7 THINGS YOU CAN DO FROM HOME TO MARK

INTERNATIONAL CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS’ DAY on Friday 15 May 2020

a day for remembering all those who have struggled for the right to refuse to fight - throughout history and today


SEND a donation to help establish a new memorial in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. Dedicated to COs and all those who oppose war, the beautiful design represents a ‘handkerchief tree’. Details here [http://peaceandjustice.org.uk/projects/co-memorial/](http://peaceandjustice.org.uk/projects/co-memorial/)

JOIN the online celebration of International Conscientious Objectors’ Day at 12 noon on Friday 15 May. Visit [co-day.org](http://co-day.org) for details of how to join. The event will include:

- Actor Michael Mears offering stories of some Second World War COs
- Niat Chefena Hailemariam, from Eritrea, where military service is compulsory for both young women and men
- Reading the names of representative COs from most countries across the centuries
- Music

WATCH this short film based on the poem ‘Conscientious Objector’ by Edna St Vincent Millay. Talk about it with your contacts, friends and family. What orders would you refuse to obey? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yy52M8XjFx0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yy52M8XjFx0)

LEARN some peace songs - *The ones who said No*, and *Road to peace*. Created by singer-songwriter Sue Gilmurray, they are often sung on International CO Day. Find the words on the CO Day webpage [www.soundcloud.com/mightierpen/the-ones-who-said-no](http://www.soundcloud.com/mightierpen/the-ones-who-said-no) [www.soundcloud.com/mightierpen/road-to-peace](http://www.soundcloud.com/mightierpen/road-to-peace)

For young children - *I've got peace like a river* - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2R4D6qhaD8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2R4D6qhaD8)

USE hashtag #CODay2020 to tell others via social media what you have been doing for CO Day


More ideas and resources can be found on the CO Day webpage. Visit [co-day.org](http://co-day.org)

The International Conscientious Objectors’ Day Group includes representatives of the following organisations: Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, Conscience, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Humanists UK, Movement for the Abolition of War, Network for Peace, Pax Christi, Peace News, Peace Pledge Union, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, the Right to Refuse to Kill Group, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom.