

WAR-TORN CHILDREN

POSTERS

The posters here form part of the Exhibition “*War-Torn Children*”.

The exhibition consists of arpilleras (textiles), posters and photos. It includes a section of photos on migration and refugees due to war.

The exhibition runs from 2nd—27th October 2017.

Some of these posters are available—along with others—as A4 posters for free home printing on the INNATE website at <http://www.innatenonviolence.org/posters/index.shtml>



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War is not a game





Syrian refugee girls with bracelets they have made,
Amman, Jordan, Za'arari refugee camp, November 2016

Photo: Ann Patterson, Peace People

Child's letter to Margaretta D'Arcy

This letter is one example of schoolchildren's expressions of solidarity with Margaretta D'Arcy in 2014. She had been recently imprisoned for walking on the runway at Shannon Airport in early 2012 as part of nonviolent protests against the Irish government's acceptance of USA military use of Shannon Airport, in breach of Irish neutrality.

Scoil Eoin,
Tubber Road,
Gort,
Co. Galway.

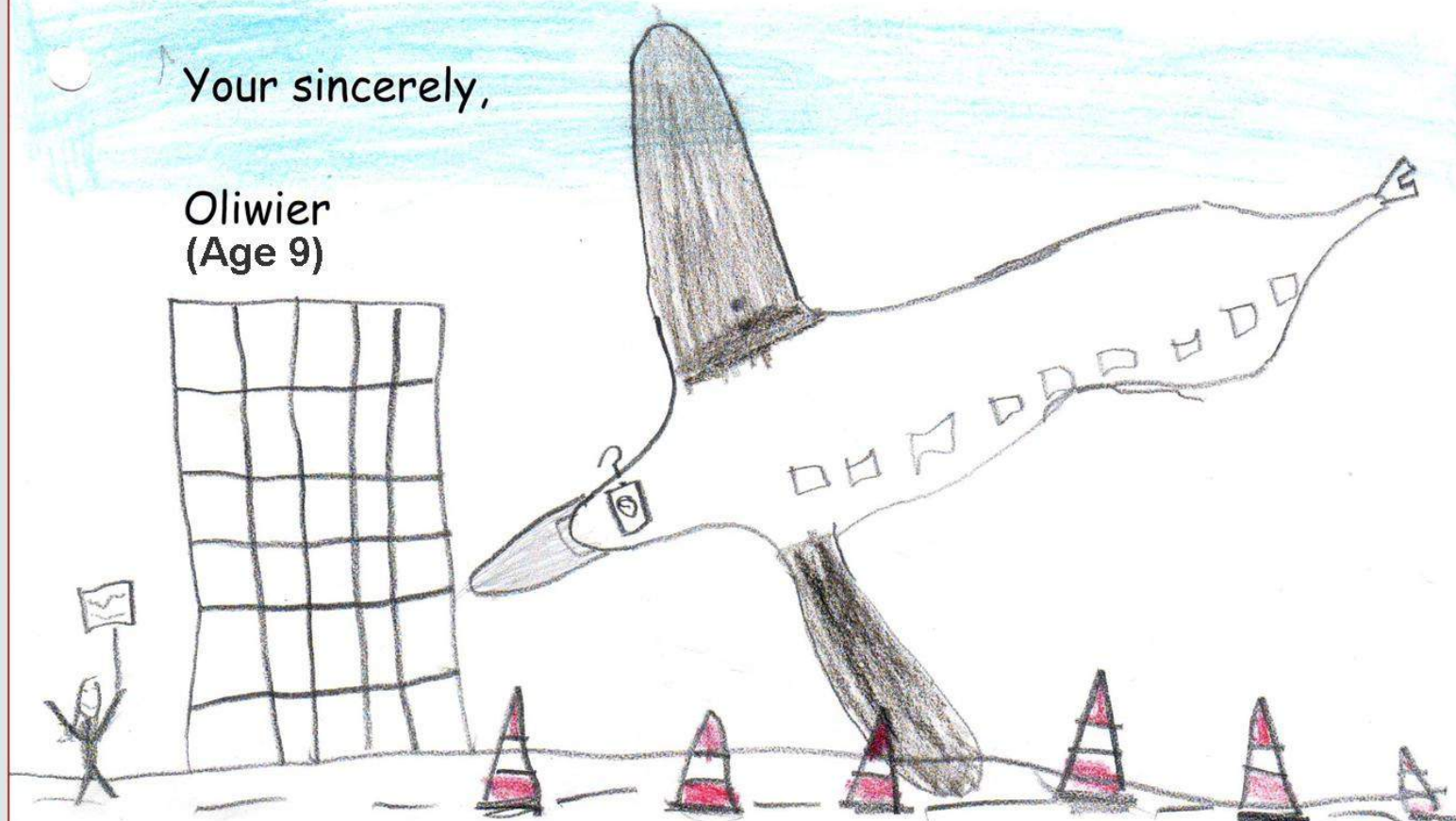
11th February 2014

Dear Margaretta,

How are you doing there . My name is Oliwier and I saw you on the computer. My teacher told me about you. I think that you are a great person. I believe that war is a terrible thing. We have heard about our human rights. I know that everybody is born free. We have the right to say what ever we want. I don't think that you should be in prison because you were only saying what you think. We hope that you are going to go home soon.

