From Hiroshima to World Peace exhibition ... An educational experience

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Dear Head Teacher,

I am writing to you about a forthcoming showing of the Exhibition "From Hiroshima to World Peace" in Norwich City Hall. This is the exhibition that was mounted in Norwich Cathedral in August 2004, in 2004, in close collaboration with their Education Officer and with the support of the Dean and Chapter, and officially opened by the Lord Mayor as a "Mayor for Peace", in a ceremony attended by people representing many aspects of Norwich life. In August 2005, selected panels from the exhibition were displayed in St Peter Mancroft Church, with the support of Rev Peter Nokes, and other sections were shown in King's Lynn at the same time. Plans are currently under consideration for further exhibition venues in East Anglia.

With the support of the Lord Mayor's office, the exhibition will be shown in City Hall from November 14th to 25th 2005. We have designed it to be of particular interest to schools, and we would be most grateful if it could be brought to the attention of Heads of relevant departments in your school, including History, Art, English, Religious Education, Citizenship and Personal and Social Development.

The backbone of the exhibition is a series of panels from the Bradford Peace Museum; through poetry, art, photographs and text, these chart the history of the peace movement, especially in this country, since the beginning of the 20th century. Among the main themes covered are: the dropping of the atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and their effects; anti-war poetry and art; pacifism and conscientious objection; internationalism; peace organizations; women's peace movements; the arms trade; peace education; international conventions on peace and disarmament and the ever-present menace of nuclear weapons.

The exhibition will include original sculpture and paintings contributed by local artists as well as a display of relevant books.

The exhibition space will accommodate up to 25-30, and in order to allow detailed work to be done, we would suggest that no more than that attend at any one time. We will be providing stimulating worksheets which will allow pupils to focus on an area of interest such as art, poetry, famous figures, history of the Second World War, ethical questions, while encouraging them to place all these in historical context. The exhibition will be staffed at all times, and we will be happy to answer questions and ensure that pupils understand the tasks required.

The experience of the exhibition will enable pupils to cover National Curriculum requirements in many subjects including English, Art, History, Citizenship and Religious Education at key stages 3 and 4.

We hope very much to welcome parties from your school to City Hall in the course of the exhibition. For further information and to book a visit to the exhibition, please telephone 01603 453530 or e-mail Jean.Davis@talk21.com

With many thanks for your consideration, Yours sincerely,

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