

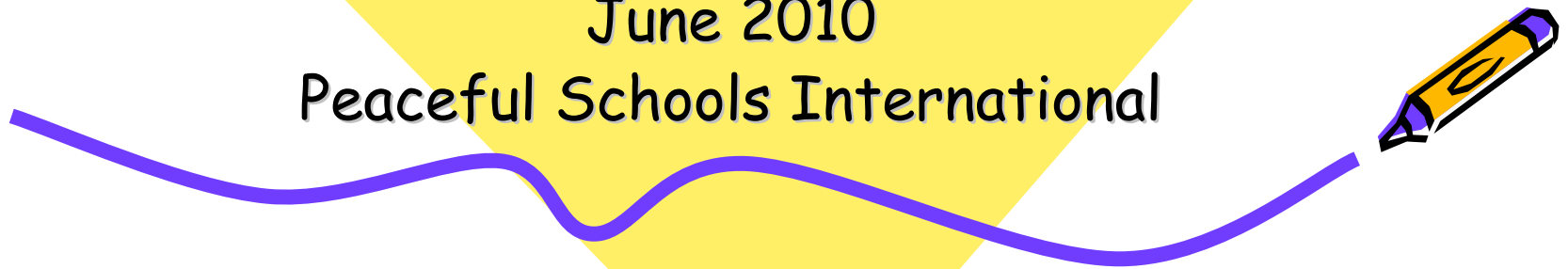


The Art of Peace

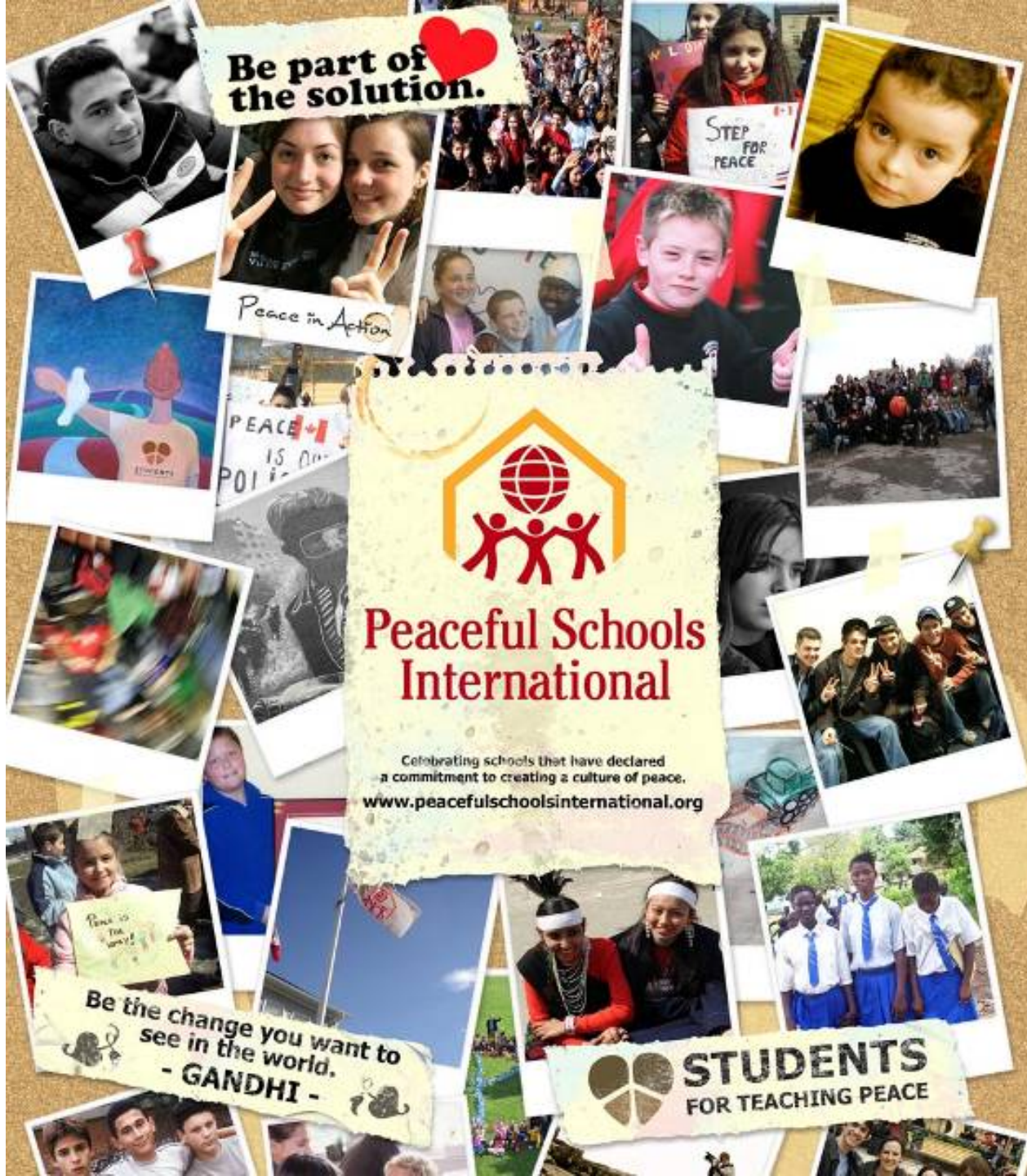
Presentation at ACIC AGM

June 2010

Peaceful Schools International



Be part of the solution.



Peace in Action

STEP FOR PEACE

PEACE IS OUR POLICY



Peaceful Schools International

Celebrating schools that have declared a commitment to creating a culture of peace.
www.peacefulschoolsinternational.org

Be the change you want to see in the world.
- GANDHI -

STUDENTS FOR TEACHING PEACE

Parkview became a peaceful school



I hope other schools around the world can too!

St Mary's NL	Isidora Serbia Serbia	Unity School FL	Vuk Karadzic FL	Caral Reef FL	School 1239 FL	Dura Dance FL	Brunlow Integrated College NL	St James School ON
Beachy Cove NL	Branko Milykovic Serbia	Park View ON	Holy Family NL	Patrick Fogarty ON	Vasa Pelagic Serbia	Meadows School MB	St Charles School ON	Marchmont Public ON
