

Image: By Tomislav Marcijus

Image: Earth Mosque in Mali (Festival of the Grand Mosque in Djenne)

Talk by: Frazer Macdonald Hay

This session explores the use of culturally significant sites as peacebuilding opportunities in post-conflict environments. I have has seen first-hand the impact of war and the ways the built environment has been used whether it's as a tool for violence and control, to promote resilience and change, as methods of memorialisation and healing or as a catalyst for peace. Let me share some of the successes and the failures of engaging the built environment as a peacebuilding ally.

Key Themes: Place / Peacebuilding / The Everyday / Cultural Heritage/

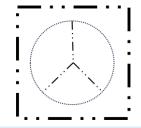
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Reflexivity... your prior experiences, assumptions and beliefs will influence the research process.

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- Lived Experience
- New Scottish Parliament

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- Education
- Singapore
- Orang Suku Laut
- Iraq
- Oslo /UK/NL

Trauma Places & Ruins / Emergencies / Institutions / Education / Bullied / Health
Stories & Gossip / Inclusion / New History / Nature inspired Design / Materials and Light
Architecture Re-use / Adaptive Interventions/ Conservation / Peace & Conflict / Layering
Cultural Partnership in Unfamiliar Places / New Interactions with Place / Identity
Wet and Dry Places / Place as protection and Progress / Sense of Ownership
Post Conflict places / Ex-combatant buildings / HLP / Cultural Heritage / Memories
British Council's CPF/ Urban Development / Media / PhD / The Everyday / Infra-Everyday



Mosul West 2017

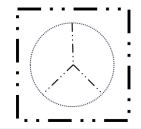
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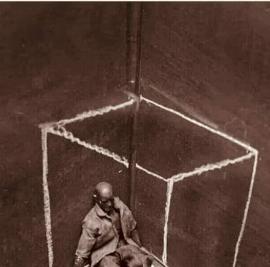
The Importance of **PLACE**

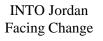
"whatever is true for space and time, this much is true for place: we are immersed in it and could not do without it. To be at all - to exist in any way – is to be somewhere, and to be somewhere is to be in some kind of place". Aristotle

No one therefore can conceive anything, but they must conceive it in some place.

"First we shape our buildings, then they shape us, then we shape them again-ad infinitum". Brand, 1994,

- Light / Shadow / Acoustics / Scale / Void / Solid / Mass / Age ...
- Memories / meaning
- Orientation
- Materials
- o Climate
- Your Place, This Place, Our Place
- Threshold Places / Transitional Places
- Private / Public
- o Educational / Correctional / Inspirational / Spiritual





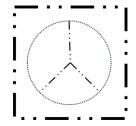
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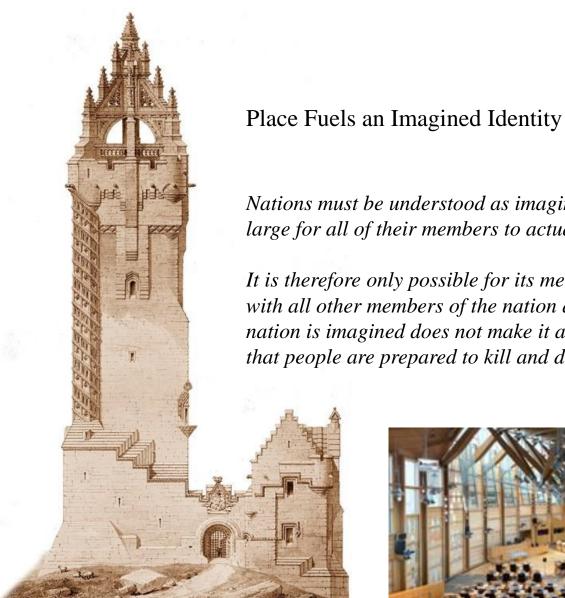






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The Walace Monument,



Political Places (Debating Chamber)



