

# WHAT ARE CITIES OF PEACE?

**“Peace is not just an absence of war; it is a virtue, a state of mind, and a disposition for benevolence, confidence (courage) and justice.”**  
~ Spinoza (1656)



GENEVA, THE HAGUE, AND HIROSHIMA : ALL ARE EXAMPLES OF CITIES WITH DISTINGUISHED PEACE HISTORIES. YET EVERY TOWN AND CITY HAS ITS PEACE HERO OR LEGACY OF PEOPLE CREATING A BETTER WORLD. FROM JAPAN TO NEW ZEALAND, ENGLAND TO THE UNITED STATES, EACH SMALL TOWN AND COMMUNITY CAN FIND HOPE IN THEIR PART IN MAKING THE WORLD SAFER, MORE PROSPEROUS, AND BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE. THE INTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CITIES OF PEACE IS TO NETWORK THESE CITIES TOGETHER IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE WORLDWIDE QUEST FOR PEACE.



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## TYPOLGY TABLE FOR CITIES OF PEACE:

- 1** CITIES WHERE A PARTICULAR WAR HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED (THROUGH A PEACE TREATY). (MÜNSTER, OSNABRÜCK, DAYTON)
- 2** CITIES WHICH ARE THE SEATS OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE. (THE HAGUE, GENEVA)
- 3** CITIES WHERE IMPORTANT PEACE PRIZES ARE AWARDED/PLACES WHERE PEACE IS BEING CELEBRATED AND HONOURED. (OSLO OR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE)
- 4** CITIES WHICH, HAVING BEEN DESTROYED IN WAR, HAVE USED THIS TRAGEDY TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO WORK FOR PEACE... (HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI, OSAKA, COVENTRY, GERNIKA-LUMO, YPERN, ANTWERPEN)
- 5** CITIES WHICH HAVE REDISCOVERED AND NOW ARE RECONNECTING WITH HISTORICAL IMPULSES FROM THE PAST, ESPECIALLY THE REMEMBRANCE OF A PROMINENT HISTORICAL FIGURE BORN IN (OR ASSOCIATED WITH) THE CITY, AND WHO WAS A GREAT PEACE ADVOCATE. (ROTTERDAM, ATLANTA)
- 6** CITIES WHERE IMPORTANT PEACE INSTITUTIONS ONCE EXISTED, OR WHICH ONCE HOSTED IMPORTANT PEACE CONFERENCES, AND WHICH ARE REDISCOVERING THEIR PEACE PAST, AND NOW WANT TO REMEMBER THIS AND BUILD ON IT. (LUZERN)
- 7** CITIES WHERE IMPORTANT PEACE RESEARCH OR PEACE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED (AND WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY WARS OR CONFLICT). (STADTSCHLAINING, BRADFORD)
- 8** CITIES WHICH HAVE JOINED ONE OR MORE IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PEACE ORGANISATIONS, AND WHICH ARE PLAYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THEM. (MANCHESTER)
- 9** CITIES OF PRACTICAL PEACEMAKING, IN ETHNICALLY DIVERSE AND POLARISED ENVIRONMENTS. (LE CHAMBON-SUR-LIGNON, NEVE SHALOM/WAHAT AL-SALAM, PHILADELPHIA)
- 10** CITIES WHICH HAVE GIVEN THEIR NAME TO IMPORTANT PEACE DOCUMENTS... (PUGWASH, DARTMOUTH, GÖTTINGEN, TALLOIRES, KREFELD, SEVILLA, MOHONK)

PLEASE NOTE THAT 'CITIES' OCCASIONALLY ALSO REFERS TO VILLAGES, OR MORE GENERALLY 'PLACES'. STADTSCHLAINING (7), NEVE-SHALOM (9), OR PUGWASH (10) ARE VILLAGES.

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