

# Luton City Wide Search For Sustainability

## A Pilot Project of



Peace Child International  
empowering young people

### Purpose:

- To raise awareness through the arts and education about the work of the United Nations and the imperative of achieving its Sustainable Development Goals – both globally and locally;
- To enable young people in Luton to understand their generational challenges, and empower them to develop their own ideas for how they are going to rise to achieve them;
- to engender and reinforce upbeat optimism and 'can-do' spirit in the City of Luton and inspire unity through collective action with, and for, the young people of our city and their future.

### Background:

In 2020, several Luton schools took part in the UNA / Peace Child Festival for the UN's [75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#) – hosting assemblies on the [history](#) and [thought leadership](#) of the UN, and participating in the Festival Workshops and [Concert](#). Recognising that Luton unites many nations and cultures, Samia Rehman and Vinod Taylor agreed to extend the UN Festival into a citywide project to raise awareness of the global challenges tackled by the UN and explore what local Actions might be taken by young people, their families and communities to support the achievement of the UN's strategies. The Founders of Peace Child International, and other members of the UN 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival team recognised what a brilliant crucible Luton could be for piloting a citywide effort to support the UN and its work, so agreed to support the Luton initiative whole-heartedly.

### Schedule of Work:

Mid-April – Online Orientation Days for Participating Schools:

April / May / June – Students in Participating Schools research the issues & develop their own Action Plans

June 24 or 25 – Students present their solutions to their teachers, law-makers, media and business representatives in the form of statements, songs, poems, videos, posters, dance or drama. In discussion with them, they draw up a Citywide Action Plan to achieve sustainable prosperity for Luton in their lifetime

### Participating Agencies & Individuals

Luton Borough Council; Rachel Hopkins MP, and Sarah Owen MP – Luton Members of Parliament; Luton Borough Police Force\* Hope for Luton Project; Luton Council of Faiths; Luton Youth Parliament\*; Luton Vision project; Luton Tigers, Luton Food Bank ;Near Neighbours; Next Generation Youth Theatre Company(NGYT); Matt Harvey, CEO British School of Aviation, Luton Airport; Office of the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire\* Ruth Robb - Azelea; Allan Rance - Midas Pattern; Philip McKinley – Changinglives4ever; Maxine Walker, Salvation Army; Chris Curtis, Youth Scape\* Montell Neufville; Ellyanne Wanjiku Chlystun - East Africa's Youngest Climate Change Ambassador

### Organising Committee

Samia Akram, Chair and Coordinator

Vinod Taylor MBE; David Woollcombe; Rosey Simonds; Louise Landman Chris Nicholls

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