Flags, Stories and Music

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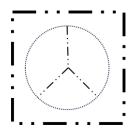
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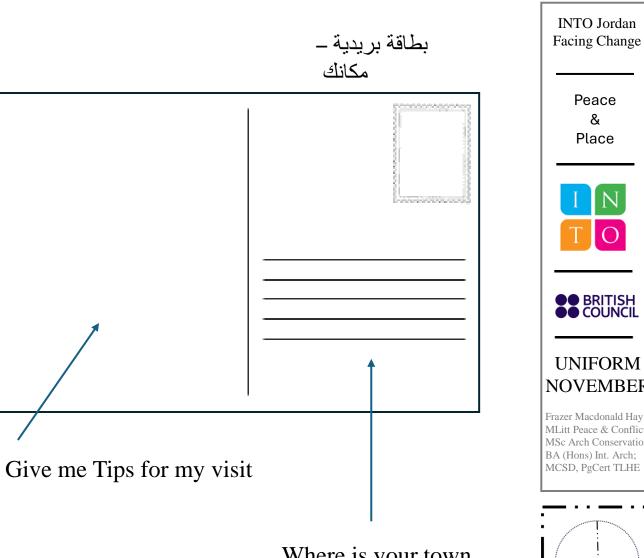
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Nations must be understood as imagined communities because they are simply too large for all of their members to actually know one another.

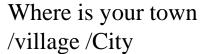
It is therefore only possible for its members to imagine that they have a relationship with all other members of the nation across time and space. Of course, the fact that the nation is imagined does not make it any less real. Nations are very real — real enough that people are prepared to kill and die for them..... Benedict Anderson







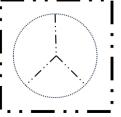
Draw a Place or places that your local community would recognise and direct me to if I was visiting without you.





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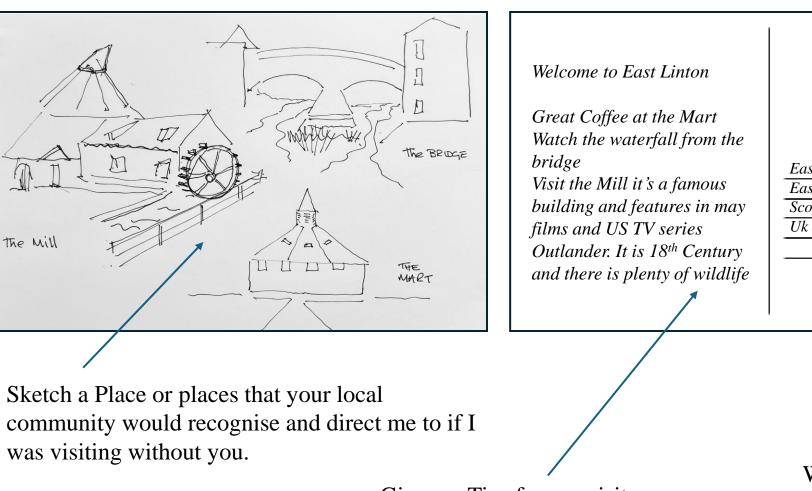
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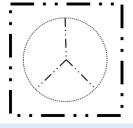
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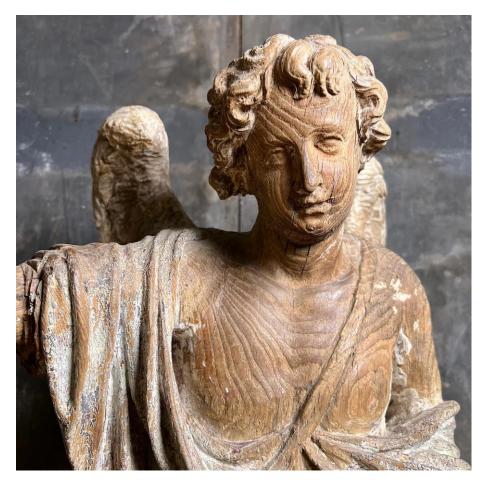
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Give me Tips for my visit

Where is your town /village /City

"In ancient Greek city states, battlefields memorials were deliberately constructed of wood to enable erosion opening possibilities for reconciliation between former enemies" (Shaheed, 2014)

> <u>** peacebuilding isn't in the</u> <u>Cambridge Dictionary yet. You</u> <u>can help</u>!



