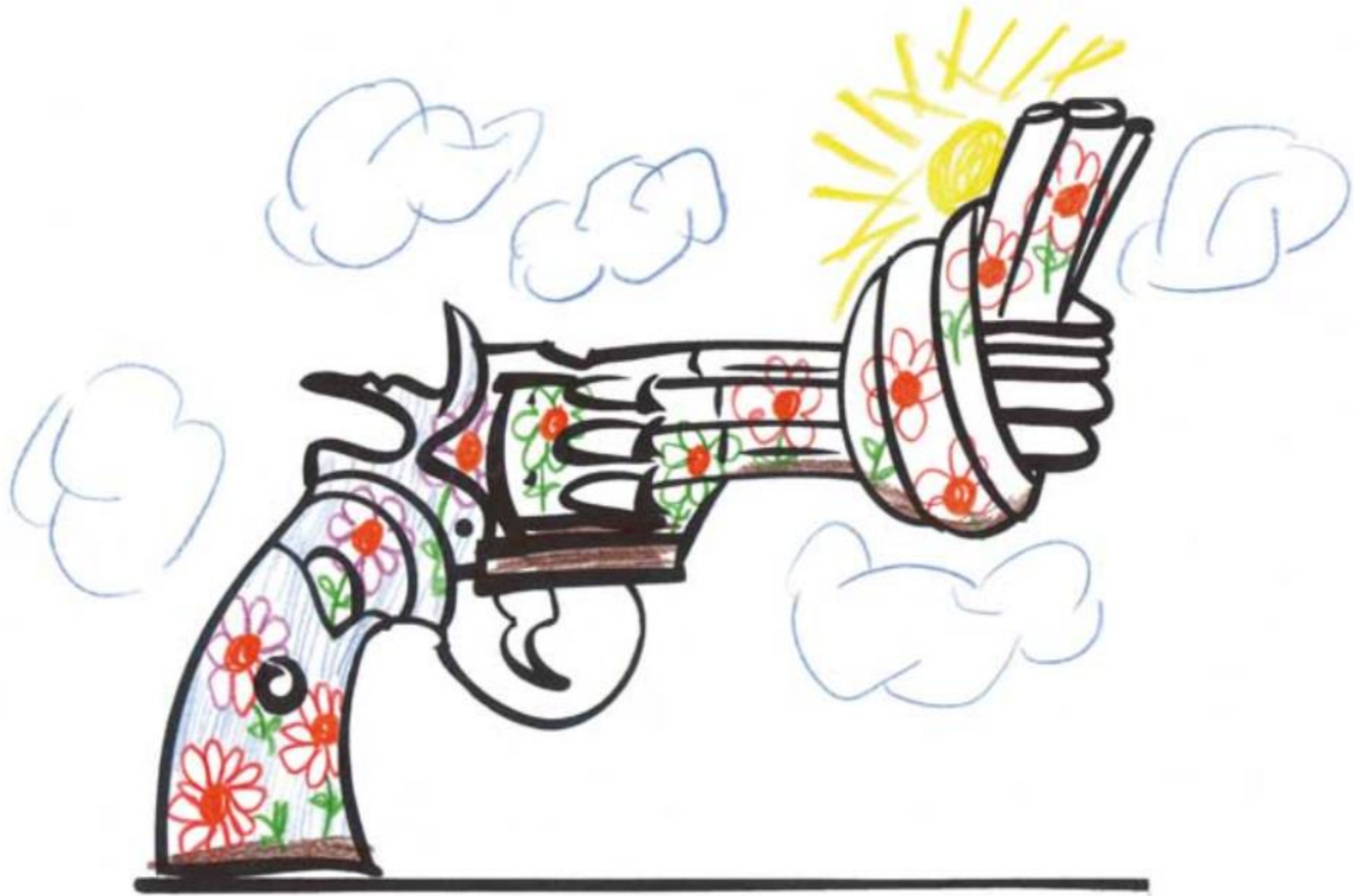


# The Knotted Gun

*A gift to the city of Belfast*



# The Non-Violence Project

- Founded in 1992 by two Swedes: Rolf Skjolebrand and Jan Hellman.
- Friends since childhood, they saw the unacceptable increase in violence around the world and decided to do something inspiring and constructive to reach the hearts of the next generation.
- They embarked on a journey that took them deep into the roots of violent behaviour.
- The journey made them realise that education is the only tool that works and it is through schools and sports infrastructure that motivating and inspiring messages about non-violence can be relayed.
- The NVP is an educational initiative based in Geneva, Switzerland, operating in 30 countries on five continents.
- The mission of the Non-Violence Project is to inspire, motivate and engage young people in positive action and to guide them to understand how to solve conflicts more peacefully.

