ORAL HISTORY
A Tool for Peace Education and Raising Awareness Against Chemical Weapons

Presentation Outline

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  - TPM peace education objectives
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    - Bi-lingual recording of chemical weapons survivors' histories
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Community Approach
to social change and awareness raising

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We are developing the concept of social investment

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Nurturing intercultural understanding …and global citizenship

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Peace is more than the absence of ... war

“We wish to cultivate the knowledge, attitudes, skills and behaviours upon which a culture of peace is predicated.”

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Oral Histories – Online

Ali Asghaari

“Not everyone sees you as a war hero; I have friends and family members who won’t even shake my hand. They are disgusted by my injuries.”

Ali Reza Yazdanpanah

• “I am a poster for my country.
  • “I want to show myself to the world, to show the effects of these horrible weapons.
  • “It is my mission, until my last breath, to share my story and hope people will understand it is important to live a life of peace.”

The Young Reporters Group

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Learning Domains
• Psychomotor
• Cognitive
• Affective

“I had no idea about chemical weapons before I came to the peace museum. I did research on the internet and I made a powerpoint presentation for my school.”

• “I didn’t know about the health consequences of chemical weapons.
• “I did some research before coming to the museum.
• “Meeting the survivors helped me to really understand the consequences and why these weapons are forbidden.”

“I thought the survivors would be angry and stern.
“In the films that we are shown about the war, the soldiers are depicted as fierce, religious and strict.
“But then we found out that the survivors are just ordinary people like us.”

“We survivors will not be around forever.
“Many are already dead and some are very sick.
“Those that are with us will leave us very soon.
“The museum wants the younger, new generation to understand the facts about the war and the cruelty of war and chemical weapons.”

“Before I came to the Tehran Peace Museum, I thought war could be a solution – that war is an answer. But after volunteering here, I realize that war is a last resort. I have changed my views completely. I have become more of a pacifist.”

Thank You