Carved Oak Guardian Angel c.1650

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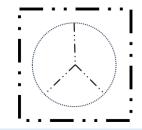






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"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." – Albert Einstein

There have been several prominent peace approaches (you might say that they provided the 'terroir' from which the democratic peace family tree grew)

Alexandrian peace	Active dialogue between religious leaders to build understanding and work towards peace.
Pax Romana peace	Trade and cohesiveness
Carthaginian peace	Brutal Peace enforced through demilitarisation and economic and infrastructural dominance
Augustine peace,	Just War theory - justice and peace-
The Westphalian Peace	Dependant on the security of states and the norms of sovereignty peace
Pax Britannia peace.	The leading global superpower took on the responsibility of being a Global Policeman

The Liberal peace model was truly cast during the **1919 Paris Peace Treaty**. A meeting of the allied victors following the end of WW1, predominantly directed by the 'Council of Four' (USA, ITALY, USA & FRANCE)

League of Nations 1920.....United Nations 1945....

Up until the **end of the 1980s** classic peace initiatives such as preventive diplomacy, **peace-making**, and **peacekeeping**, in the form of facilitating, buffer zones, cease-fire agreements and political transitions had begun to develop iterative processes to create a legitimate structure for peace.

The early 1990s heralded the end of the Cold War and a need for peacebuilding

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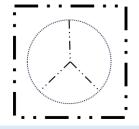
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A Liberal Democratic Peace :

Connection / Trade / Sharing / learning / supporting each other / ensuring equal rights / benefits and dignity.....

"what you want for yourself you should be prepared to give to others" (J. Gultung 2000)

The idea that **consolidated democracies** do not go to war with each other..... going to war may disrupt **economic / trade relations**



Art by Paul Gilling

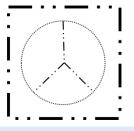
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The framework has roughly 10 priorities ;

- 1. Which are the tasks of getting people back to work and re-engaging in employment and business,
- 2. Resettling and reintegrating refugees and the displaced,
- 3. Providing food and the infrastructure around agriculture and distribution,
- 4. Providing healthcare and education,
- 5. Supporting law and order,
- 6. Helping to administer justice and develop and re-establish legislation,
- 7. Support new and re-use existing public services,
- 8. Ensure human-rights are adhered to and enforced,
- 9. Help settle **land** disputes
- 10. Provide and enforce security

- Trauma
- Memories of Violence
- A sense of belonging
- Sense of place
- Orientation
- Cultural healing
- Entangled Emotions
- Rebuilding networks
- Context
- Resilience
- Risk Mitigation
- Social Cohesion

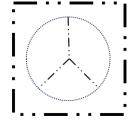


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"Not only has liberal peacebuilding done more harm than good, it is, in reality, an exercise in power that seeks to subjugate the non-west by creating dependency through chronically weak states". (Mark Hoffman 2009)

"Liberal peace-building's demise 'would be tantamount to abandoning tens of millions of people to lawlessness, predation, disease and fear'; and that liberal peace-building thus needs 'saving' from its 'irrationally exuberant' 'hyper-critics'". (Rolland Paris 2013) INTO Jordan Facing Change

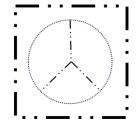
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Peacebuilding & Place

- **Places Before War** Places that provoke violence / Places that divide and oppress people
- Places During War Camps, Prisons, Training Centres, Victims of War, Perpetrators of Violence, Settler, Defence, AID, Medical,
- Place After War -Place that require reconstruction, Reuse, Places filled with post conflict
meaning and memories of Violence, Places for humanitarian support



Mosul Football Team in Memory of the Pepsi Factory mass killing



Place impacts all the 17 SDGs

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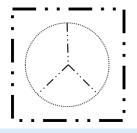
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Mosul, Iraq 2014-2017



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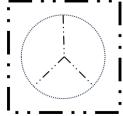
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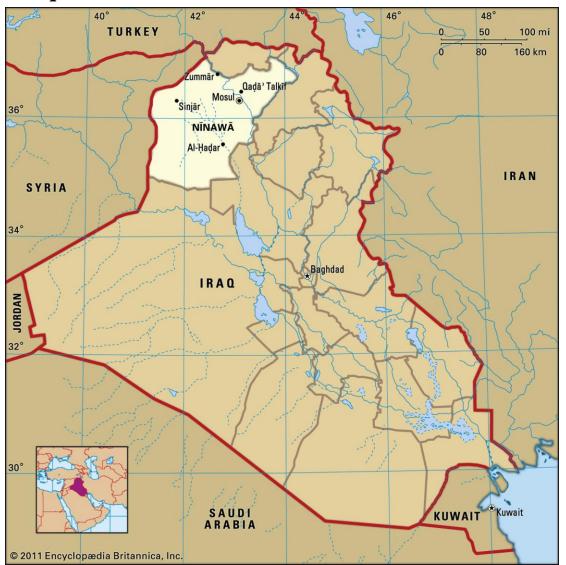
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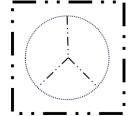
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Housing Land & Property (HLP) Challenges faced by IDPs:

