

Our dream is as simple as it is ambitious:

one flame uniting people worldwide...

World Peace Flame Foundation Annual Report 2023 - 2024

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Our main activities and the groups we work with are set out below. In 2023/2024 our work has been directed to community events and disseminating the PEIA in schools.

### MEDICAL CAMPS AND EYE CLINICS

In Navsari, Gujerat our team led by Thakor Patel have continued their outreach into the tribal areas to serve people.

2023 - 2024 845 patients in medical camps, 227cataract operations, 420 glasses



2024

April 28, 2024 Specialised, free cataract operation camp, Dr Vikash Patel from Ashirwad Eye Hospital and staff checked 350 patients, and found 100 people requiring cataract operations. The doctors arranged dates there and than for operations and many already have been attended to. 115 glasses were given at concessional rate.



### INDIA GUJERAT

INDIA GUJERAT	2023 - 2024	- 2024 STUDENT EDUCATION We give the opportunity for several young girls per year to do their training as a nurse. In way they can earn a living and support their families. In 2023 3 education fees have been g				
	2023 - 2024	STUDENT SUPPORT 19.000 Notebooks education kits distribution for 3087 students. Wheelchairs (4) were given to children of special needs.				
	2023 - 2024	FOOD DISTRIBUTION				
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	2023 - 2024	HOSPITAL SUPPORT 150 patients have been supported with X-ray, sonography, MRI. 450 patients have benefitted by the payment of their bills in 2 hospitals in Navsari. February 2024 Thakor Patel. (president) and team				
JPSKILLING IDIAN TEAM	2023 - 2024	UPSKILLING INDIAN TEAM - Joshna Patel, International coordinator spent 3 weeks in Gujerat working with the local team on skills necessary for their work at this time. Trainings on online platforms enabling them to communicate more effectively with other teams around the world sharing data and inspiration. Meetings with young volunteers eager to be part of this initiative learnt how to communicate their message on SM also in the way of fundraising. Networking skills and best practices were shared as every team has to put some time into succession.				
		Simple health regimes were worked out together with GP's which can be given to all medical camp attendees. Its clear that general daily hygiene can help people avoid some of the issues they deal with. Time was spent in this form of education.				

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**AFRICA** 

WPF MONUMENTS & GROUPS AFRICA – SCANN - Street Children's Assistance Network Nakuru Education of street children from Nakuru.

SCANN provides a Home to 109 destitute street children, where they are provided with shelter, food, clothing Healthcare and education.

The WPF Foundation continues to support the upkeep of 8 children at SCANN Centre in Nakuru, Kenya. We also do 'spontaneous' donations to help during times of difficulty or when they were starting up new projects eg the soup kitchen is from covid times because street people suffered enormously as a result.

M. Patel, June 2024

### OVERVIEW WPF ACTIVITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS 2023 - 2024

#### Webinars local WPF goups

During the wpf round tour in 2021/2022 it turned out that the 11 local wpf groups had little information about each others initiatives and had little communication among each other. So this was a sign to create a community, that we did by organizing webinars two times a year.

### Webinar 13 December 2022:

Information of the exchange project WPF Twente and Solan public school in India. Representatives of Twente visited India. Information about the pilgrimage wpf trail by walking and cycling along monuments in Nijmegen, Oosterbeek, Twente. Exchange of all local groups, inspiring and learning from each other.

#### Webinar 10 mei 2023

Presentation about the history of WPF by one of the founders (Hans). Information WPF The Hague about the experiences of the thousands of tourists visiting the monument. Information about the WPF in Eindhoven in the Glorieux park, and the meaning of the art objects along the path of peace.

#### Webinar 22 november 2023

Presentation by Savitri MacCuish about the meaning of the flame and what we can contribute as peacemakers. Information about the WPF in Rotterdam situated in the hall of the ecological shopping centre, radiating care for the earth, sustainability and fait trade. Information about the monument in Cadzand visited by many tourists and surrounded by many peace activities in the village.

Webinar 5 June 2024

Introduction meaning of the wpf by the prayer of the seven flames by Hans Wentink. Overview of initiatives in Cadzand, twente, Eindhoven, Rotterdam, Bronckhorst. (see powerpoint)

LOCAL INITIATIVES

13th of March 2024 WPF Eindhoven: the aim is to realise a WPF in the Waterrijkpark in Eindhoven. As preparation a latern with flame is placed in the Parkrestaurant, so the light can do its work.



21st of March 2024 WPF Twente: celebration 12 years WPF in de Wonne, with chanting and reflection about

the meaning of the flame for yourself. Presentation by Hans Wentink about the Prayer of the seven flames.



9th of May 2004. Cadzand

This monument celebrated its 20th Anniversary on May 9th 2024 with a Freedom Walk in the footsteps of the Flame arriving in Cadzand 20 years ago to the church in Cadzand Dorp where the Eternally burning flame is placed.

