

PAX Peace week Cartoon Contest

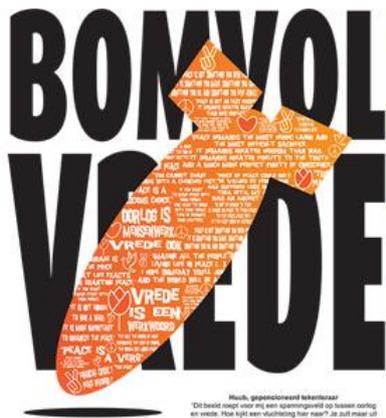
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Every year **PAX** organizes the national **Peace week**. Together with thousands of people throughout the Netherlands, we take action for peace. In 2021 the Peace Week will take place from 18 to 26 September. Every year the award-winning cartoonist Len Munnik draws a print for the Peace week. This year with our theme *moving towards an inclusive society* we want to invite *you* to share your interpretation of the theme in a cartoon, an image, a drawing or otherwise.

Join the challenge!

1. Create a cartoon or drawing about the Peace week theme 'what do you do for the sake of peace? Moving towards an inclusive society.' (See the next page for more information) What is inclusion? What is peace? What do you do for the sake of peace?
2. Send your cartoon to Vredesweek@paxforpeace.nl before **16 May 2021**.
3. The jury of PAX for Peace judges the submissions.

On 31 May 2021 we will announce the best 3. The winner wins **€100** and the national presentation of the cartoon during the Peace week in September. The runner-up **€75**, and the third place **€50**.



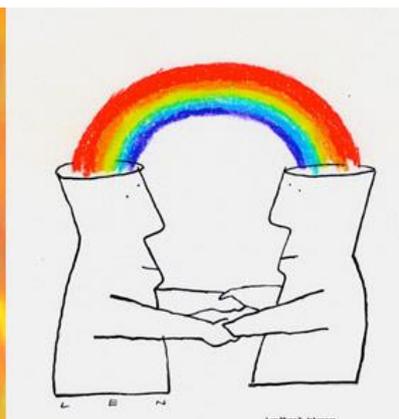
Michèle, gepensioneerd teleontoloog
Dit beeld draagt voor mij een speenvaardig op tussen oorlog
en vrede. Hoe kijkt een vluchteling naar naar? Je zult maar uit
je land vertrekken zijn valsege hondenkenners.



Michèle uit Helmond
Vrede is als een dans die je samen vorm geeft.



Len Munnik, schrijver
De vrede heeft alle mogelijkheden en onbegrenzen.
Dit beeld is een teken van vrede, die iedereen op
zijn manier kan bereiken.



Len Munnik, schrijver
"Jouw verbodding en de vrede in dienst van de vrede."

What do you do for peace?

MOVING TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY.

'There's always light. If only we are brave enough to see it. If only we are brave enough to be it' - Amanda Gorman, The hill we climb.

Peace is only achieved when justice is served for everyone. Peace is righteous. Peace is love. Peace rules no one out. Peace is inclusive. Peace is born when we look to each other, listen to each other, hear each other, give each other space, give each other freedom. Peace comes when we reveal the truth, when justice is served, and when reconciliation is sought. When we look around us, we see peace reappearing over and over again. This is amazing, given all the misery people have experienced. In communities afflicted, bruised and broken by war, exploitation and exclusion, people find the strength to heal, connect and point to a horizon of peace and justice again and again.

"Where can we find light in this never-ending shade?"

It is our experiences that color our perspective on reality. Everyone knows the feeling of not belonging and being excluded. But the big difference with those who are systematically excluded is deeply rooted in our socio-economic and political reality. For people who do not find justice and peace, life falls over them like a shade. These endless shadows also fall over families stuck in refugee camps. It is dark for people who, in the prime of their lives, are repeatedly rejected for a job because of the color of their skin or

the sound of their last name. At school, children are still the victims of persistent social and class differences. Refugees grow in their professional skills and even acquire Dutch nationality, but remain "the refugee". The number of people who rely on the food bank is increasing. Here too people no longer experience being part of a larger whole, feel unheard, and experience a lack of perspective. All these forms of exclusion put society under pressure.

New perspectives

History is written by the victors. It is a fight for the voices of the victims to penetrate into every society. PAX is committed to facing a painful past and taking a step forward together to do better. Better for the women of Srebrenica, who lost 8,000 men to Dutch hands. Better for the Syrians who finally got a face in the Netherlands in our "The story of my flight" campaign. Better for Surinamese who deserve an apology from the Dutch government for the slave trade and slavery. The voices of the victims and relatives of those violent conflicts may and must be heard in the path of truth and reconciliation. It is a painful but also liberating road. A way of hope. It is a sign of strength when the majority are willing to look in a mirror and reflect on their own role and recognize the pain that excludes people, and want to do whatever it takes to take that pain away.

What are you doing for peace?

PAX wants to work with you for freedom, truth and justice so that all people can live together in peace.

Together we can discuss where exclusion takes place and how people are systematically excluded. The question is no longer *whether* there is exclusion in our society, but whether we recognize how people are excluded and how we are involved in this ourselves. With every "we" a "they" is created.

But if we look for each other, know where to find each other, give each other the room, listen to each other, and work together, a colorful future lies ahead of us.



PAX Peace Week

The communication and society team of PAX organizes the yearly Peace week in the Netherlands.

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