- The management of (the alleged) deliberately destroyed and damaged HLP by the country's authority's post-conflict
- The damage to HLP through conflict
- The lack of finances to pay rent for accommodation
- The requirement for official documentation to rent a property
- Overcrowding of urban areas
- Poor or strained services when IPS temporarily reside
- Lack of HLP processes and policy
- Returning IDPs are refused passage
- Secondary occupation
- Ownership of HLP (Title Deeds)
- Hazards from improvised explosive devices (IED)
- Insecurity caused by fear of the return of ISIS or similar
- Scapegoating (accusations or ISIS affiliation)
- Creation of new land and property institutions
- Illegal sales of property or
- Illegal construction of additional property on land

HLP related trauma (For example, **the torture imprisonment and execution in civic or private property**) Property that ISIS or those affiliated to ISIS owned or originated from. Land or property used for unofficial burial sites and property used to house other crimes such as rape and slavery.



Official IDP Camps



Military Meetings



Unofficial Camps



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Female head household Hajj Ali Camp. Iraq

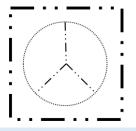


Tribal Leader Meeting



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Socially Significant Memories of Violence





Pepsi Factory, Perimeter Wall, Al Zinjinly district, Mosul, Iraq 2018

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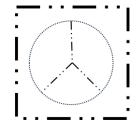






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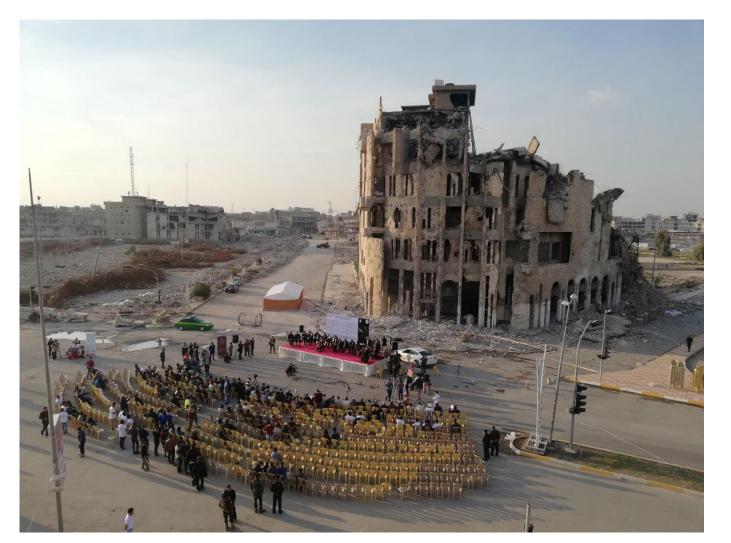
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ISIS Symbol for Christian

Memories of Violence



Christian Church (Al Husba Prison), Al Shaareen, Old City, Mosul, Iraq. 2018



Insurance Building, Al Gumhorya Street, Al Taameen, Old City, Mosul, Iraq 2018

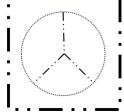
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Memories of Violence

Mosul University Library 2018

The Khasfa Sinkhole is a renowned natural feature in the rural area south of Mosul.

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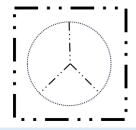
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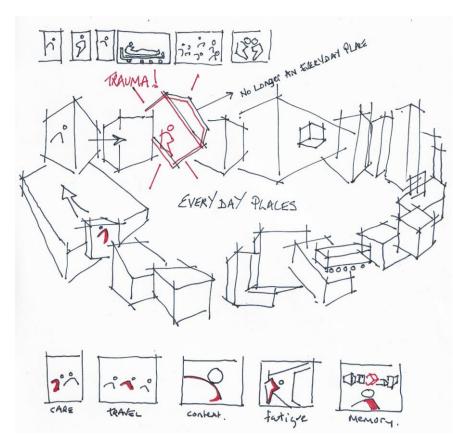


