

PEACE CRANE PROJECT



In 1955, Sadako Sasaki, a twelve year old Japanese girl died of the effects of radiation caused by the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. During her illness, she set herself a target of creating 1000 paper origami cranes; which have become known as a symbol of peace. After her death, a campaign was launched to build a memorial to pray for world peace and to remember the children lost to the bombing. Millions of paper cranes have been laid here since its construction.

Our project is to ask pupils to create colourful peace cranes which will be displayed as part of an art installation at Prince Bishops Place in Durham City for all to see. We want to allow our young people to have a voice and to gather together thousands of origami cranes as a symbol of the children's call to live in a peaceful world.

We ask learners to write their own personal message about peace or to write the word peace in English, or in any other language, on their sheet of coloured paper before they begin folding.



In order to access the templates and an instructional video in Japanese and English, register your school's interest by emailing international@durham.gov.uk

There are two templates; one easier than the other. We will send you the templates, a link to the "How to" youtube video and give further information about Sadako and her story to share with your pupils.

We require all cranes to be sent to us by 6 March. The children's work can be viewed in Durham from 18 March until 15 April 2024

Durham Global Alliance is proud to have worked with the Hiroshima Peace Museum in Japan.



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