



**Grundtvig  
Learning  
Partnership  
(Inter)national  
Days**

**January 30th**  
**WORLD DAY FOR NON-  
VIOLENCE AND PEACE**



## Proposal to celebrate the International Day for Non-violence and Peace

### Introduction:

For such a significant date, we propose to get together all the social and educational organizations working in the neighbourhood for a joint celebration: that includes the Adult Education centre/s, primary and secondary schools, neighbourhood associations, cultural associations... Meetings with representatives of all of them will be held to agree on a celebration programme and the activities to carry out. We also propose that the celebration lasts a whole week instead of just one day.

### Objectives of the celebration:

1. To help the above mentioned organizations to become agents of peace and mutual understanding between people of diverse education, culture, religion, ethnicity.
2. To educate for life, helping develop basic skills and competences for an active citizenship.
3. To make aware that it is necessary to build a neighbourhood, city and world that is fairer and more human, with equal opportunities for every person.

### Preparatory activities, prior to the celebration

To prepare in each participant organization the posters with the title *Peace is the way* that will be exhibited later at the celebration site in a Poster Fair

#### For the mandala

To read, discuss and eventually choose sentences and short texts about peace. Each person chooses their own.

To choose images that recall peace: white doves, hearts, open, giving hands, a circle of people holding hands ... Each participant chooses the one they like best, colours it and writes inside the sentence they had chosen before

Role playing of a round-table meeting about domestic violence; the participants will play the following roles: a psychologist, a doctor, a policeman (or woman), a feminist, a battered woman, a child




To prepare short plays, sketches etc about peace to show in the Theatre festival

To prepare the call for celebration: posters, leaflets, permissions request (if any needed)

To prepare a Manifesto for Peace in each organization; then put all ideas together and write the final document.

To discuss the words of some song about peace and non-violence (or their opposites) everybody knows and practise it. For the celebration in Spain we propose the song *No dudaría* by Antonio Flores. You can find the words and a link to *youtube* at the end of the activity. In English it could be *Blowing in the wind* or something like that. In the different countries, suitable songs should be chosen.

**Activities proposed for the celebration programme** (with references to the document *Inventory of creative strategies*):

<b>Strategy 25</b>	Poster Fair titled <i>Peace is the way</i>
<b>Strategies 7/8/11</b>	To form a big <i>mandala</i> with the word PEACE at the centre using the coloured images and sentences prepared earlier. Example: 
<b>Strategies 5/17</b>	Round-table meeting about domestic violence with the participation of a psychologist, a doctor and a policeman of a domestic violence attention team
<b>Strategy 17</b>	Theatre festival showing short plays, sketches etc that deal with peace and non-violence
<b>Strategy 14</b>	Get-together for peace
<b>Strategy 14</b>	Public reading of the Manifesto in favour of peace written by all the participants
<b>Strategy 19</b>	Joint singing of the song <i>No dudaría</i> (or whatever song previously chosen and practised1)



**No dudaría**

Si pudiera olvidar  
Todo aquello que fui  
Si pudiera borrar  
Todo lo que yo vi  
No dudaría  
No dudaría en volver a reír

Si pudiera explicar  
Las vidas que quité  
Si pudiera quemar  
Las armas que usé  
No dudaría  
No dudaría en volver a reír

Prometo ver la alegría  
Escarmentar de la experiencia  
Pero nunca, nunca más  
Usar la violencia

Si pudiera sembrar  
Los campos que arrasé  
Si pudiera devolver  
La paz que quité  
No dudaría  
No dudaría en volver a reír

Si pudiera olvidar  
Aquel llanto que oí  
Si pudiera lograr  
Apartarlo de mí  
No dudaría  
No dudaría en volver a reír

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5zWfADKgGk>