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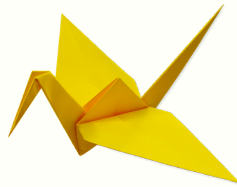


# PEACE CRANES

*A monumental exhibition of peace and hope*



## Contribute to the making of Peace Cranes exhibition



*by Iliyana Nedkova and Heather Kiernan*

Peace Cranes is a monumental exhibition featuring an installation of 140,000 origami paper cranes of peace and hope by Scottish artist Janis Hart. The installation will span the entire heritage space of St John's Church, Edinburgh. This vast number represents not only the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 but the lives lost in the UK to the global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the great acceleration of species extinction through the symbol of the endangered red-crowned crane.

The exhibition will explore the twin existential threats of nuclear weapons, and the climate and ecological emergencies by using the dual power of contemporary public art and the peace movement. It will be free to attend and open to all from 6 August until 28 August 2021 as part of Just Festival – Edinburgh's social justice and human rights festival, which has been an important part of the Edinburgh International Fringe Festival for over twenty years.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE PEACE CRANES EXHIBITION IS...

INITIATED BY PEACE & JUSTICE – AN INDEPENDENT CHARITY, BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE ACROSS SCOTLAND SINCE 1980 AND ONE OF THE ORGANISATIONS THAT CAMPAIGNED FOR A GLOBAL BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 22 JANUARY 2021. THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS (ICAN) – OF WHICH PEACE & JUSTICE IS A PARTNER – WON THE 2017 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR THIS WORK

CURATED BY HEATHER KIERNAN AND ILIYANA NEDKOVA, PRODUCED BY PETE SEARLE, AND SUPPORTED BY CREATIVE SCOTLAND OPEN FUND, THE PUMP HOUSE TRUST, THE WILLIAM SYSON FOUNDATION, JUST FESTIVAL AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

PRECEDED BY ARTISTS' TALKS, FILMS, THEATRE AND WORKSHOPS COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, HELD ONLINE IN AUGUST 2020 - ALL FREE TO WATCH AGAIN AT [HTTPS://PEACEANDJUSTICE.ORG.UK/WHAT-WE-DO/PEACECRANES/](https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/)

DEDICATED TO ATSUKO BETCHAKU (1960-2017) – PEACE & JUSTICE VOLUNTEER WHO SPARKED THE INTERNATIONAL WAVE OF FOLDING 140,000 ORIGAMI PEACE CRANES COMMEMORATING EACH OF THE 140,000 HIROSHIMA VICTIMS AND ILLUSTRATING OUR SHARED DESIRE FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

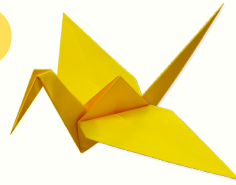
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## CROWDFUND WITH US

Donate to our crowdfunding campaign and enable us extend the Peace Cranes exhibition run at St John's Church from 28 August until 15 November 2021 leading up to the United Nations COP26 Climate Change Conference to be held in Glasgow. Sign up at [origamicranes@peaceandjustice.org.uk](mailto:origamicranes@peaceandjustice.org.uk) to be the first to hear of our crowdfunding campaign launch.

## GET INVOLVED NOW



Contribute to the making of the Peace Cranes exhibition. Just email us at [origamicranes@peaceandjustice.org.uk](mailto:origamicranes@peaceandjustice.org.uk) to sign up and we will be in touch with all volunteer details how to get involved in:

- threading and gluing some of the thousands of origami cranes into shapes which will transform St. John's Church into a bird sanctuary to peace and hope. All you need is a few hours or days in July 2021 to join our COVID-safe workshops onsite at St. John's Church
- joining our team of volunteer exhibition guides at St. John's Church. All you need is a few hours or days from 7 August until 28 August 2021 as part of Just Festival



## SHARE OUR PEACE CRANES EXHIBITION VOLUNTEERS CALLOUT WITH YOUR MEMBERS VIA...

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