

# ACCREDITATION FOR PEACE MALA COMMUNITY GROUPS

*Creative Education that Empowers and Embraces All  
Uniting the World in Peace*

**A Peace Mala Community Group is committed to placing the vision and message of  
Peace Mala at the heart-centre of its values system**

**There are seven key areas for action**

**Self Evaluation Form**

**Name of Community Group: Community House (Eton Road)**

**Date: August 2014**

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Area One	Suggested Actions	Actions Needed	Evidence for Assessment
<p>Becoming a Peace Mala Community Group is part of the Global Citizenship objectives within the activities approved by all the members. <b>Every year, the group will need to study and explore Peace Mala by using the kits and educational materials. This encourages Peace Mala continuity in group activities and that new members of the group will learn about the vision and message of Peace Mala.</b></p> <p>The group will also share good practice with other groups who are members of the global community of Peace Mala.</p>	<p>Peace Mala is part of the Global Citizenship Programme. Peace Mala activities are explained to all members of the group. The community group has a prominent designated notice board and web pages or newsletter which details Peace Mala activities. These activities are regularly communicated to all members of the community. View the list of Peace Mala Community Groups on our website - join the list and communicate with each other to share good practice</p>	<p>In the summers of 2011, 2010 and 2013 we have held an event to celebrate peace and the diversity which exists in our Maindee area of Newport. Pam Evans and members of the Peace Mala team have attended and have told people about the Peace Mala ethos and also held Peace Mala workshops. In fact the locals call it Peace Mala Day. The Peace Mala banner is always to be seen in the Coffee Lounge of CH and the certificate can always be seen and flag is bought out for any event. The local school shares activities with CH and the children are always made aware of Peace Mala. Marilyn Priday has taken Peace Mala information and sometimes Peace Mala bracelets to groups, such as CIPA and PCW at conferences. In 2012 we attended the start of Pilgrimage on Gower (Marilyn, Susan, Afia and Sughra) and in 2013 Coffee and Laughs ladies travelled to support the Pilgrimage the next year.</p>	<p><b>Copy of Global Citizenship Objectives and project proposal Photographic and written evidence.</b></p> <p>(1) See the front of our church prayer leaflets. Community House is now run by a Charitable trust and is known as Community House (Eton Road). (2) See a section of the charity's objects. See prayer leaflets for 2011(3), 2012(4) and 2013(5) for Peace events (PDFs emailed) See leaflet 2013(3) for visit by Coffee and Laughs ladies to support Pilgrimage on Gower in that year. One of our number, Angela Evans created a Video Presentation for both the Pilgrimage event and the 2012 Peace Event. I believe that Peace Mala has a copy of this video. If not I can ask Angela for a copy. Community House is on the list on the Peacemala website as an accredited Community Centre.</p>

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<p>By engaging with Peace Mala the community group is committed to education for global citizenship through the promotion of understanding, respect, friendship, tolerance and peace between all communities, cultures and enlightened, compassionate faiths. Peace Mala promotes and encourages community cohesion.</p>	<p>Activities on Peace Mala are part of the Global Citizenship objectives e.g. group work focusing on the Golden Rule</p>	<p>Again see our Peace Events. Women from different faiths meet to share friendships across faiths and cultures. Flying start nursery is held in CH daily (school terms). Children from many nationalities attend the nursery. They meet with the seniors from TLC (Tuesday Lunch Club) at festival times and share stories, songs and food. The same happens on various occasions with the children of Maindee School. We have a club for people with Alzheimer's, who meet to sing together. Also Newport Mind have different activities, such as singing, art etc. The artwork is on display in Community House. The choir sings for various events. People from all groups share an annual project so that we can create something together, while sharing friendship and understanding. Newport Interfaith Group has an annual One World Week event and many more events. The women of Coffee and Laughs have visited a church in Deric to share a meal with local ladies who believe that Muslims are, in some way, anti-God, believing that they worship a different God. This was very successful.</p>	<p>Written, photographic and or DVD film Peace Malas worn by members of the community group. See photographs of events/group meetings See Newport Interfaith Group leaflet for 2012 and 2013. See photo of nursery and TLC. on PP album See photo of Alzheimer's group. on PP album See Newport Mind Music Group. on PL 2012 See photos from NIG. on PP album See photos from trip to Deric. on PP album and Facebook page Community House Eton Road</p>

