

Peace Team Partners:



LFFP teaches peace skills to children and their adult leaders to counter systemic violence. Through an open and responsive approach to our participants' goals and by fostering connections among participants and partner organizations, we seek to empower a community of peacemakers with the knowledge and strategies for improved intrapersonal, interpersonal, and communal lives. Our multiple forms of peace education include Peace Camps in summer, in prison, in El Salvador and in-school and after-school Peace Clubs, teacher, family and parent workshops, and handbooks.



NHA is dedicated to increasing opportunities for the successful integration of returning citizens. The academy's curriculum assists homecomers in redefining themselves as community change agents, removing the stigma due to past identities and associating with acts that positively contribute to the betterment of their communities. Homecomers facilitate outreach activities and connect with community residents, particularly "at-risk" youth through the Make a Difference House, Safe Passage, Center for Healing and Community Garden.



*Join us to cultivate
a justpeace in DC!*

DC Peace Team

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Working towards cultivating & sustaining a culture of nonviolent peacemaking by:

- developing **trusting relationships**
- providing **trainings and education** in nonviolent conflict intervention skills and restorative justice
- **monitoring** key areas of struggle in our communities
- **accompanying** school children through difficult neighborhoods.

What is the DC Peace Team?

Vision

We envision a society committed to a sustainable peace and justice.

Mission

We commit to creating and sustaining a DC peace team that cultivates the virtue of nonviolent peacemaking and key corresponding practices. We commit to empowering ordinary civilians to increasingly serve their communities particularly as nonviolent peacekeepers, and by extension as peacemakers and peacebuilders.

Objectives: 2014

A. Deepen relationships between peace team participants and core partners.

**We will host monthly meetings, which include a brief sharing of someone's journey into peace activities and a skill-building exercise. We also host an annual teambuilding retreat.*

B. Develop Cure Violence model

**We will focus on Glenncrest/Benning Park area in Ward 7 to explore implementing the Cure Violence model to lower shootings and homicides.*

C. Offer trainings and peace education.

**We will offer one basic training in alternatives to violence, using the "Help Increase the Peace Program."*

**We will offer one advanced training in nonviolent conflict intervention or restorative justice.*

**We will offer peace education programs at various schools and community centers, e.g. McKenna Center.*

D. Provide unarmed civilian peacekeeping through monitoring, proactive presence and accompaniment in our communities.

**We will promote, participate in, and recruit for the Safe Passage program, which walks with and protects school children each weekday morning (in Lincoln Heights, Glenncrest, Kenilworth & Deanwood).*

**We will monitor and offer protective presence at 1-2 DC political demonstrations to defuse hostility and cultivate empathy.*

**We will use Gallery Place as a training site for UCP.*

E. Build our network of partners and identify community needs through outreach to similarly oriented organizations and persons.

**We seek to meet with key community organizations that focus on youth outreach & services, as well as members of the DC Gov. and DC police.*

**We will provide one dinner gathering for introducing the DCPT to community members.*



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**We plan to show the documentary The Interrupters, about Cure Violence in Chicago, to one community group, followed by a facilitated discussion and opportunities for next steps.*

F. Develop assessment data by collecting documentation of our trainings, neighborhood engagement, accompaniment, monitoring, and proactive presence practices.

*** In combination with international peace teams, we hope that developing domestic peace teams will contribute to the experience and understanding of the power of nonviolent peacemaking and restorative justice.*

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