social reform and peace movements. The Museum aims to inspire through the objects in its collection and learning activities for all sectors of the community, posing questions about equality, diversity, cohesion, peace and non-violence.

WE HOPE TO WELCOME YOU & YOUR SCHOOL TO OUR MUSEUM.

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Coming up

Kala Sangam – *Defining Peace.*

From May 10.



Our favourite objects

Telling stories

Asking questions, questions people don't usually ask

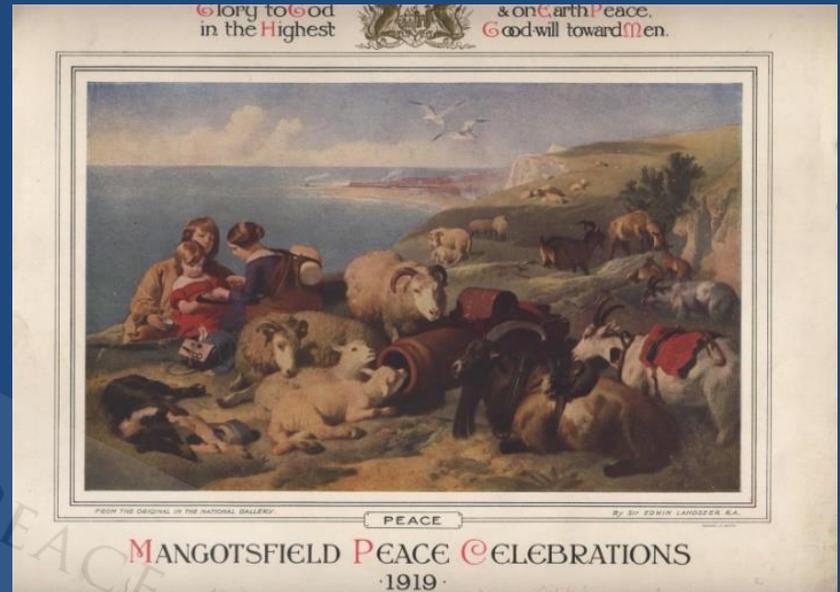
Cultures of Peace

- Peace memories and peace histories are the foundations for cultures of peace.
- The Peace Museum is uniquely placed to deliver this.

BUT...

- Peace is *more than* a rural idyll.
- Peace is dynamic:

nonviolently acting for
the positive creation
of a society of peace and justice



Peace???

The Push and the Pull

- A foundation of nearly 30 years experience
- Moved from enthusiastic amateurs to a team of highly-competent committed professionals
- Shortlisted for an award by the Museums Association, 2021

BUT

- Too successful!
- Out of space for our collection
- Out of space from which to operate / educate / exhibit
- And it's unacceptable that our space is not accessible.



WE NEED TO MOVE - To move out and move up

Moving up a league

Past generosity – including crowdfunding – has given us the reserves and the confidence to expand our operations responsibly



Too many steps



Space enough to turn a dream into reality

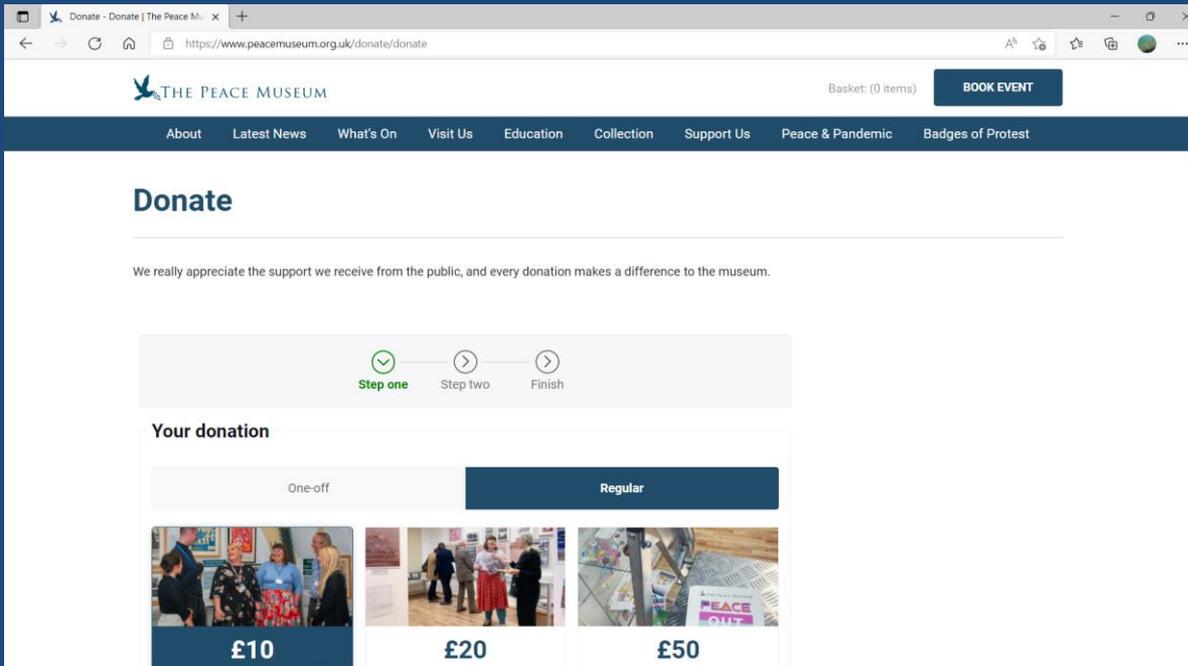
What next?

- Unfortunately, details are not yet in the public domain
- We are undertaking lots of preparatory work / fundraising
- We have a professional team of designers
- The end result will be *AMAZING!*



- **More than ever, our expanded operation will depend on the pennies and pounds of our core supporters – IT WILL BE WORTH IT!**

Hint!



You can donate direct from our website!
<https://www.peacemuseum.org.uk>

All being well...

- Watch out for announcements.
- Around Easter next year our vision will be achieved.
- We'll make sure you get an invite!



The Peace Museum, Bradford

A unique collection,
bringing to life
stories from the past,
in order
to shape the future





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