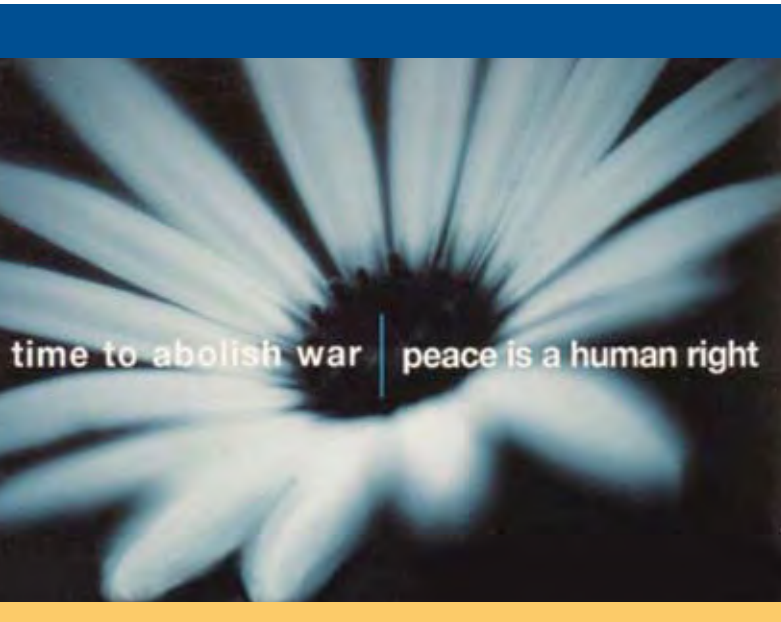




Web Links on Small Arms, Education and Children



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Acronyms

AMP	Arms Management Programme
COAV	Children and youth in Organized Armed Violence
CR	Conflict Resolution
DfES	Department for Education and Skills
DVP	Division for Violence Prevention
GINIE	Global Information Networks in Education
HRE	Human Rights Education
HREA	Human Rights Education Associates
IANSA	International Action Network on Small Arms
ISS	Institute for Security Studies
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
SALW	Small Arms and Light Weapons
SEENCA	South Eastern Europe Network to Control Arms
SEESAC	South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of SALW
SFCG	Search for Common Good
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNIFEM	United Nations Fund for Women
WHO	World Health Organization



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1 General

1.1 Americans for Gun Safety Foundation

“The Americans for Gun Safety Foundation ... seeks to educate Americans on existing gun laws and new policy options for reducing access to guns by criminals and children and to promote responsible gun ownership. The AGS Foundation supports the rights of individuals to own firearms”.

www.agsfoundation.com/

1.2 Children and Youth in Organized Armed Violence, Brazil

Website in Portuguese, Spanish and English.

“COAV is the abbreviation for ‘Children and youth in Organised Armed Violence’: Children and youth employed or otherwise participating in Organised Armed Violence where there are elements of a command structure and power over territory, local population or resources”.

<http://www.coav.org/br>

1.3 Coalition for Gun Control, Canada

Founded in the wake of the Montreal massacre, the Coalition for Gun Control was formed to reduce gun death, injury and crime.

“Since 1989, the Coalition for Gun Control has worked to reduce firearm death, injury and crime in Canada. Its 350 supporting organizations include the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Public Health Association, the Canadian Criminal Justice Association, women’s groups, victims groups, and others”.

<http://www.guncontrol.ca/Content/default-english.htm>

1.4 Handicap International, France

Has focused on mine awareness education but now extending activities to include small arms.

<http://www.handicap-international.org/>

<http://www.handicap-international.org/combattre-les-mines-les-basm/index.html>

1.5 IANSA (International Action Network on Small Arms)

“IANSA is a global network of more than 600 civil society organisations working to stop the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons. Our members include survivor support groups, human rights activists, public health professional and research institutes”.

<http://www.iansa.org/>

1.6 PAX: Real Solutions to Gun Violence, USA

“The largest non-political organization dedicated to ending the gun violence crisis in America. PAX’s mission is to look at gun violence as an urgent public health crisis with practical solutions that all Americans can embrace”.

<http://www.paxusa.org/index.html>

1.7 Prevention-Violence Canada

The website is in French and English. The organisation supports community-based programmes in support of Canadian gun laws.

<http://www.prevention-violence.ca/English/index.htm>

1.8 SAFER-Net, Canada

Information about the Small Arms Firearms Education and Research Network from Ryerson Polytechnic University and assistance from the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy.

The purpose of SAFER-Net is to provide current research regarding:

- The impact of small arms/firearms on health and safety on an international basis;
- National profiles that include each country's approach to small arms/firearms regulation and efforts to prevent misuse and proliferation;
- Links to sources of information in academic, scientific and governmental publications.

