

Building Bridges



**Tehran
Peace
Museum**

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Presentation Outline

1. WHO ?

- Who we are
- War Veterans and Chemical Weapons Survivors
- Visitors: building bridges and staying in touch
- Young Visitors

2. WHAT ?

- Peace Education Workshops
- Peace Studies
- Free Discussion Group
- Short film: Art for Peace (Mona Badamchizadeh)
- Message: MohammadReza Taghipour

Who we are

- TPM's origins: raise awareness about chemical weapons used during the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)
- Survivors volunteer as museum guides
- Engage visitors in conversation about peace



War Veterans and Chemical Weapons Survivors

- Oral history participants – share experiences
- Empowered veterans engage in dialogue with visitors
- The catharsis of sharing mutual experiences



Ali Askgaari (1986)



Ali Askgaari (2016), Chemical Weapons Survivor & TPM Volunteer

Visitors: Building Bridges

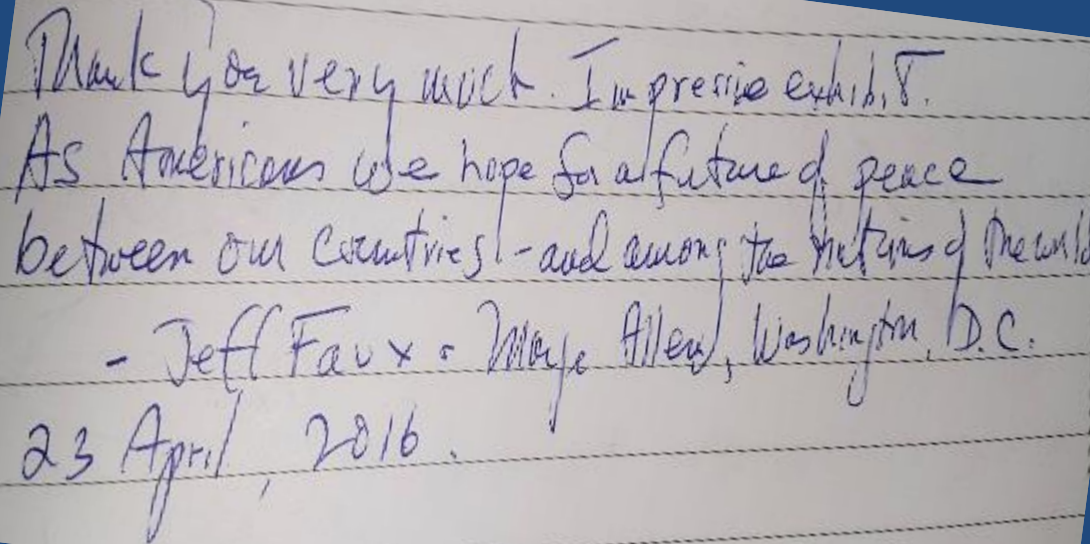


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- Veterans guide local and overseas visitors around the museum
- Exchange of information and ideas
- Personal connections made

Visitors: Staying in Touch

- Communicating
- Sharing ideas
- Prejudices swept away
- Friendships formed
- Action



Thank you very much. Impressive exhibit.
As Americans we hope for a future of peace
between our countries! - and among the nations of the world
- Jeff Faux & Marge Allen, Washington, D.C.
23 April, 2016.

Younger Visitors

- Active youth programme
 - Kindergarten
 - Elementary school children
 - Adolescents
 - University Students