Lake Park FL	Annapolis East NS	Lanier TX	Holy Gross NL	Brother Pice ON	St Edward's Conception Bay St NL	Dorset Elementary NS	Manoir Elementary NS	St Jean de Brébeuf PA
Lantana FL	Bedichek TX	Ion Greanga Romania	South Grade FL	Monsignor Clair ON	Edenbrooke Primary NL	Leary's Brook NL	St Gabriel's College NI	Monsignor Lee ON
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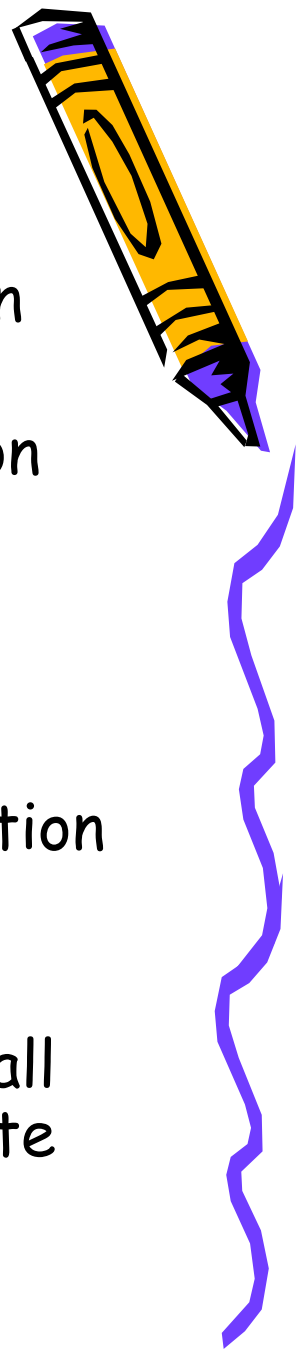
What is Peace Education?

“the process of promoting the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values needed to bring about the behavior changes that will enable children, youth and adults to prevent conflict and violence, both overt and structural; to resolve conflict peacefully; and to create conditions conducive to peace, whether at a personal, interpersonal, inter-group, national, or international level.”



PSI Members have . . .

