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Press Release

Kent schoolchildren to represent England at The Global Peace Games

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TWENTY key stage 3 pupils from Kent will represent England at The Global Peace Games in Belgium from September 16 to 21.

Hosted by the Peace Village in Messines, the event will bring young people across Europe together with the aim of creating peace makers of the future.

The National Children's Football Alliance (NCFA) has selected 20 ambassadors from Herne Bay High School, Herne Bay, Maidstone Grammar School for Boys, Maidstone, Oasis Academy, Isle of Sheppey, and Thamesview School, Gravesend.

Funded by the European Union, the games will provide a platform for the Kent ambassadors to help form and lay the foundations for twinning their respective school playing fields with Flanders Peace Field, site of the World War One Christmas Truces when German and Allied soldiers stepped out of their trenches and momentarily escaped the horror of war by playing football with a ball and jackets for goalposts.

Schoolchildren from England, Belgium and Germany will visit a number of significant battle sites and take part in international games and forums, debating the role of sport at home, in the community and at war.

NCFA director Ernie Brennan said: "This is a once in a lifetime experience for young people to help form a lasting legacy in the 100 years commemoration. Playing football games on the most poignant field in the world will inspire young peace makers of the future and we should never forget the essence of playing football in its simplest form."

The [Peace Field Project](#) aims to twin 100 schools in South East England with Flanders Peace Field to commemorate World War One and celebrate peace. The project enables children and communities to learn about their heritage, which the centenary provides, through engagement in a comprehensive programme of activities, culminating in a commemoration event where school playing fields will be designated as Peace Fields.

For more information about the Peace Fields Project and how your school can twin their playing areas with Flanders Peace Field visit www.childrensfootballalliance.com



Notes for Editors

- The NCFA was established in 2008 to enhance children's development through the medium of football by way of the sharing and dissemination of information and the practical application of the knowledge acquired. www.childrensfootballalliance.com
- The NCFA's core aim is to promote and advance children's unalienable right to engage in football play appropriate to their age and needs. One of its core objectives is to promote and spread best practice through practical application and football for fun workshops. Current NCFA projects include: National Children's Football Week; International Children's Football Week; Summer off the Streets and the Family Skills Project in partnership with Family Lives <http://familylives.org.uk/>
- Interviews with Ernie Brennan (NCFA Director) + 00 44 (0)7813082584. Paul Cooper (NCFA National Projects Director) + 00 44 (0)7875283093.
- Background information:
http://www.childrensfootballalliance.com/FOOTBALL_PEACE_working_group.html

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