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Memories of Violence – Infra Ordinary Places





Shat Al-Arab School, Wadi Hajar, Mosul, Ninewa Governorate, Iraq

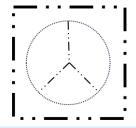
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Recovery & Place



"First we shape our buildings, then they shape us, then we shape them again-ad infinitum". Brand,1994, page3

- Builds a Sense of Identity
- Develops a Sense of Place and Belonging
- Contributes to a Social Cohesion
- It can be a catalyst for economic growth
- Promotes cultural significances
- A method for Peacebuilding
- Helps address the emotional entanglement of people in post conflict conditions
- Nation building
- Trust building (local and international)
- Offers a sense of ownership and resilience
- Inspires hope and ambition
- Reignite violence
- Dived communities
- Create unrest
- Frustrate peacebuilding
- Alienate local communities



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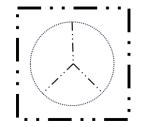
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Social Cohesion

Recovering the park in the Al-Jamhoria area , Mosul. Iraq

Social spaces addressed with the local youth in mind - Providing a separate area to educate and support the local population with regards IEDs and other threats.

Especially focused on improving their post-conflict safety, social cohesion and sense of place.



Football at the Pepsi Factory Wall Massacre in Mosul Iraq









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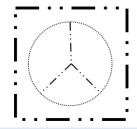






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Cultural Heritage

UNESCO ICCROM

Reviving Spirit of Mosul

Arch Engineers

Adaptive Reuse

Fund Raising

Peacebuilding

Started a new NGO Iraq Heritage Foundation



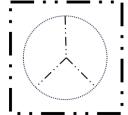
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Cultural Heritage



Tahira Church, Mosul. Iraq 2017

I entered al-Tahira church, through a small door covered in graffiti we found heaps of ISIS-designated contraband, bodies, graffiti and plenty of rubble alongside signs that the building had been used for something more sinister. I learnt from a local teacher, his brother and many others that this church had been a prison and punishment facility, it had been run by the dreaded Hisbah in Mosul. It was a place feared by the local community, a place many didn't come back from



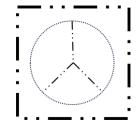
Tahira Church Reconstruction / Conservation by UNESCO 2024 Image by Ali Albaroodi INTO Jordan Facing Change

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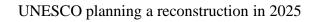


Cultural Heritage





The Great Mosque of al-Nuri in Mosul has been destroyed during fighting between government forces and the jihadist group Islamic State



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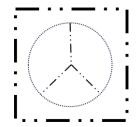






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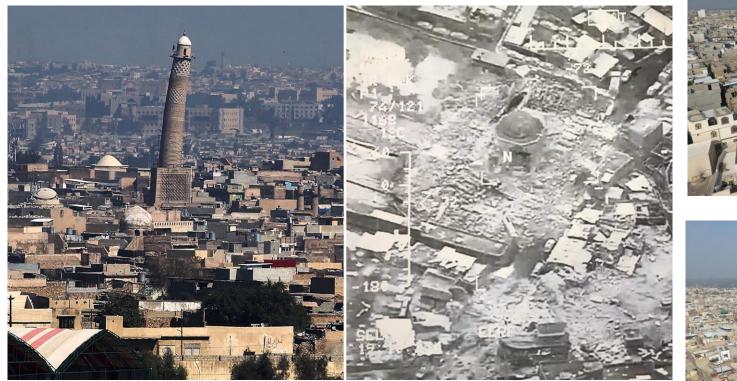
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Images: The Al Nuri Mosque. Iraq by Frazer Macdonald Hay 2017

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A powerful statement of recovery and International support





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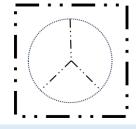
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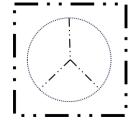
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POSTCARD – IMAGINE Your Place after war

Welcome to East Linton 00000000000 Great Coffee at the Mart where *my family were hung* 11/ Watch the waterfall from the The BRIDGE bridge – many were drowned as East Linton a punishment East Lothian Scotland Uk Visit the remains of a Mill it was the Mill *a famous building and features* THE MART in may films and US TV series Outlander. It is 18th Century and there is plenty of wildlife After Violence Now they are Ultra Ordinary places Now they have a new meaning Where is your town A new narrative. Give me Tips for my visit /village /City