<http://www.ryerson.ca/SAFER-Net/>

1.9 Small Arms Net

"Small Arms Net is an information portal for groups and individuals working to contain the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in Africa. An initiative of the Arms Management Programme (AMP) of the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), it is an information hub for small arms and arms related issues affecting the continent".

<http://www.smallarmsnet.org/>

1.10 UMUT Foundation, Turkey

NGO in Turkey that focuses on citizenship activities and campaigns for gun control.

<http://www.umut.org.tr/ENG/>

1.11 UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Contains information on arms control.

<http://www.undp.org/bcpr/smallarms/PoA.htm>

1.12 Violence Policy Center, USA

"The Violence Policy Center is a national non-profit educational foundation that conducts research on violence in America and works to develop violence-reduction policies and proposals. The Center examines the role of firearms in America, conducts research on firearms violence, and explores new ways to decrease firearm-related death and injury".

<http://vpc.org>

1.13 Vivo, Brazil

"Vivo works to overcome and prevent traumatic stress and its consequences within the individual as well as the community, safeguarding the rights and dignity of people affected by violence and conflict. Vivo further aims to strengthen local resources for the development of peaceful, human rights-based, societal ways of living".

<http://www.vivofoundation.net>

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Figure 1: From the Hague Appeal for Peace website.¹

1.14 WomenWarPeace.org

WWP.org is intended to address the lack of consolidated data on the impact of armed conflict on women and girls as noted by Security Council resolution 1325 (2000). By no means exhaustive, this portal is meant to serve as a centralized repository of information from a wide variety of sources, with links to reports and data from the UN system to information and analysis from experts, academics, NGOs and media sources. Views expressed in external sources may not necessarily reflect those of UNIFEM or other UN departments, agencies, programmes or funds.

<http://womenwarpeace.org>

¹ <http://www.haguepeace.org/>, accessed on 01 October 2006.

2 UK Programmes

2.1 Calling the Shots

“Calling the Shots is a multi-media education and information resource designed to engage young people and stimulate discussion about their attitudes towards guns”.

<http://www.callingtheshots.org.uk/>

2.2 CrimeStoppers

“Crimestoppers operates across the UK to help identify, prevent, solve and reduce crime. This invaluable community service enables anyone with details of criminal activity to pass them on anonymously, without fear of exposure or retribution”.

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>

2.3 Don't Trigger

A campaign developed by Urban Concepts to tackle gun crime in the UK, focussing on youth and using the media, including an EP on sale to the public and a one-hour TV documentary on Channel 4.

<http://www.dont-trigger.com/>

2.4 From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation

“The From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation in the London Borough of Southwark was founded in 1996 by Decima Francis and Uanu Seshmi, following concern within the community about the number of young black boys being excluded from school and becoming involved with gangs, drugs and violence”.

<http://www.usatfbmf.com/>

2.5 Missdorothy.com

missdorothy.com has created a comprehensive learning programme based on cartoon and soap opera for seven to 16 year olds which links to the national curriculum and is supported by the DfES and the Home Office.

<http://www.missdorothy.com/>

2.6 Peace Alliance

UK NGO with a wide range of materials on peace education, including against guns and violence.

www.peacealliance.org.uk/contact.html

3 South Eastern Europe

3.1 Centre for Peace and Disarmament Education, Tirana, Albania

Peace and disarmament education materials in Albanian and English.

www.cpde.net/news/education_manual-en.php

3.2 SEENCA South Eastern Europe Network to Control Arms

Provides links to member NGOS, each of which has an online resource centre on small arms issues.

<http://www.seenca.org/m/>

4 US Programmes

4.1 The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence

Gun control organisation that has developed materials for children.

<http://bradycenter.org>

4.2 The Gorp's Gift

Books and materials targeting young children and the risk from guns in the US.

<http://www.thegorp.com/thegorp/index.html>

5 Public Health Approaches

5.1 Centers for Disease Control: National Center for Violence Prevention and Control; Division for Violence Prevention (DVP)

"DVP is committed to stopping violence before it begins (i.e. primary prevention). The division's work involves:

- Monitoring violence-related injuries;
- Conducting research on the factors that put people at risk or protect them from violence;
- Creating and evaluating the effectiveness of violence prevention programs;
- Helping state and local partners plan, implement, and evaluate prevention programs;
- Conducting research on the effective adoption and dissemination of prevention strategies".

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/dvp.htm>

5.2 Gun Policy News

Provides evidence-based, public health-oriented information on firearm-related death and injury, gun violence and crime around the world.