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<p>By using the Peace Mala project, the community group supports <b>human rights</b> and helps prevent bullying and all forms of prejudice.</p>	<p>Holocaust Memorial Day, City of Sanctuary, Show Racism the Red Card, Anti-bullying policy, Presentation by Hate Crime Police Officer and Disability Wales.</p> <p><i>The community group does not need to engage with all of the above. We would, however, expect them to engage with two anti-bullying initiatives over the space of a year.</i></p>	<p>Newport Interfaith Group has an annual event at Tredegar Park Lake to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6th. The project for advocacy for over 50s BME holds an advocacy café in CH weekly, lead by Chaminda Seneviratne and supported by the ladies of Coffee and Laughs. There is a Detached Youth Work project, funded by Children in Need, which runs out of Community House to support the youngsters who were not engaging with school/training/youth work. One of the main problems locally is that the Asian lads are conflicting with the Eastern Europeans, who are newer immigrants. The project is very successful and the youth workers team, lead by Ali Boksht, are working hard to change hearts and minds. A women from Tell Moma, an organisation for reporting hate crime came to Newport to talk to ladies in CH.</p>	<p>Written and photographic Newspaper articles Look at Paul Flynn MP blog <a href="http://paulflynnmp.typepad.com/my_weblog/2010/08/hiroshima-recalled.html">http://paulflynnmp.typepad.com/my_weblog/2010/08/hiroshima-recalled.html</a>. You will see photos of Ingrid and also me. You probably won't know anyone else. Proof of Detached Youth Work Photo of Ali Boksht, leader, with one of the young lads who had, in the past, created mayhem, and now performed a rap, written by him, which told us he had been turned around Photo on PP album. For proof of Cyan meeting and Tell Mama see Prayer leaflet for Autumn 2013 page 4 Report on Tell Moma meeting Autumn 2013 page 4.</p>

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<p>Peace Mala encourages the community group to raise awareness of issues of <b>global interdependence</b> and encourages <b>active compassion</b> by members that will lead to positive changes locally and globally.</p>	<p>Red Nose Day, Children in Need, Teddies4Tragedy, CEWC, Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Campaign, UNICEF day for change, One World Week, One Life, ActionAid, World Vision, Cafod, SCIAF/TROCAIRE, Christian Aid, Muslim Aid, Healing Hearts Sufi Charity, Afritwin, Nelson Mandela Children's Fund</p> <p><i>The group does not need to engage with all of the above. We would, however, expect them to work with two humanitarian NGOs over the space of a year. It would be good to engage with one local and one global organisation.</i></p>	<p>The Flying Start children dress in their pyjamas for Children in Need/Red Nose day. Children from the Maindee School have come to perform for the Coffee and Laughs group and their parents on International Peace Day. We have always supported Christian Aid in the Community House church, with a service and a collection for Christian Aid Week. We held an event, organised by 3 Muslim girls on 14th August, where £570 was raised for Gaza. It was sent through the al-Khair Foundation. This was also Pakistani Independence Day. We joined in the PCW Christian Aid project to raise money for Guatamala which was adopted by PCW as a project last year. The Christian Aid organiser for Guatamala visited us. We support local charity, HHI, (Health Help International) which does sterling work in Zambia and South India. One of our Pakistani Christian Ladies is just setting up a charity to help a village in Pakistan. One of our members, Adam Mondol is a Bangladeshi Christian. We always collect money for what her goes home to his village provide for needs. Last time it was blankets. We have Prayers and light candles for this village, Nittanandapur and a village, visited by Ingrid in Zimbabwe every Sunday. We have links with this village through Grassroots a drama company.</p>	<p>Written and photographic Newspaper coverage Any photos of red nose kids Photos from Maindee School at CNL Guatamala photos with CA man Photos from Gaza Day Adam giving out blankets in Pakistan see Prayer leaflet 2013 Blankets for Nittanandapur. For al-Khair Foundation <a href="https://www.alkhair.org/">https://www.alkhair.org/</a> they also have a Facebook presence. For photographs of the event see <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Community-House-Eton-Rd/134610633247275?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Community-House-Eton-Rd/134610633247275?fref=ts</a>.</p>

