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Recent publications supported by PRET

Refusing to Kill is designed for use in education both in schools and for general use, outlines the story of conscientious objection in World War One, bringing the stories of COs to life. It is set in the context of the struggle for human rights. This book was updated for the centenary, with additional material about women peace campaigners, and about the plaque at the PPU office commemorating World War One COs who died because of their resistance to war.

Saying No to Violence: children and peace is a publication which casts a critical look at the way children are taught to accept violence as natural and inevitable, suggesting alternative strategies to bring up children to act, and think, non-violently; it contains suggestions for parents and teachers including lesson plans.

Remembering War is a long-standing project supported by PRET which looks at the politics behind the narrative of Remembrance and war commemoration. Its major publication, *Remembering War: studying war past and present*, which includes resources for pupils and teachers, has now been updated and reprinted and will shortly be repurposed for online use.

The trust's objects are:

- ▶ the advancement of education for the public benefit, by the provision of advice and information, on the causes and effects of war and violence and their peaceful resolution
- ▶ the conduct of research into the causes and effects of war and violence in society and into the history of peace-making, and the publication of the results of such research

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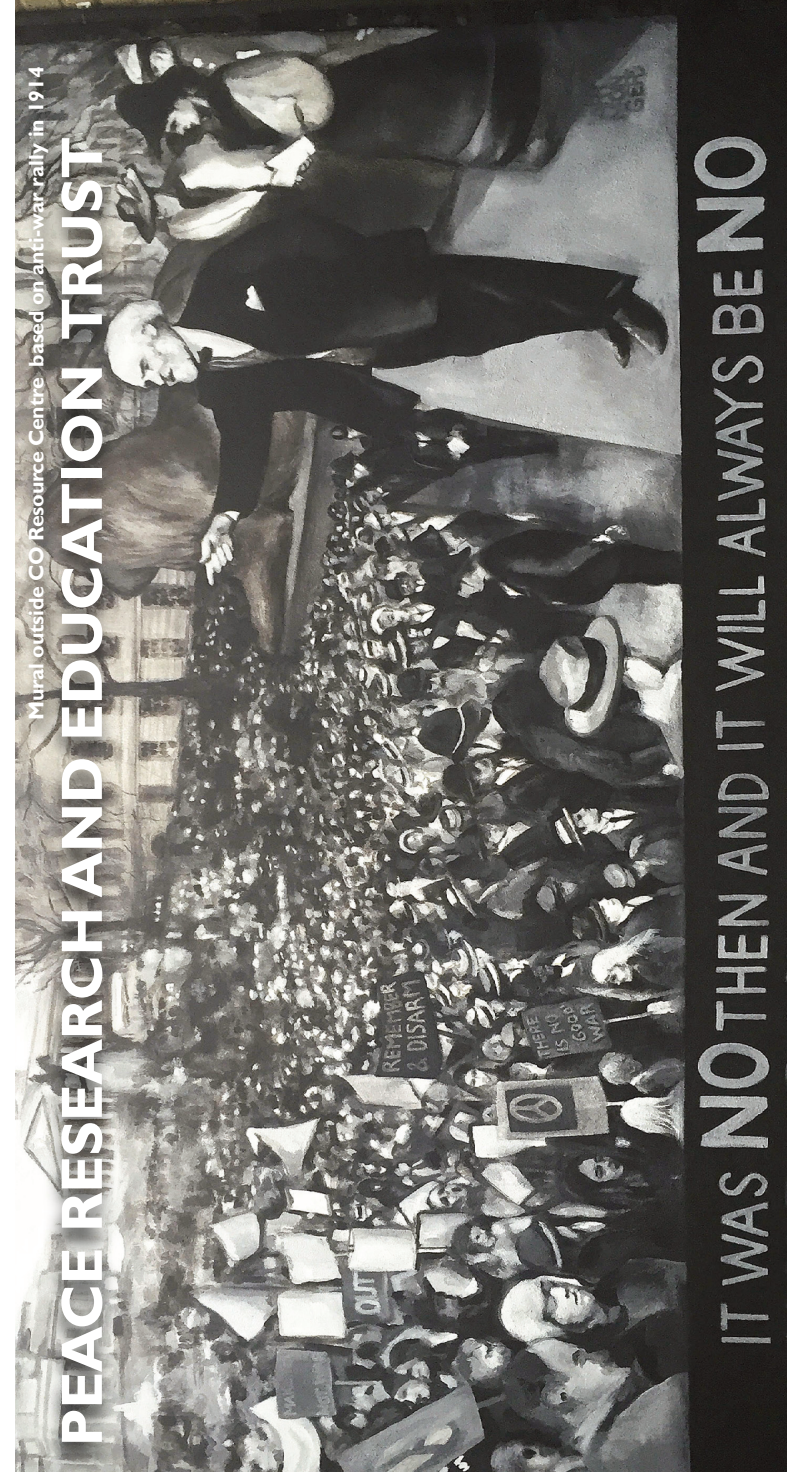
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WE HAVE TO EDUCATE: We have to promote tolerance, solidarity, compassion, and respect for differences and minority rights in order to create a global culture of peace. Education based on these values must be implemented throughout the world.

