Exhibit:
Peace of cake?: Peace no ready-made recipe
University Museum Utrecht, The Netherlands through 5 January 2014

Summary
In the framework of the Treaty of Utrecht 300 years the University Museum Utrecht organized an exhibition on the science behind peace. Together with scientists of the Interfaculty Focus Area Conflicts & Human rights of the Utrecht University we focus on three former war zones: Uganda, South-Africa and Yugoslavia.

In this exhibition we show how difficult it is to restore peace, once war has broken out. Difficult choices have to be made. Who is the perpetrator and who is the victim? Do you want to punish the perpetrators, or do you want to know the truth? What is good for one side may be extremely bad for the other.

How difficult it can be to make the rights choices in a peace process we ‘translated’ in a game. In this game the (young) visitors have to make choices, and the choices are becoming more difficult as the game moves on. By stepping to the left or right you literally have to take a stand. In this game we use Kinect technology.

In short documentaries the researchers from Utrecht University talk about their work studying various problems in peace processes. Phd Lauren Gould focusses on child soldiers in Uganda. Specially on the lawsuit against Thomas Kwoyello, a former child soldier. Professor Rosemarie Buikema goes into the role of art in reconciliation and political transition in South Africa after apartheid, and Dr. Antoine Buyse tells about his research on housing restitution in Yugoslavia after the war ended.

Throughout the year, school groups can add their own artistic contributions to the exhibition or participate in a drama workshop. These educational programs are suitable for both primary and secondary school students.

Individual visitors can record their own peace message on a dove in the Peace Studio. In this way they contribute to expansion of the exhibition.
Follow up
The exhibition is up until 5 January 2014 in the University Museum Utrecht, Lange Nieuwstraat 106. Regarding the theme - dilemmas about conflicts and peace and the interactivity and design of the exhibition we think the exhibition tells a story that can be told everywhere.

It is possible to take over the exhibition. If you are interested in the exhibition please contact the University Museum, Gertie Cuijpers, g.cuijpers@uu.nl of 030 2538727

Annex / Facts

Available from the 17th of March 2014

Target group Families with children in the age of 9 – 14 years
Classes in the same age group

Access Wheelchair friendly, by subtitles accessible for deaf or hard of hearing people

Surface Main hall: 130 m2, use of two adjacent rooms: 30 m2
Altogether: 160 m2. Besides we use the space around the elevator and there is a Peace Studio (50 m2) where visitors and classes can do some activities.

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