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Dear Head Teachers, Youth workers and faith leaders,

I am writing on behalf Faith Network for Manchester (FN4M) regarding an exciting opportunity to hold one of our educational and engaging Peace Mala workshops at your venue. FN4M is funded by Manchester City Council to promote this project in Manchester educational arenas and the workshops have recently been endorsed by Manchester SACRE.

Peace Mala was created by Pam Evans, following the events of 9/11 in 2001. The project aims to **promote peace, tolerance, respect and harmony in local communities and beyond**. Faith Network for Manchester is delighted to offer these workshops to schools, youth clubs and faith groups across the city.

A Peace Mala is a symbolic double rainbow bracelet consisting of fourteen coloured beads, each of which represents a different faith or spiritual tradition. The Peace Mala **promotes friendship, respect and peace between people of all cultures, lifestyles, faiths and beliefs. Its intention is to cut through all forms of prejudice, to confront bullying and discrimination, to support human rights and to celebrate what makes us different from one another**. It is a vision for the future, and wearing the Peace Mala is a promise to help create a better world.

Peace Mala workshops offer a chance to explore faith traditions through the **Golden Rule shared by all world religions, 'treat others as you would wish them to treat you.'** As each coloured bead is threaded, the golden rule is read out and there is opportunity for comment and discussion. In addition, participants are offered the chance to debate issues such as 'what is peace' and to consider their own spiritual path. Peace mala is for all people of all faiths and none.

Each workshop lasts around 2 hours (can be reduced if needed) and is led by our trained Interfaith facilitator, Malaika, and we can provide additional volunteers to assist in the workshop if necessary. The usual facilitation cost is £60, plus an additional £3.00 for each Peace Mala kit.

We would love you to take up this opportunity to work alongside us in celebrating and affirming the diversity of faith traditions both locally and globally, and if you require any further information on this or any other of our projects please do not hesitate to contact us. Attached is an invite to our **International peace day workshop along with a short bio on our workshop facilitator**.

Regards,

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