Nobel Peace Prize Winners' Colombia Charter, 2017

BUILDING PEACE

The PEACE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION TRUST supports peace research, believing that to build peace without the use of violence, all need to understand the conditions for its growth and then develop the skills to overcome obstacles to peace.

PRET supports projects and resources for teachers, parents and students, believing young people need access to information that shows that neither violence nor threats of violence are the means for achieving a just or lasting peace.

PRET supports the production of a balance of easily accessible materials on issues related to peace and war, which will, as appropriate, be matched to the requirements of the National Curriculum and other curricula. PRET supports research into ways in which teachers and students themselves are dealing with issues of war, violence and peace.

PRET believes that the history of peace-making can be an important educational tool for teachers, students and researchers, and supports a peace archive at the Peace Pledge Union (PPU).

PRET welcomes the support of those willing to help to develop and expand this work and make resources available to a wider audience.

peace education

PRET is supporting peace education through grants for individuals to attend peace research and history conferences and teachers' union conferences, and by providing speakers for schools. PRET supports the educational section of the PPU website, which contains a vast array of teaching materials on peace and war. Recent work in schools by the PPU's Education worker included a nationwide writing competition about conscientious objection.

peace history

PRET supports the PPU's extensive library and archive of material about pacifism and the PPU's history since 1934. Accessible by appointment.

conscientious objection resource centre

The Trust is supporting the Conscientious Objection Resource Centre at the Peace Pledge Union office on a regular basis. This Centre is open by appointment to students, members of the public and the media.

Increasing enquiries are being received about conscientious objectors from family members.

The resource centre and related projects aim to tell the stories of the men and women conscientious

Part of CO exhibition at the Resource Centre



objectors of the 20th century, document their experiences, publish teaching resources and video personal recollections. The current exhibition on conscientious objection in WWI was sponsored by PRET and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The education and resource centre has an extensive database of COs, original documents, letters and photographs, audio and visual recordings and a library.

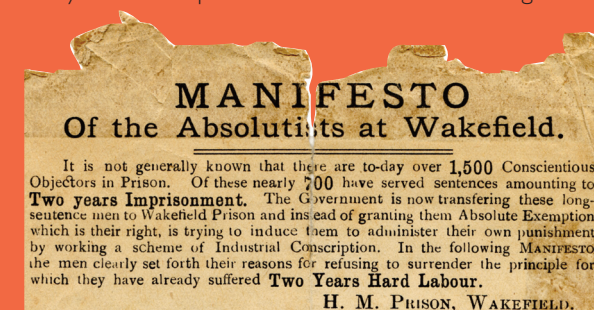
It also provides personal support for students and researchers.

Phone 020 7424 9444 or email info@pret.org.uk for an appointment if you would like to visit the resource centre, if you were a CO and would like to record your experiences, or if you have information about individual COs.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

The centenary of World War One provided a unique opportunity to tell the story of the men who refused to fight - the conscientious objectors - investigating and exploring their stories and making them publicly available.

The Peace Pledge Union's WWI Project is a continuation of work supported by PRET over a number of years. Its aim is to commemorate as many WWI COs, estimated to be some 20,000, as can be traced, with a story of their experience and their sometimes gruelling



trajectory through tribunals, prisons, Home Office schemes or escape to America.

The Men who Said No website is the public face of the project which, in addition to the biographies, outlines the story of conscientious objection, and the anti war movements before the war. As well as including little known information about the women who were key participants in the resistance against war it places objection to war in a wider social and political context. A key expansion of the site is expected to be the development of related teaching resources to enable students, and indeed anyone, to explore the multiplicity of objections to war - objections as relevant today as then.

The Project Co-ordinator unearths these stories through fragments of information held by relatives and in archives around the country. The project welcomes enquiries and information about CO relatives as well as help with research and preparation of material.

'War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.' President John Kennedy