PEACE PROJECT

Mission & Founding Principles

A practical framework for cooperation, community projects and evidence-led progress.

Peace through cooperation.
Progress through action.

This document describes the Peace Project's public mission and founding principles. It is not a legal constitution, investment document or guarantee of financial return.

OUR MISSION

A practical approach to peace

Peace is often discussed as an ideal. We want to explore what it means in practice.

For the Peace Project, peace begins with the way people treat one another, resolve differences, share responsibility and cooperate within their communities.

We live in a world facing significant social, economic and environmental challenges. People frequently disagree about their causes and their solutions.

The Peace Project does not require everyone to think alike. Instead, we want to create a place where people with different backgrounds, beliefs and experiences can work together where they share common ground.

Our purpose is not to promise that we can solve every problem. It is to identify areas where collective action can make a genuine difference and then do the work required to test those ideas.

> **We do not ask people to believe that an idea works.**
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> **We build it, measure it and publish what we learn.**

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

What guides the project

The Peace Project began with a belief that many problems become harder to solve when people are divided into opposing groups and lose the ability to cooperate. People do not need to agree about everything in order to work together.

Humanity before division

A person's nationality, religion, political opinion, income or background should not prevent meaningful cooperation. Difference does not have to become hostility.

Compassion with responsibility

Compassion is most valuable when it leads to constructive action. Good intentions should be matched by planning, accountability and an honest understanding of what works.

Cooperation

No individual possesses every skill or every answer. Strong communities are built when people contribute different forms of knowledge, experience and ability towards a shared objective.

Education

We support education that encourages curiosity, critical thinking, practical skills, compassion and a greater understanding of ourselves and others.

Sustainability

Where possible, projects should consider their environmental impact and explore responsible ways of using energy, materials, food, land and technology.

Evidence

Ideas should be tested. Projects should be assessed by their real results rather than by how impressive they sound.

Transparency

When something is only an idea, we will call it an idea. When something is experimental, we will call it experimental. When something works, we will show the evidence.

Equality

Membership should not become a hierarchy determined by wealth. Participation, dignity and responsibility matter more than status.

HOW WE WORK

From ambition to evidence

Our role is to create a framework in which ideas can be proposed, examined and tested in the real world.

We are particularly interested in projects involving affordability, education, sustainable living, community activity, appropriate technology and the responsible use of shared resources.

Our approach is deliberately practical. We will begin with achievable projects, document their development, examine costs and results, acknowledge mistakes and consider expansion only where the evidence supports it.

BUILD	MEASURE	LEARN	IMPROVE
the idea	the result	from it	what works

Our long-term vision

Our ambition is to develop a network of practical community projects that can improve people's lives while demonstrating alternative ways of cooperating and sharing resources.

Some projects may remain local. Others may prove capable of being reproduced elsewhere.

Growth is not the first objective. Building something that genuinely works is.

We are at the beginning. The credibility of the Peace Project will ultimately depend not on what we say we intend to do, but on what we actually build.

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