



We must stand for what we believe in, what's right, give each other a helping hand. Be a good neighbour.

Public Education And Crime Eradication

PEACE

Community Challenges

- In Ontario, there are 216 identified gangs with over 3,000 known members.
- Toronto is home to 73 of the 216 identified criminal gangs, hosting over 2,000 confirmed and unconfirmed members.
- Toronto's 73 gangs are involved in very serious criminal activity – for example, the Homicide Squad believes that almost half of the 65 murders in 2003 were directly or indirectly the result of gang-related retaliatory shootings.

Project Partners

Organizational partners who support the PEACE initiative:

- Government of Ontario
- Toronto Police Service
- Toronto school boards
- Crime Stoppers
- Community and youth leaders

To Get Involved

Everyone in the community can play a vital role in making the PEACE project a success. If you want to know how you can make a difference contact the Toronto Police Service's Community Mobilization – Youth Services Unit at 416-808-7082 or online at www.peace-project.org.



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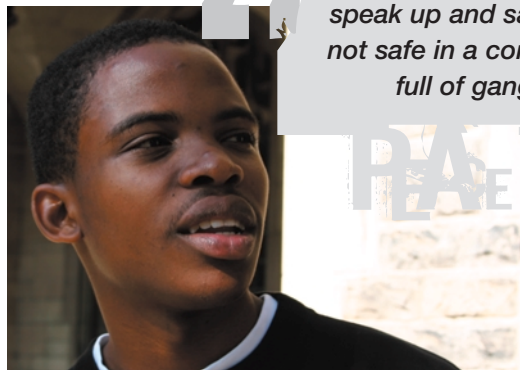


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The Public Education and Crime Eradication (PEACE) project is a new crime prevention strategy of the Toronto Police Service. PEACE enables youth to work with the police and community partners to get guns and gangs off our streets. Through education, prevention and enforcement techniques the PEACE project will accomplish these objectives.

OBJECTIVES

- Remove guns and weapons from the hands of young people
- Educate youth on the grave dangers of gang involvement
- Support the safe termination of gang membership, and
- Enforce laws when violations occur



We all have to speak up and say we're not safe in a community full of gangs.

EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Interested youth have come forward and contributed their ideas and experience to assist in creating real messages for the young people of Toronto. Through partnerships with school boards and community groups youth learn about:

- a) the grim realities of the gun and gang lifestyle
- b) positive, law-abiding lifestyle choices, and
- c) the support mechanisms that are available when gang-involved youth decide to exit a gang and/or a life of crime.

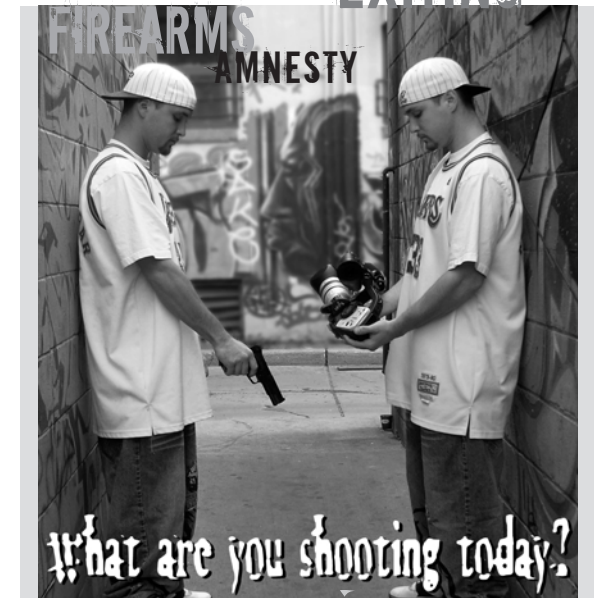


PREVENTION

By working with youth and partnering with school boards to assist in the development and production of education programs such as Public Service Announcements and education videos, and by targeting influential community groups, PEACE will deter young people from accepting guns and street gangs as a way of life. Additionally, youth will be asked to participate in prevention and education measures to take guns off the streets.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

GANG EXITING



ENFORCEMENT

Officers will continue to work with the community and concentrate their efforts to arrest gunmen and dismantle street gangs to make our communities safer.

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