An outside meeting was held around the Monument with music and opportunities to talk. This was followed by a concert with singers, performers, speakers and a book presentation published especially for the event.

Cadzand have been successful in their fundraising efforts and are managing several local projects under the WPF banner.



Regular groups who are taken on a 'tour' where there are many prompts for discussion. Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mohandas K Gandhi was one of the visitors to be taken around the Freedom Walk which involves much of the village of Cadzand as they have been very successful in bringing the community together.

14th of mei 2024 WPF Rotterdam: On this rememberence day of WW II children create poems about: 'What does peace mean to me?' At the monument they say the poems in the presence of the Mayor.



14th of June Twente Monument in Enschede, a 40 kilometer nightwalk of celebration was a great initiative of the community to support the Monumet in de Wonne. It is an example of how all through small and larger initiatives the World Peace Flame is at a local level inspiring many people. We attend and give support and materials.



15th of June 2024 Initiative in Andel: Henk cycled from the source of the river Maas to its end in Rotterdam, controlling the water quality. In Rotterdam he lit his latern at the wpf and cycled to his home village Andel, to lit the flame in a little chapel.



17th of June 2024 WPF Holsbeek, Belgium. A beautiful 'Monument of the dove', situated as a meditative shelter looking over villages and fields. The loyalty of this group of people to maintain the light and peace already during 10 years, is great.



Jan – June 2024 WPF Bronckhorst: close cooperation with 'Activité pour Liberté' (pilgrimages by foot and by bike) and increasing activities with PEIA on schools. June 2024 , Anke

### THE HAGUE MONUMENT & PATHWAY

'Facelift' World Peace Pathway, The Hague, fot the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the World Peace Flame we have cleaned and several stones have been (re-)placed in the Pathway. Many stones have been polished again and the strips around the Pathway have been renewed. We are working on the finishing of the new updated informationboard. The community of The Hague has offered 2 benches to be placed in autumn around the Pathway.

#### 27-04-2024

20th Anniversary of the Peace Pathway inauguration. International visitors, walked around the monument in a prayer of peace. Tourists joined in a prayer walk for peace.

### Monument adopted by Stichting Viertaal

School classes with pupils from the age of 12 can 'adopt' a monument in their own village or neighbourhood. This project helps children learn more about the local history ofPeac Initiatives and lets them experience for themselves how it is to attend a commemoration ceremony. Stichting Viertaal has chosen to adopt the World Peace Flame Monument. Children wrote their messages on cards .



Joan Klink, June 2024



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### Activities PEIA Netherlands 2023 - 2024

Our continued focus is to work with schools to engender awareness in the emerging generations. This year has seen a steady accumulation of schools becoming involved in the PEIA project. We hosted several visits from Head Teachers from schools in Northern India, taking in several school visits so that they learned how our teachers are working with the package and also so the children could dialogue with the teachers about children in other countries. Gifts were exchanged both for the teachers and many small gifts for them to give to their schools.



Solar Peace Flames in schools 2 in London, in Himal Pradesh, North India.

Hindi translation of PEIA realised and designed in august 2023







### SUMMARY AVAILABILITY PEIA PRODUCTS:

- The teachers manual and workbook children are available in 7 languages: English, Dutch, Spanish, Catalan, Italian, Romanian, French and Hindi.
- The workbook children is also available in Welsh, Arabic and Hindi.
- The manual 3-6 years old is available in 4 languages: English, Dutch, Romanian, French.
- The website is available in 4 languages: English, Dutch, Romanian, French
- The practical study is available in English and Dutch (and downloadable in English at the other websites). The practical study introduces the concept of peace education (in general) and the relation of the content to the curriculum and teachers views on the impact of the package.
- Brochure Introducing PEIA in schools is available in English and Dutch (and downloadable in English at the other websites). The content is: a script for approaching schools by telephone; conversations with the School Committee or the local Council; 3 examples of lessons; maintaining contact.

PR resources are: Logo - Poster - Bookmarks - Powerpoints

Bookmark in Dutch, English and Spanish





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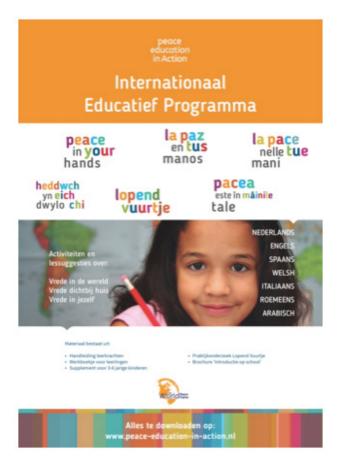


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### WEBSITE AND ONLINE

We are in the process of updating our web-profile as it is very dated in look and language. Meetings with designers have taken place and the work is in progress. This is very necessary to attract new people and also younger generations.