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## 2024 PEACE FIELD PROJECT'S GLOBAL PEACE GAMES

Over 20 countries will be represented at the 2024 GPGs, 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024, at the Peace Village, Mesen, Belgium, site of the First World War Christmas Truces.

Funded by UEFA Foundation for Children and The Children's Football Alliance

The event celebrates the United Nations' <u>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE</u>. The GPGs bring young people together from <u>Peace Field Projects</u> (PFP) across the world with the aim of creating peacemakers of the future. ...... (organisation) will represent ....... (country) at the week-long peace education games at <u>The Peace Village</u>.

EXAMPLE: The DLLT's PFP was considered by The Children's Football Alliance (CFA) to be an outstanding project. The Peace Field Project peace pitch, Aberdeen was invited to take part in this year's event, which commemorates all wars and celebrates peace through play.

There are currently <u>70 Peace Pitches in 6 continents</u> twinned with Flanders Peace Field where German and Allied soldiers stepped out of their trenches Christmas eve 1914 and momentarily escaped the horrors of war to exchange gifts and by play football.

Participants will visit significant battle sites and take part in international games and forums, debating the role of sport at home, in the community and at war.

'This is a once in a lifetime experience for many young peacemakers of the future. Playing games on the world's most poignant field inspires many participants to pledge promoting peace in their communities.' **Ernie Brennan, Director, CFA.** 

For more information about the Peace Field Project and Global and Peace Games and how your school or club can twin their playing areas with Flanders Peace Field visit: http://www.childrensfootballalliance.com/football-and-peace/peace-field-project/

More information regarding UEFA Foundation for Children: <a href="https://uefafoundation.org/">https://uefafoundation.org/</a>

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The CFA was established in 2008 to enhance children's development through the medium of play by way of the sharing and dissemination of information and the practical application of the knowledge acquired. The CFA's aim is to **Protect Childhood Through Play**.

The CFA's core objective is to promote and spread Peace Education Through Play and facilitate FREE football for fun. Current CFA projects include: <u>Global Peace Games</u>, <u>Children's Football Week</u>, <u>The International Peace Fields Project</u> and <u>Football Makes Our Shared History</u>.

For further background information on CFA projects, visit: www.childrensfootballalliance.com/FOOTBALL PEACE working group.html



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