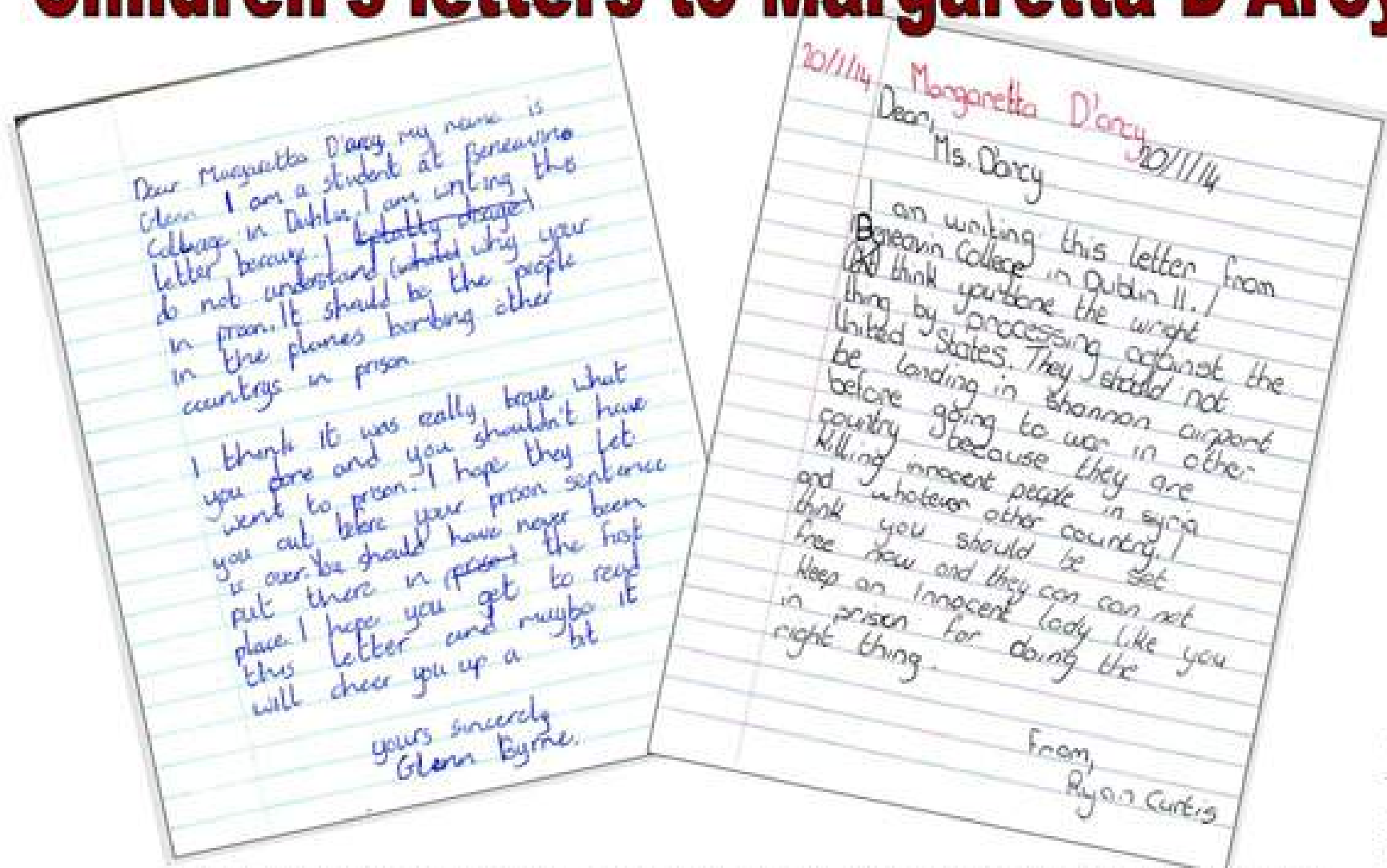
Your sincerely,

Oliwier
(Age 9)



● This letter emerged from activities associated with Amnesty International Friendship Week which happened to coincide with the theme of persuasive writing for creative writing lessons. Scoil Eoin/Gort National School is multicultural and the teacher, Mary Mellick, felt that it is important to recognise that diversity is to be valued and that tolerance is vital in the world we live in today; she was handed a postcard in Galway to send to Dáil Éireann highlighting the situation in Shannon Airport. When shown to the class, one of the children suggested writing to Margaretta D'Arcy. "It really demonstrated to me the uncomplicated view that children have of the world, their understanding of fairness and their willingness to show tolerance. If I remember correctly they even sent her a friendship band! They really engaged with the activity and the simplicity of their words was very moving..."

Children's letters to Margaretta D'Arcy



•These letters came out of discussions in 1st year RE class at Benevna de la Salle College, Finglas, Dublin around the topic of Christian nonviolence and its obligations on Christians today to engage in nonviolent resistance to every form of evil in the world. After looking briefly at the action by five people who put a US Navy warplane out of action in Shannon Airport in 2003, the class went on to look at the example of Margaretta D'Arcy who had recently been imprisoned for protesting at the US army's continued use of Shannon Airport. The teacher, Martin MacMoilán, reports that "The whole class was engaged with writing solidarity letters, horrified with the reality that peacemakers were the ones being imprisoned while the war-makers were free to bring death and destruction anywhere they wished with the help of the Irish State."