1. A collaborative approach to school-based decision making
2. Curricular and/or extracurricular peace education initiatives
3. Teaching methods that stress participation, cooperation, problem solving and respect for differences
4. Student and community centered conflict resolution strategies such as peer mediation
5. Community service projects
6. Opportunities for professional development for all staff focused on creating a positive school climate



PEACE IS A WORK OF ART!



The Art of Peace Summer Camps

Peace in
the
community

Peace
within

Peace in
the world

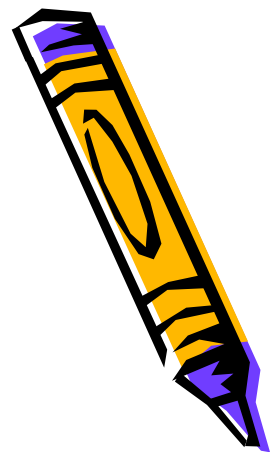


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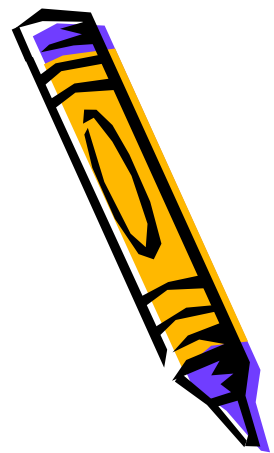
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Saint Mary's
University,
Halifax



Using Art to Establish Peace Within

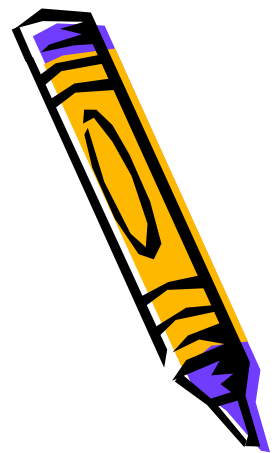


- Be the change you want in the world; peace begins with you.
- Children globally need to learn how to establish peace within.



Peace Stone Activity

The purpose of this activity was to give children the tools to be able to cope with stress or conflict by putting themselves in a personal or internal place of peace.





A place
for every
one

UNITY

Calm
Calm

Love

Encourage

Helping

honesty

unity

integrity

loyalty

compassion

Compassion

LOVE

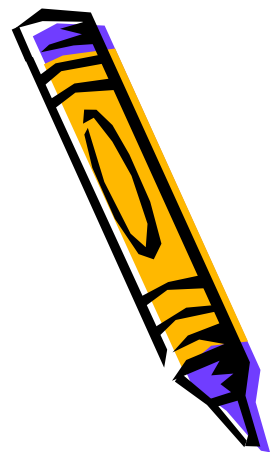
Expected Outcome or Change

Gives children the skills and ability to control their emotions. This can make a permanent change in their lives, which could be passed on from one generation to another.

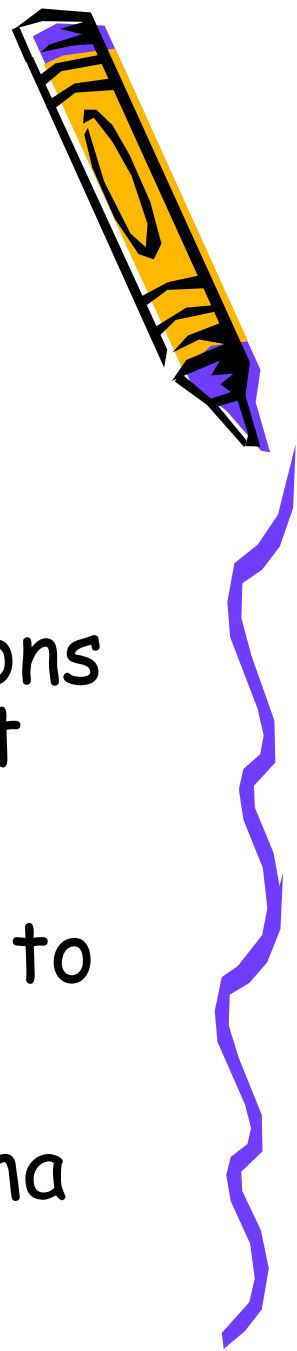


Using Arts to Reintegrate Ex-Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone

- Sierra Leone was plunged into a vicious civil war from 1991 to 2002.
- Before the war youth were politically marginalized.
- Children as young as eight, were abducted and forced to fight.