<http://www.gunpolicy.org>

5.3 HELP Network

"The HELP Network is dedicated to reducing firearm injuries and deaths, promoting strategies that are based on public health research".

Since 1993, HELP has served as a clearinghouse for information on the modern epidemic caused by firearms, especially handguns. HELP members have included:

- The American Academy of Pediatrics (<http://www.aap.org/>);
- The American College of Physicians (<http://www.acponline.org/>);



- The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (<http://www.aacap.org/index.wv>);
- The American Medical Association (<http://www.ama-assn.org/>).

<http://www.ryerson.ca/SAFER-Net/>

<http://www.helpnetwork.org>

5.4 The Future of Children, USA

Full issue on line: Children, Youth, and Gun Violence, Summer/ Fall 2002, Vol. 12, No. 2.

<http://www.futureofchildren.org/>

5.5 WHO

Material on violence and small arms as public health issues.

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/en/

WHO Department for Injuries and Violence Prevention

“Injuries constitute a major public health problem, killing more than 5 million people per year, and harming many millions more. Yet events that result in injury are not random or unpredictable. The causes of injuries can be studied and acted upon; injuries can be prevented”.

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/en/

6 Media

6.1 Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma

“The Dart Center is a global network of journalists, journalism educators and health professionals dedicated to improving media coverage of trauma, conflict and tragedy. The Center also addresses the consequences of such coverage for those working in journalism”.

Excellent resources on reporting on tragedies, including:

- Children & Trauma;
- Disasters;
- Murder;
- Suicide;
- Domestic Violence.

Includes an online training course for journalists, and articles about gun violence.

<http://www.dartcenter.org/>

6.2 Search for Common Ground

Founded in 1982, Search for Common Ground works to transform the way the world deals with conflict - away from adversarial approaches and towards collaborative problem solving. SFCG work with local partners to find culturally appropriate means to strengthen societies' capacity to deal with conflicts constructively: to understand the differences and act on the commonalities.



This resource guide on media and youth is particularly for those planning programmes on small arms targeting young people.

<http://www.sfcg.org/programmes/ilr/youthmed.pdf>

7 Education (Peace, Conflict Resolution, Human Rights)

7.1 CRInfo

Resource for all aspects of conflict resolution, including education programmes for children.

<http://www.crininfo.org>

7.2 Educators for Social Responsibility

Resources on peace education and human rights for all age groups.

<http://www.esrnational.org/home.htm>

7.3 GINIE (Global Information Networks in Education)

Includes sections on landmine awareness education (although not updated recently), education in emergencies, peace and reconciliation and child and young adult soldiers. Many links to other sites and resources, but no information directly on small arms.

<http://www.ginie.org>

7.4 HREA (Human Rights Education Associates)

“Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) is an international non-governmental organisation that supports human rights learning; the training of activists and professionals; the development of educational materials and programming and community-building through on-line technologies. HREA is dedicated to quality education and training to promote understanding, attitudes and actions to protect human rights, and to foster the development of peaceable, free and just communities”.

The best resource for finding education materials on HRE (human rights education).

<http://www.hrea.org>

‘ZA DAMIRE I NEMIRE: Opening the Door to Non-violence’, ‘Mali Korak’ (Small Step) Croatia, 1997. Excellent resource for primary children, particularly those in post-conflict societies.

http://www.hrea.org/erc/Library/primary/Opening_the_Door/



7.5 The Hague Appeal for Peace

“The Hague Appeal for Peace is an international network of organizations and individuals dedicated to the abolition of war and making peace a human right. The Global Campaign for Peace Education was launched at the Hague Appeal for Peace Conference in May 1999. After the conference, Hague Appeal for Peace took the responsibility of coordinating the Campaign”.

Includes peace education resources.

<http://www.haguepeace.org/>

7.6 United Nations Cyber School Bus

Resources and curricula on peace education in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic.

<http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/peace/index.asp>



Figure 2: Logo for the UN Cyber School Bus programme.

8 Children and Armed Violence

8.1 Children and Armed Violence Unit, University of Essex

“The Children and Armed Conflict Unit is a project of the Children’s Legal Centre, a UK registered charity, and the Human Rights Centre of the University of Essex. The Unit now sits in the international section of the Children’s Legal Centre, which is the lead body in this project.

Set up in 1997, following the groundbreaking report on the impact of armed conflict on children by Graça Machel, the Unit’s patron, we work around the world to improve the situation for civilian children caught up in armed conflict and civil unrest and for those emerging from years of violence”.

Extensive list of links to academic and technical resources on small arms.

<http://www.essex.ac.uk/armedcon/unit/default.htm>



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