

Feedback from Teachers participating in previous White Poppy campaigns:

The grade 7 & 8 students did a "Courageous Voices" presentation where they each stood up, wearing a white poppy, and quoted a famous person. All quotes were about peace. Students were placed throughout the audience so the voices came from all directions - it was very powerful. Also, our MCs did an explanation of the white peace poppy and its history during the ceremony. Our ceremony started with the theme of remembrance and, after the minute of silence, switched to the theme of peace and all participants switched their poppies from red to white at this time - it was amazing.

Beth McEwan - John McCrae Public School – Guelph, ON

The white poppies...were a huge hit. We ran a Remembrance Day Assembly for the school in which each class discussed a way they are working on solving everyday conflicts through non-violent means.

Ellen Kellner - Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School – Toronto, ON

Supportive words from Canadian Veterans:

I am a 95 year old veteran, who served in the Canadian Forces for almost 30 years, in 3 theaters of war...and with the UN in Korea. I wore the white poppy this year beside the respected red poppy because I wanted to honour non-military casualties, as well as the military casualties. As we have discovered, modern warfare is TOTAL. It makes no distinction between civilian and military. Weapons of destruction now target civilians every bit as much, if not more so than military formations and installations. It is time for all of us, including The Royal Canadian Legion to recognize this.

- WWII Veteran Lieut. Colonel Woodrow Coward

I feel that a white poppy for civilians and a red poppy for veterans to commemorate those who died during war is appropriate, and should not be considered "disrespectful" and offensive to Veterans. I think the white poppy is appropriate for Remembrance Day, as the civilian casualties, are as great a loss, as those of the military personnel.

- Korean War Veteran David Laskey

As a veteran of the First Gulf War and fifteen years in the Canadian Armed Forces, I was happy to discover the White Poppy Movement... the red poppy is also very important to me. It reminds me of the brothers and sisters in arms who gave their lives so that others could have peace. This is why I will proudly wear the white poppy of peace beside the red poppy of remembrance: to honour and remember those whose sacrifice helped to ensure my freedom to write this little note about peace..

- Gulf War Veteran

for more comments see the Vancouver Peace Poppies Website

<http://members.shaw.ca/peacepoppies/>

Some additional electronic peace resources for educators:

1. Teaching For Peace - <http://www.zisman.ca/peace/>
2. Conscience Canada - Never Again: Peace Education and Remembrance Day
http://www.consciencecanada.ca/?page_id=244
3. Peace Pledge Union (originators of the White Poppy, in England)
http://www.ppu.org.uk/whitepoppy/white_ed.html &
<http://www.ppu.org.uk/learn/learnstudy/index.html>