Culture of Arts in Sierra Leone



- Arts are integral to the lives of Sierra Leone's people.
- Arts have been used for generations to entertain, educate and transmit historical events.
- Songs were used to arouse people to action.



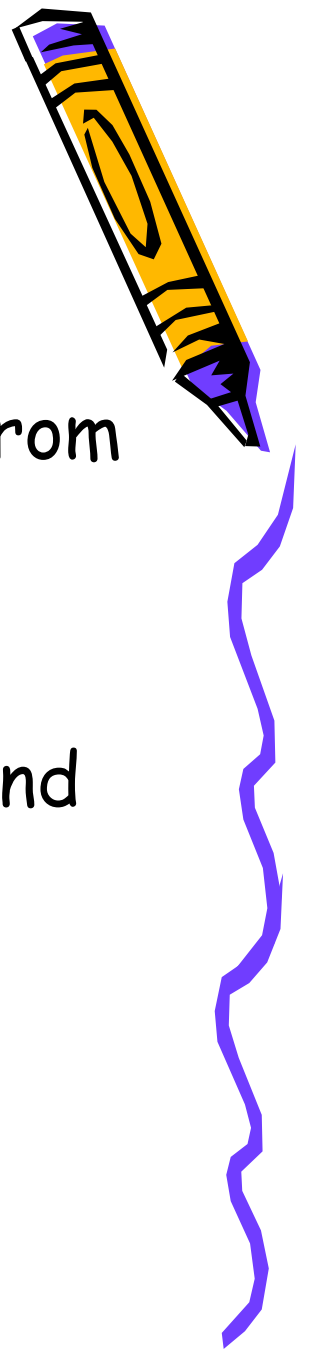
After the war, music and drama were used to cement national unity.

Tools

- Visual art; drawing, painting and creative art. Example peace planks, peace bags using available local materials like rocks, strings, raffia etc.
- Performing art; music, dance and drama.



Purpose



- To help traumatized children recover from their debilitating experiences.
- To comment on social issues.
- To bridge the gap between the victim and the perpetrator.
- To create symbols of national consciousness.



Impact / change

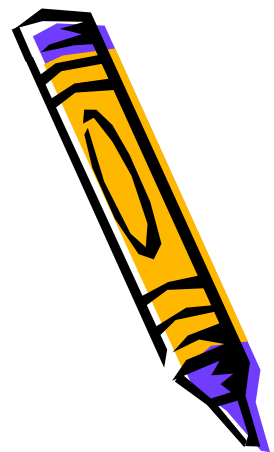
- The use of art transformed ex-child combatants from agents of destruction to messengers of peace
- The use of art helps change society's negative perception and psychological fear of war-affected children.
- The culture of acceptance and forgiveness was restored to the communities



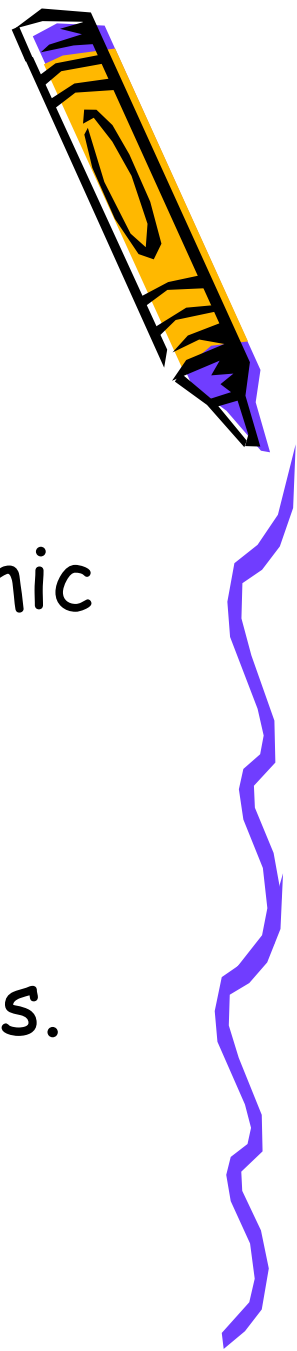


Art with Children to create "Peace in the World"

The peace camp and PSI networking of schools in diverse countries creates wonderful opportunities to help students learn, through art, about *their role in bringing peace to the world.*



Why Use Art to Learn About Peace in the World?



