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A pontoon bridge as a peace bridge across the River Scheldt

A bridge of peace

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USPA NEWS - highlight of this commemorative programme is the contemporary reconstruction of the 1914 pontoon bridge, symbolising the connection between the past, present and future. The temporary pontoon bridge across the River Scheldt near Steen Fortress will be built by Belgian and Dutch engineer battalions.

The temporary pontoon bridge across the River Scheldt near Steen Fortress will be built by Belgian and Dutch engineer battalions on October 3rd, 2014. The Antwerp Port Authority is the main partner for this project. The construction of a contemporary “Peace Bridge“ is a technical feat. Above all the bridge will be a unique experience for the many tens of thousands of visitors who will be able to cross the River Scheldt on foot, following in the footsteps of the Belgian army as well as of the more than 10,000 refugees who fled a burning city in search of a safe haven. The reconstruction is a reminder of a significant historical moment in the city´s history as well as an invitation to build bridges in the present and work together to create a connected, inclusive city.

Peace Bridge 3-4-5 October 2014

On Friday afternoon 3 October the Peace Bridge will be officially inaugurate with a Peace Parade with prominent personalities from Belgium and abroad and thousands of children. The National Poet, Charles Ducal, will also recite “Soldaat “˜14-“˜18“ in Belgium´s three national languages.

On Friday evening 3 October Antwerp´s church bells will announce the opening event. The bridge will then be festively opened with an open spectacle on the water. The first people will be able to walk across the bridge, among the enchanting glow cast by the beautiful lighting, as they enjoy the special atmosphere.

The experience continues after your crossing, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the “Boeienweide“ (Field of Buoys)

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