



# LEEDS PEACE POETRY COMPETITION 2012

Bringing the world together in a celebration of sport, culture and mutual respect. Leeds Peace Poetry seeks your interpretation of the tradition of Olympic Truce.

Individual or collective entries are welcomed in three age categories, with cash prizes available for winning submissions:

**Primary schools    Secondary schools    Open/Adult.**

## COMPETITION DETAILS

Entries are open to all & should be no longer than 24 lines, previously unpublished and limited to a maximum of two per person. All entries must include contact details & the category entered. Full T&Cs can be found at [www.t4p.org.uk](http://www.t4p.org.uk)

## HOW TO SUBMIT

E-mail: [poetry@t4p.org.uk](mailto:poetry@t4p.org.uk)    Online: [www.t4p.org.uk](http://www.t4p.org.uk)

By post to: **Leeds Peace Poetry, Together For Peace, PO Box 803, Leeds LS1 9NG.**  
(Unfortunately postal entries can not be returned)

## DEADLINE

**Friday 23 March 2012**

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# TRUCE



## WHAT IS TRUCE?

The concept of the Olympic truce, was established as part of the ancient Greek Olympics, when a period of truce was announced before and during each Olympic festival, to allow visitors and competitors to travel safely to the Games. During the truce, wars were suspended, armies were prohibited from threatening the Games, and legal cases and the carrying out of death penalties were forbidden.

The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) modern-day vision is to protect the interests of athletes and sport, promote peaceful principles, friendship and understanding in the world.

### HERE ARE SOME WORDS & PHRASES ABOUT TRUCE TO START YOU THINKING AND WRITING

truce (n) (agreement for) temporary Cessation of hostilities

- A time for humanity
- Words start and end wars
- A time for refreshment
- Words create worlds
- A time to lick wounds
- A time to heal
- Talk about it
- A second chance
- Try to smile
- Take a deep breathe
- Thinking time
- Take stock
- Lower the blood pressure
- Live and let live
- Silent Night
- Calm down

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*Sports by its nature may be competitive, but sports can be a very powerful tool and vehicle to promote dialogue and peace and reconciliation.*

**Ban Ki-moon**  
United Nations Secretary General

*Sport alone cannot enforce or maintain peace. But it has a vital role to play in building a better and more peaceful world.*

**Dr Jacques Rogge**  
IOC President, October 2007

*To jaw-jaw is better than to war-war*

**Sir Winston Churchill**

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