- Successful learning involves the integration of both art and academic content.
- Art transcends language barriers.
- Art allows a focus on commonalities.



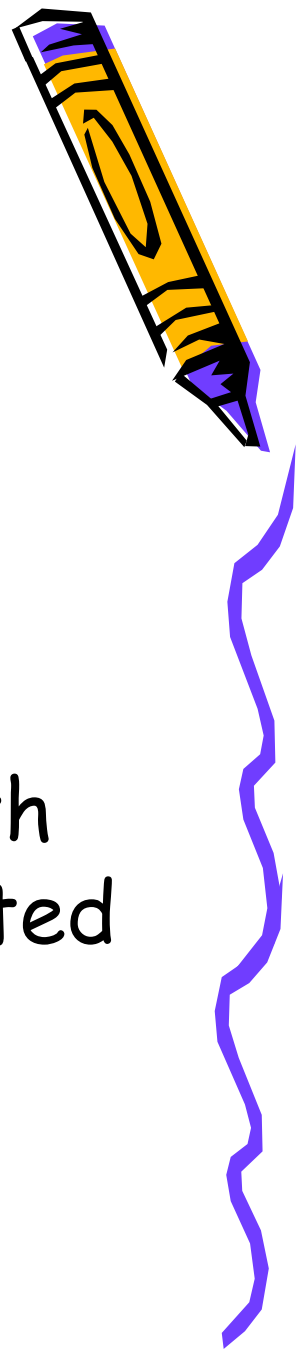


WORLD LEARNING
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Richmond to Karachi to Halifax



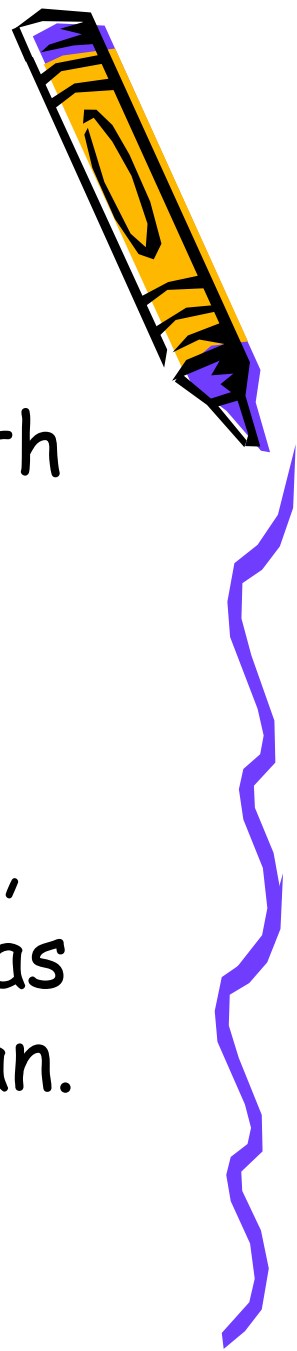
- Ontario students created "peace mandalas" which they sent to students in Pakistan.
- Pakistan mandalas were shared with Joe Howe students who then created their own "peace newspaper".





Twinning Schools

Students in Sierra Leone and North America share information about each others' community strengths, traditions and "peace heroes" through letters, drawings, posters, video and photo exchanges. This has now expanded to schools in Pakistan.





Hi I'm Kade,
We are all
wishing you
love, peace,
happiness and
much more.
We are thinking
of you.

WELCOME!
SHERRY PRENEVOST
PEOPLE ARE HAPPY
TO SEE YOU
SIERRA LEONE



Freedom is Brought
Through Respect

ROUGE
PLE

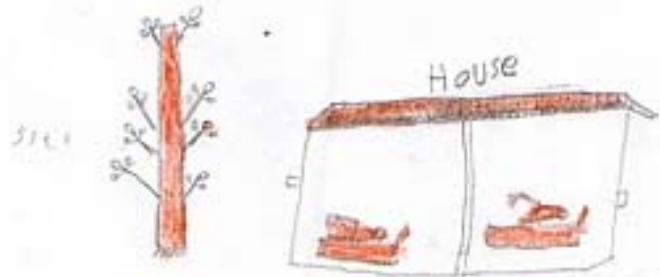


When there is peace Even the
Less privileged feels respected in the
Society. He/she can own property as well.



