Growing peace creates a temporary island which wouldn’t exist without the active participation of the visitors. The project is an open space and communication platform provoking motion, encounter, dialogue, understanding and remembrance. To create this site of remembrance it takes a conscious and collective act, determining the intensity and extend of growing peace. Specially designed boats can be rented in the canals of Amsterdam. At the anniversary of the catastrophe they gather together to form the platform “growing peace”. Growing peace will be made up of 298 boats, each of them representing a victim.

The linked boats do not only form a physical platform, but also generate a sphere that invites the participants to connect emotionally, to grieve and remember.

This annual ceremony marks the beginning of a one week peace conference with various venues in Amsterdam. The conference will be held by an international peace organization, hosting human right activists. The “growing peace” platform serves as a social meeting point and a stage for concerts, readings and picnics as well as the spot for the opening and the closing ceremony of the conference. People from all over the world will be invited to be part of growing peace.

After the closing ceremony the platform resolves, it leaves a void which refers to the deceased and the volatility of human lives. Back to the canals each single platform connects the city with the power of the growing peace conference.