

# 75th Hiroshima & Nagasaki Commemoration

## **Our annual event**

Usually, Manchester City Council would work with Manchester Museum to put on our annual event of reflection on the events at Hiroshima and Nagasaki 75 years ago. We intend to use the current measures in place to both commemorate and educate on the events of 1945.

**Why are we here today?** - [Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki](#). Read by Anna Bunney, Engagement Manager, Manchester Museum.

## **Genbaku Dome (Atomic Dome) - Tribute by mamaykun**

Hiroshima Peace Memorial, commonly known as the Atomic Bomb Dome or A-Bomb Dome (Japanese: Genbaku Dome), is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Hiroshima, Japan. It was established as such in 1996. [The site is part of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.](#)

## **Manchester and Mayors for Peace**

Manchester has had a long relationship with [Mayors for Peace](#), which began with our famous 'nuclear-weapons-free city' declaration 40 years ago on 5 November 1980.

The declaration inspired cities around the world to work together for nuclear disarmament at a time when the Cold War was at one of the most dangerous times in its duration. In 1982,

at a major United Nations Conference on Disarmament, the Mayor of Hiroshima invited all Mayors to join with him to work for a more peaceful world free of nuclear weapons, and Mayors for Peace was created.

Manchester City Council was one of the first members to join Mayors for Peace in the UK, and Lord Mayors of Manchester have attended most of its General Conferences held in either Hiroshima or Nagasaki since. In the late 1990s, the Mayor of Hiroshima asked the City of Manchester to become a Vice President of Mayors for Peace and join its Executive Board.

Since then, Manchester has played a lead role in the organisation and in 2013 accepted a further invitation from Hiroshima to become a Lead City of Mayors for Peace, founding a UK and Ireland Chapter of the organisation.

## **No more Hiroshima! No more Nagasaki!**

[A short message from Cllr Abid Latif Chohan, Lord Mayor of Manchester.](#)

Twitter: [Mayors4Peace](#)

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Website: [MayorsForPeace](#)

## **'Let there be Peace', by Lemn Sissay MBE**

Lemn Sissay MBE, poet, playwright, broadcaster, speaker and Chancellor of the University of Manchester reads his iconic and topical poem ['Let there be Peace'](#) for our commemorations.

## Project G

Learn more about Project G:

- **Green Legacy Hiroshima:** <http://glh.unitar.org/>
- **Peace Trail**  
website: <http://www.manchesterpeacetrail.org.uk/>

## Adaptation of the UN Peace Declaration

This is an [audio clip](#) read by Manchester City Council's permanent Mayors for Peace and NFLA representative, Councillor Eddy Newman. The words spoken are the same words delivered live outside the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament, 1982 – where Mayors for Peace was founded.

## Paper crane folding

[Make your own paper crane](#)

The famous paper crane has been an enduring symbol of peace for decades. We'd encourage you to make your own and tweet it to us at [@ManCityCouncil](#).

[Discover more about Paper Cranes](#)

## Other ways you can get involved:

[Imperial War Museum North commemorating the 75th anniversary](#)

ICAN Virtual museum tour of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

- [Click here for access to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum tour](#) (password: Rise)

[Voices of War, by Imperial War Museums, brings together eye-witness accounts on the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, drawing on IWM's extensive sound archive.](#)