OSMAN-KAMATA
D. P. W.

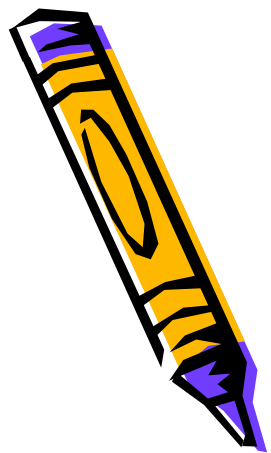
A Fighter Surrenders him
Self and his arms and
armunations to allow peace

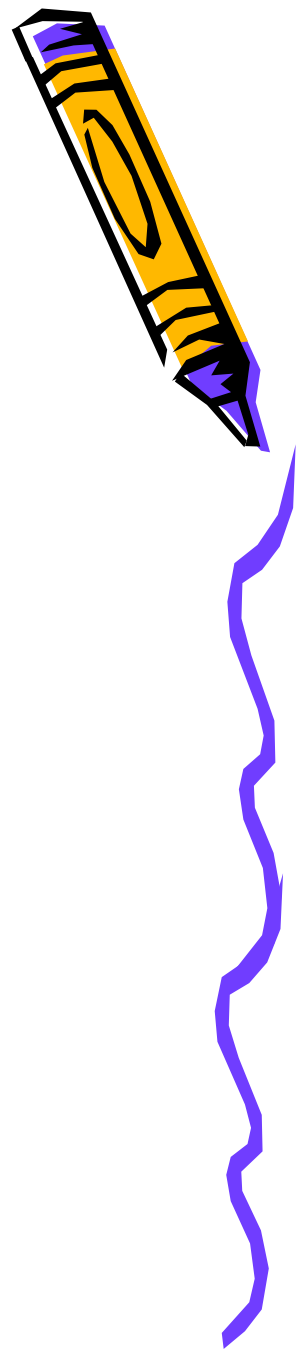


Francis Conteh



When there is peace elders and youths meet in social gatherings to enjoy lives peacefully.



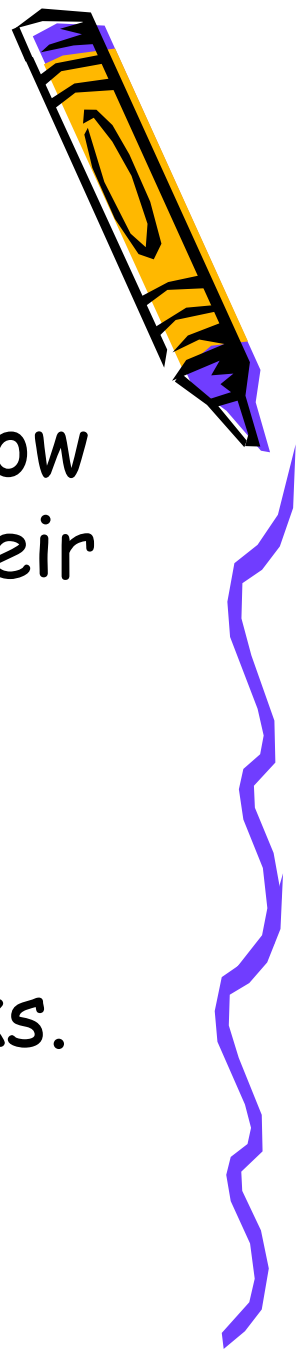


Baskets...
from Sierra Leone



to Annapolis Royal

Peaceful Camp, Peaceful World



- Peace Camp participants learned how children in Sierra Leone create their own toys from found materials.
- Using local found materials, participants made toys, talking sticks, peace flags, and peace rocks.







Peace within YOU.

- Peace rocks foster "peace within".
- Peace flags went directly to Sierra Leone where they now hang in a village library.