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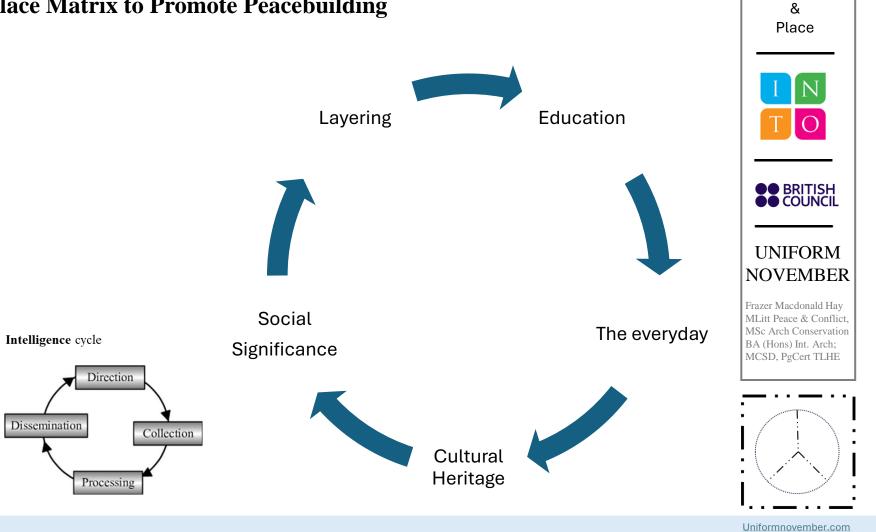
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Q&A



A Place Matrix to Promote Peacebuilding



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Philosophy

Community:

"It used to be that people were born as part of a community and had to find their place as individuals. Now people are born as individuals and have to find their community." Bishop 2017

Ex-combatant Buildings:

Helping reveal and acknowledge a relatively overlooked, yet very important local military character, a socially significant ex-combatant in need of support, recognition and one who merits disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR)

Everyday and Reflexivity:

Reflexive practice, challenges assumptions, ideological illusions, damaging social and cultural biases, inequalities, and questions personal behaviours that perhaps silence the voices of others or otherwise marginalise them (Bolton and Delderfield, 2017), it helps people self-reflect and learn about themselves, the power of their experiences and how they relate to home, work, relationships, the wider society and culture.

Trust in Networks of People

There are basic elements of civic resilience such as diversity, modularity, and redundancy, however, it is trust that has always proven critical within acts of social resilience.

Place:

Place, memory and meaning create a 'sense of place' that permeates everyday aspects of individuals' life experience and these, "senses of place pervade everyday life and experience" which is a way of indicating that places are infused with meaning and feeling.



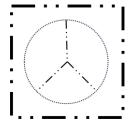
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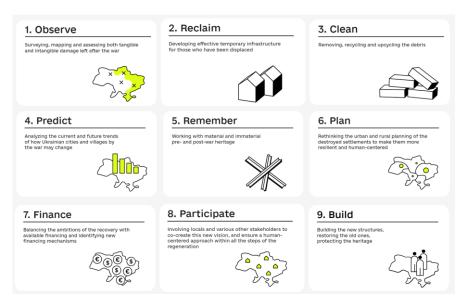
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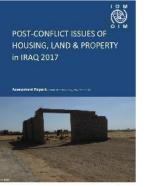
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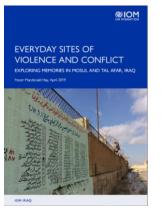
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Supporting Ukraine's <u>Re-Start</u> Initiative "New Ukrainian Cities and villages start Here".



<u>HLP</u>





Social Cohesion



Place & Peacebuilding

Memorialisation



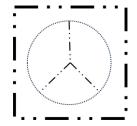
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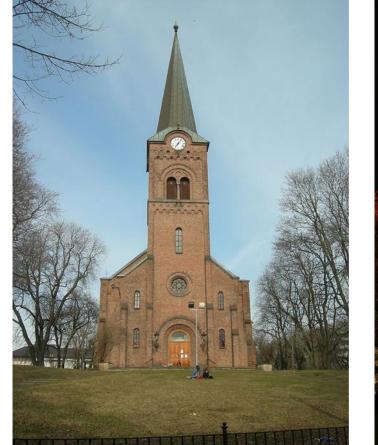
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