

THE GIFT



The **Christmas Truces** of 1914 are often celebrated as a symbolic moment of peace in an otherwise devastatingly violent war. We may like to believe that for just one day, all across the front, men from both sides emerged from the trenches and met in No Man's Land to **exchange gifts** and play football.

In the spirit of the Christmas Truces we ask that all Global Peace Games participants and members of staff, bring a small gift to exchange with your fellow peace makers at this year's event.

The gift should be no more than €5. The gift could be something that represents your home, community or country.

WHY? Over a 100 years ago German and Allied soldiers took it upon themselves to rebel against the rules of engagement of in war. In an act of humanitarianism,* they greeted each other in No-Man's Land to exchange gifts. The act was a clear defiance of war and considered insubordination by both German and Allied Army's governments.

HOW? You will be asked to ensemble at a meeting point where all the Global Peace Games participants and staff, will be introduced to one another.

For more information please see the NCFA website: www.childrensfootballalliance.com/football-and-peace/ : <https://www.facebook.com/National-Childrens-Football-Alliance>

Humanitarianism* is an active belief in the value of human life, whereby humans practice benevolent treatment and provide assistance to other humans, in order to better humanity for moral, altruistic and logical reasons. It is the philosophical belief in movement toward the improvement of the human race in a variety of areas, used to describe a wide number of activities relating specifically to human welfare. A practitioner is known as a humanitarian.