Kindergarten

- Learning through play
- Problem-solution stories
- Self-expression through art



Elementary School Children

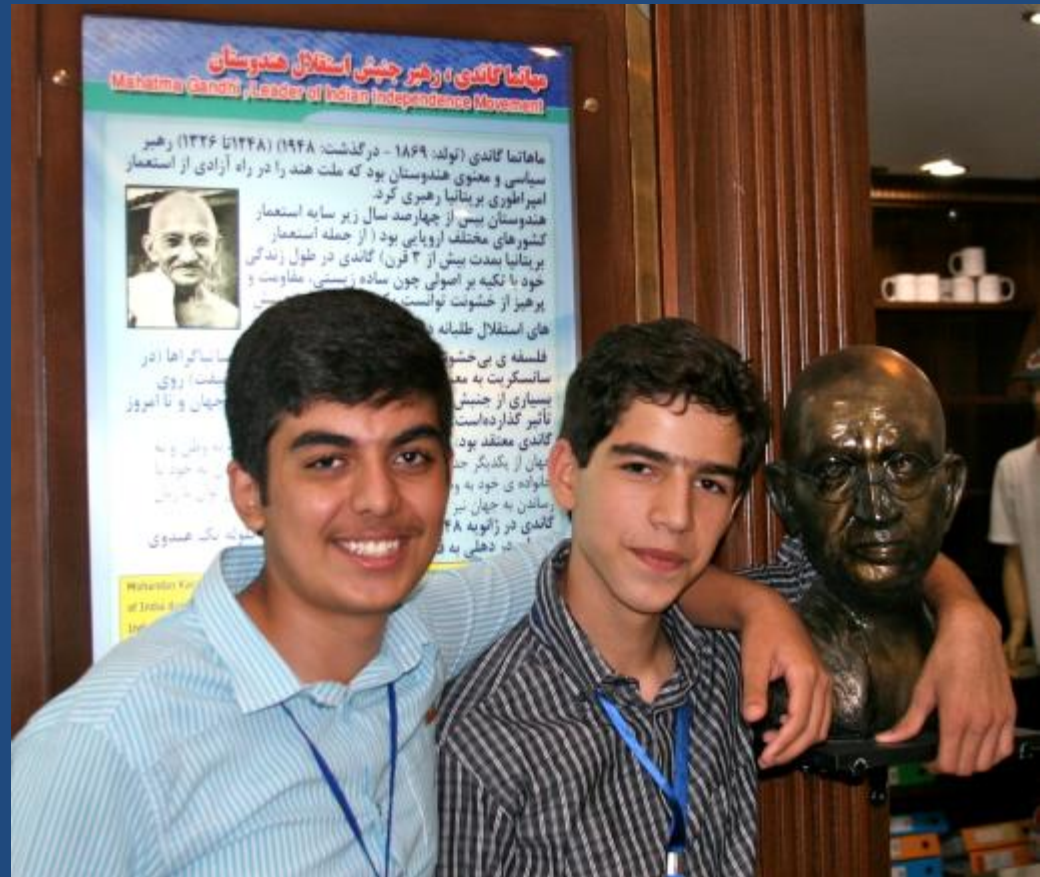


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- Discuss war and peace
- Focus on answering children's questions
- Planting seeds about peace

Adolescents

- “Young Reporters” project
- Taking ownership
- Changing attitudes



University Students

- Peace workshops

- Model United Nations



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Peace Education Workshops



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- Open dialogue
- Skill-building: creating culture of peace and conflict resolution
- Workshops with local and overseas experts

Peace Studies

- Academic
- Discussions prepared in advance
- Objective: to develop peace education



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Free Discussion Group



- Bi-monthly
- Pre-agreed subjects
- Safe and open environment

Art for Peace



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صلح چیست؟ What is Peace?

صلح چیزی فراتر از نبودن جنگ بین دولتهاست، صلح واقعی از درون قلب ما سرچشمه میگیرد (صلح درونی) و به روابط صلح آمیز بین اعضای خانواده، افراد اجتماع و در نهایت ملت ها منجر میشود.

پس باید صلح طلبی و نفی خشونت را از درون خود و در زندگی روزمره آغاز کنیم و در هر لحظه سفیری برای صلح باشیم.

What is Peace?

Peace is more than the absence of war; real peace comes from our hearts (Inner peace) and leads to peaceful relations in the family and community and among nations.

Let's inspire others with non-violence every day....

Let's be messengers of peace in every interaction.

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"If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Mother Teresa

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Thank
You

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