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<p>Peace Mala encourages the <b>celebration of cultural, racial and religious diversity</b> through art, music, drama and dance.</p>	<p><b>Special activities to celebrate the diversity of cultural and/or religious festivals.</b> Celebrate 'On World Week'. Make links with local faith and cultural communities including churches, mosques, synagogues, gurdwaras and temples. Make cultural links with community groups in Developing Countries through the British Council or a similar organisation. <i>The group does not need to engage with all of the above. We would, however, expect them to work with at least two initiatives over the space of a year.</i></p>	<p>Annual event on the anniversary of the opening of the peace garden. This is a celebration of diversity. This year we held a Community House Open Day in June to showcase the work of the groups that meet in CH. We have an annual OWW/IF Week celebration. This year we are putting on the play Nathan the Wise, which could be called an Interfaith play. We have visited the Hindu Temple in Cardiff. Groups such as Baha'i have met in CH. Currently there is a Buddhist meditation group meeting regularly. A Christian Caribbean church has met on Sundays at CH for many years. We are in contact with at Temple of Peace Cardiff and also Mari from Christian Aid. Both have visited CH and some of us have attended meetings. The women and children who attend Community House have made Community Quilts, which has been a huge success.</p>	<p>Written and photographic Newspaper coverage            For YouTube clip on Maindee Festival for which community House holds the VIP reception. <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fZBkQmsMgw">www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fZBkQmsMgw</a>            Open Day held in July, where TLC choir, Mind choir and ladies choir (mostly Coffee and Laughs) entertained us. See Facebook Page. See PowerPoint album for evidence of Newport Interfaith Group OWW annual event.            See Prayer leaflets for photos of quilts.</p>

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<p>With Peace Mala, the group actively promotes <b>environmental sustainability and respect for all animals and wildlife.</b></p>	<p>Set up an Eco Council Greenpeace RSPCA WWF Donkey Sanctuary RSPB IFAW <i>The group does not need to engage with all of the above. We would, however, expect them to work with at least one green initiative and one animal NGO over the space of a year.</i></p>	<p>This continues to be a very important part of our ethos. As a community Centre we feed the birds in our garden. We also have a pond with tadpoles and frogs for the Flying Start infants. We use the garden to encourage groups, such as Newport Mind to grow crops, such as tomatoes. Last year we engaged with the Maindee Festival Gladioli growing project, not only in our garden but in those of all the seniors of TLC. We also support their Woodland project, where they have taken over an old wood and revitalised it. Brian Selby (elder of the church and trustee of CHER) has made a life time project of growing tree in parts of Newport. We get regular material from A Rocha the Christian environmental group, though, we have not engaged with them on a project. There have been trips to the Newport Wetland (RSPB), regularly visited by members.</p>	<p>Photographic and written evidence Newspaper coverage For proof of MF Gladioli growing environmental project <a href="http://www.southwalesargus.co.uk/news/10321813.Dame_Edna_Everage_backs_gladioli_themed_Maindee_Festival/">http://www.southwalesargus.co.uk/news/10321813.Dame_Edna_Everage_backs_gladioli_themed_Maindee_Festival/</a> for Twinning with Zimbabwe Festival organised by Grassroots, who visit us annually. Photo of Ingrid with her (adopted) grandchildren at a woodlanders project work day. See PowerPoint album for photos of crops in garden, Gladioli Project which we took part in, Woodlanders working in reclaimed woods.</p>

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<p>With Peace Mala the community group encourages <b>Peace Education</b> by forming a Peace Council and engaging in peace activities.</p>	<p>Peace Council Valentine Peace Project International Day of Peace Make a peace garden with prayer tree or labyrinth Sessions in meditation/stilling exercises Community Peace Box Peace Mala Pilgrimage Using the Peace Mala to pray for world peace (Peace Mala booklet of Peace Prayers)</p> <p><i>The group does not need to engage with all of the above. We would, however, expect them to work with at least two peace initiatives</i></p>	<p>Work on Interfaith Development is our main outreach work, both as a church and a community centre. We host the Newport Interfaith Group and Marilyn is on the Interfaith Council for Wales. We hold a One World Week/Interfaith Week annual event. The women's friendship group Coffee and Laughs, was created in order to forge good relationships between local women of all faiths and cultures. It is very successful. We have a Peace Garden, used daily by both Flying Start groups. We always do something for International Day of Peace, including local school (3 schools this year One of our trustees, a Quaker and past Newport schools adviser, has been into the schools to talk to heads). We have had a Muslim academic from CYAN in partnership with Cromen Werdd, two Muslim organisations working to promote good race and inter-faith relations. We hosted a meeting for ministers and people interested in Peace, listening to the work of CH and the academics work in Canada.</p>	<p>Photographic and written, Newspaper coverage Photos from NIG see PP album. Coffee and Laughs lots of evidence in Album and Prayer leaflet. Peace Garden PP Album See Summer 2012 Prayer leaflet for proof of maindee School children sharing International Peace Day with Community House.</p>