

*"It was century ago that young men from different nations were set against one another on the battlefields of Flanders. Arguably the most poignant football game ever played took place when German and Allied soldiers stepped out of their trenches, shook hands and agreed a truce and took the opportunity to revert back to childhood and 'play' football in its simplest form... some players, a ball and jackets for goalposts. There is a natural link between children's football 'play' and what happened in no man's land that Christmas, lest we forget."*

**Ernie Brennan** (Director, NCFA).

*"Play football and games. Encounter other people from round the world and realise that strangers are friends waiting to be discovered. The world needs peacemakers. It needs us all to step out of our trenches and cross the No Man's Land of ignorance, prejudice and violence. By doing so, we will discover, as the soldiers of the Christmas truce did, that we are all brothers and sisters on a small and vulnerable planet. Peace-making today is about building friendship. And sport is a wonderful bridge to building a better world."*

**Don Mullan** (Patron – the National Children's Football Alliance)

*"Football promotes peace and reconciliation in Northern Uganda where there has been civil war for the last 25 years. We see war torn children all the time and when they smile it is through play. Children make friends through play. Football is a game in children's eyes just like the game played at the Christmas Truce in 1914."*

**Ivan Kakembo** (Founder of Uganda Soccer Academy)



## Peace Day Celebration Programme.

9.30am Opening Ceremony

Speeches from

**James Lamont**, Chairman, National Children's Football Alliance,

Special guest **Helen Grant**, MP, Minister for Sport.

Remembrance by **Rev'd Phil Sheldrake**.

10am – 12pm Peace Day Sports  
Featuring football, rugby, cricket and boxing.

12pm – 1pm Lunch

1pm – 3pm Football & Peace Forum  
Featuring special guest speakers and panellists;  
Don Mullan, Ivan Kakembo and Emma Hanna.

**10am - 3pm Football & Peace Exhibition.**  
**by Borden Grammar School, Herne Bay High School, High Weald Academy, Oasis Academy and Swadelands School.**

