

What you can do

- Volunteer with Project Ploughshares Calgary. Call the office for info at 403-270-7366.
- Add your voice! Express your concerns to your family, friends and neighbours.
- Contact us for educational resources on a peace issue of interest to you.
- Support our educational programs in Calgary with a donation.
- Engage your Member of Parliament in a dialogue about key peace issues.
- If you belong to a faith group, service club, or community group, invite a Ploughshares speaker to raise awareness of peace issues.
- Send letters to the editor and opinion articles to the local newspaper that encourage public discussion of peace issues..

*"If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.*

*If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.*

*If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbours.*

*If there is to be peace between neighbours,
There must be peace in the home.*

Lao Tzu (570-490 B.C.)

Project Ploughshares Vision

A secure world without war—
a just world at peace.

Mandate

Founded in 1976, Project Ploughshares is the peace centre of The Canadian Council of Churches, mandated to work with churches, governments, and civil society, in Canada and abroad, to advance policies and actions that prevent war and armed violence and build peace. Project Ploughshares carries out its mandate by undertaking research, policy development, and public engagement to:

- Prohibit the use, possession, and manufacture of nuclear weapons;
- Prevent the weaponization of space;
- Control the supply and reduce the demand for weapons
- Reduce the resort to military force; and
- Build sustainable peace.

A key task of Project Ploughshares is to encourage new ways of thinking about security in which the focus of security is the economic, political, and social welfare of people, rather than the military power of states. The research and analysis of Project Ploughshares is listened to and sought out by NGOs and government. The broad and engaged constituency of thousands of individuals, along with Canadian and international partnerships, contributes to a higher level of public debate and more comprehensive policy analysis.

Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding. Albert Einstein



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Peace Resources

Peace Education

Peace Action

About Us

Founded in 1982, Project Ploughshares Calgary is one of nine local Project Ploughshares local groups across Canada that support the mandate and program of Project Ploughshares, Canada’s largest peace organizations, by encouraging informed dialogue on peace issues.

We believe:

The most immediate threats to the security of vulnerable people derive from unmet economic and health needs, political exclusion, denied rights, social and political disintegration, and the criminal and political violence that accompany conditions of chronic insecurity. This means that security preparedness involved much more than military strength. A comprehensive approach to security required attention to and funding for the 5D’s of security: development, democracy, disarmament, diplomacy and defence.

Development — end poverty and create economic conditions conducive to sustainable human security;

Democracy — promote good governance, political inclusiveness, participation, and respect for human rights;

Disarmament — prevent the transformation of political conflict into armed conflict by limiting weapons;

Diplomacy — support the peaceful settlement of disputes and a rules-based international order;

Defence — ensure that the use of force in extraordinary circumstance supports the full range of peace and security efforts (the other 4D’s).

What we do:

- Hold educational events on peace topics, such as nuclear disarmament, the global arms trade, Canadian defense and foreign policy, nonviolence, and conflict transformation
- Meet with politicians, and faith and community groups to educate and exchange views on peace issues.
- Host an annual Peace Fair
- Disseminate Project Ploughshares materials as well as other educational materials on peace issues .
- Maintain a peace education resource centre and website, and publish a monthly newsletter.



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YES, I will support Project Ploughshares Calgary’s peace education programs.

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Here is my donation for this year of:

\$35 \$50 \$100 \$_____

(donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt)

I’d like to become a Friend of Ploughshares and give a monthly pre-authorized debit donation, please send me an application form:

I would like to receive the monthly newsletter by:

E-mail (recommended)

Mail (requires \$35 donation)

I am willing to be contacted to volunteer for Ploughshares events.

Thank you for your support!

“And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.”

Isaiah 2:41