# The Knotted Gun

- Skjoldebrand and Hellman decided to use the strongest peace symbol on the planet – The Knotted Gun.
- The Knotted Gun symbol was created by a Swedish artist Carl-Fredrik Reuterswärd as a memorial tribute to John Lennon after he was shot and killed in New York in 1980.
- Lennon had a vision of a world at peace and at the time of his death was one of the most public advocates for peace and non-violence. In many of his songs the lyrics focused on the vision of a world without violence.

*“Imagine all the people living life in peace  
You may say that I’m a dreamer  
But I am not the only one  
I hope someday you’ll join us  
And the world will live as one.”*

- The Knotted Gun was unveiled as a sculpture outside the United Nations headquarters in New York in 1988 as a symbol for peace.
- The unique symbol is displayed at more than 30 strategic public locations around the world including the Olympic Museum in Lausanne and the Peace Park in Beijing.

# The Knotted Gun



## Interpreted by Global Ambassadors

The sculpture is being interpreted by some of the world's most well-known personalities as part of the Non-Violence For Peace Tour. These distinguished ambassadors create their personal artistic interpretation of the sculpture and their replica sculptures are then exhibited at various events and art exhibitions around the world.



## Embraced by local heroes

The symbol and sculpture also play an important part in the many creative activities in the NVP educational programs. Young people participating in these sessions around the world interpret the symbol on the drawing sheets, and are then able to decorate their local environment with their non-violence messages.

***“The sculpture Non-Violence has not only endowed the United Nations with a cherished work of art; it has enriched the consciousness of humanity with a powerful symbol that encapsulates, in a few simple curves, the greatest prayer of man; that which asks not for victory, but for peace.”***

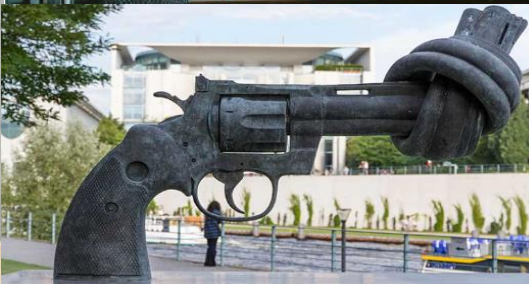
Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General and Nobel Peace Laureate



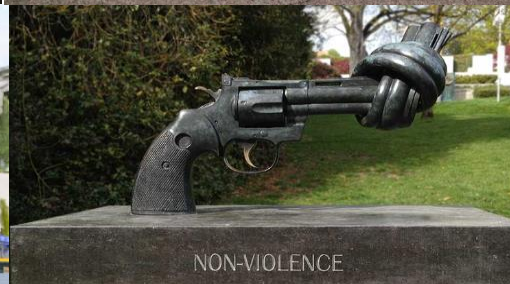
# Cities Making A Statement



**New York United Nations**



**Beijing Peace Park  
Cape Town Waterfront  
Berlin**



**Luxembourg City, European Commission  
Gothenburg, Sweden  
Lausanne, Switzerland**



**Malmö, Sweden  
Caen, France  
Stockholm, Sweden**



# Celebrities Making A Statement



Sir Paul McCartney, England



Muhammad Ali, USA



Yoko Ono, USA



Don Oriolo, USA (Felix the cat)



Jose Gomaz, Mexiko



Ringo Starr, England



Dustin Johnson, USA



Nico Rosberg, Tyskland



# A Partnership for Peace

- Stena Line has a long and positive history and long term future commitment to the city of Belfast.
- Our main shareholder Mr Dan Stena Olsson and his wife Jane have a strong desire to give back to the City and as such would like to gift the City The Knotted Gun sculpture.
- Stena Line care greatly about schools, education and young people.
- The sculpture of The Knotted Gun could be customised with artwork to alleviate any concerns that the sculpture might be too dramatic and therefore make it less sensitive.
- Replicas of our bespoke Belfast sculpture could be created and sold to help support NVP projects in Belfast.



# We're keen to identify a high profile site...

- Queens University
- Crumlin Road Gaol – tourist attraction
- Botanic Gardens/Ulster Museum
- City Hall
- Laganside

# Even More Than A Sculpture

- Stena Line would be keen to support NVP Education programs i.e. Kids for Peace (Primary Schools P5-P7).
- This program could cover topics including the philosophy of non-violence, conflict management, self-esteem, multi-cultural differences and bullying.
- Creativity and interaction are the cornerstones of every program.
- There is a real opportunity to use some of the NVP programs to bring communities together, build relationships and engage young people in positive action.
- Programs could take place in schools and/or in a neutral and fun environment onboard Stena Line in the form of educational children's cruises.

# Further Information

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