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2026 PEACE FIELD PROJECT'S GLOBAL PEACE GAMES

Young people from Belgium and Czech Republic will be participating at the 2026 GPGs, 14th to 20th September 2026, at the Peace Village, Mesen, Belgium, site of the First World War Christmas Truces.

Funded by The Children's Football Alliance and Erasmus+

The event celebrates the United Nations' [INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE](#). The GPGs bring young people together from [Peace Field Projects](#) (PFP) across the world with the aim of creating peacemakers of the future. GroepIntro's young will represent Belgium's diverse communities and Fair Play Point's young people will represent the Czech Republic's diverse communities at the week-long peace education through play programme at [The Peace Village](#).

There are currently [83 Peace Pitches in 6 continents](#) twinned with the Peace Village, Peace Pitch, Flanders, overlooking the site where German and Allied soldiers stepped out of their trenches on Christmas Eve 1914 and momentarily escaped the horrors of war to exchange gifts and play football.

Participants will visit significant battle sites and take part in international games and forums, debating the role of sport at home, in the community and at war.

Special guests Het College, Oostende officially twin their designated area of play with the Peace Village, Peace Pitch on Thursday 17th September.

'Het College is very proud to be the first college in Belgium to twin with the famous Flanders Field Peace Pitch at the Peace Village'. **Luk Vandelanoitte <luk.vandelanoitte. Pedagogisch Directeur, Het College.**

'This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many young peacemakers of the future. Playing games on the world's most poignant field inspires many participants to pledge to promote peace in their communities.'
Ernie Brennan, CEO.

For more information about the Peace Education Through Play Programme's Peace Field Project and Global and Peace Games and how your school or club can twin their playing areas with Flanders Peace Field visit: <http://www.childrensfootballalliance.com/football-and-peace/peace-field-project/>

More information Erasmus+: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/individuals/youth-exchanges-and-activities>

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The CFA was established in 2008

The CFA's core objective is to promote and spread Peace Education Through Play and facilitate FREE football for fun. Current CFA projects include: [Global Peace Games](#), [Children's Football Week](#), [The International Peace Fields Project](#) and [Football Makes Our Shared History](#).

For further background information on CFA projects, visit:

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