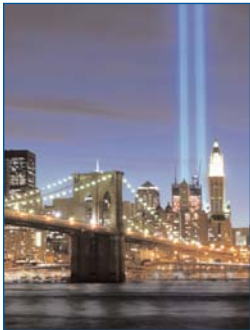


The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy.

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is a better way...



For **NYDOP**, Sept. 11, 2001 is a sad and vivid reminder of the price of violence and strong motivation for creating a culture of peace.

Across the globe the use and success of nonviolent actions over the past century has been remarkable: from Thoreau to Tolstoy to Gandhi, to the Suffrage movement, to the

Indian revolution, to the U.S. Civil Rights movement, to the end of Apartheid, to the Polish Solidarity Movement, to Las Madres – the Argentinian mothers who marched for “the Disappeared,” to the overthrow of Marcos – and the overthrow of Milosvec... these are but some of nonviolent campaigns waged by ordinary citizens. The truth is overwhelming. **Nonviolence works and continues to spread.**

The book *A Force More Powerful* reminds us that the great majority of men and women who gather to attend the United Nations General Assembly are...

*“democratically elected presidents and prime ministers. Had such a meeting been held one hundred years before, all but a few would have been kings, emperors, generals or other rulers who reached power by violent force or dynastic inheritance. **This was the most important political change that the twentieth century wrought** and it would not have come to pass without the actions of ordinary people who defied oppressive rulers through nonviolent power rather than by force of arms.”*

A Department of Peace will:

- Research, articulate and facilitate nonviolent solutions to domestic and international conflict
- Teach violence prevention, conflict resolution and the history of nonviolence to all of America’s school children
- Treat and dismantle gang psychology and provide rehabilitation to the prison population
- Support our military with complementary and alternative approaches to ending violence
- Create a U.S. Peace Academy, as a sister organization to the U.S. Military Academy
- And much more...

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*In September 2005, a bill
to establish a cabinet-level
Department of Peace and
Nonviolence was put before
both chambers of Congress*



*The difference between what
we do and what we are capable of
doing would suffice to solve most
of the world's problems.*

– Monhandas K. Gandhi

The primary function of a United States Department of Peace and Nonviolence will be to research, articulate and facilitate nonviolent solutions to domestic and international conflict.

Why a Department of Peace?

Throughout the United States, there are countless peace building projects lead by experts skilled at reducing violence. Their methods are effective, yet their work remains greatly underutilized.

The Department of Peace will support proven programs and develop policies aimed at reducing domestic violence, child abuse, gang violence, hate crimes and other forms of societal violence.

Internationally, the Department will advise the President and Congress about proven, cutting edge techniques for peace building among nations.

Who We Are

New Yorkers for a Department of Peace (NYDOP) is a local citizen organization, and part of a national effort initiated by The Peace Alliance, to establish a cabinet-level, Department of Peace within the U.S. Government. **NYDOP** empowers ordinary citizens to have a greater impact on the political process by providing education events and trainings. Using public outreach and the media, **NYDOP** works to raise public awareness about the power and effectiveness of nonviolent alternatives.



NYDOP members outside City Hall in NYC and outside the Capitol in Washington, D.C..

Senate bill S. 1756

*It isn't enough to talk about peace.
One must believe in it. And it isn't enough
to believe in it. One must work at it.*

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Creating a Culture of Peace

In 2005, **New Yorkers for a Department of Peace** brought together a core team of committed volunteers each and every month to plan and carry out our work.

In 2005 we:

- Developed and facilitated workshops across the city; provided speakers for special events weekly; offered information that reached more than 100,000 people; and provided lobbying training to 60 citizens
- Arranged for 20 New Yorkers to receive training at the National Department of Peace Conference in Washington D.C. and to lobby Congress
- Received media coverage in local newspapers and radio outlets, and published 26 newsletters to our growing membership

In 2006 we incorporated as a 501(c)4 and **our goals are bold!** We are:

- Meeting with a new Member of Congress each month to discuss the Department of Peace legislation
- Delivering a year-long program of conflict transformation at an institution for violent youths
- Partnered with **Brooklyn Nonviolent Communication** and providing conflict resolution skills to the general public
- Creating a 10-minute documentary to show the power of nonviolence and dispel common myths
- Launching **100 years of Nonviolence: Gandhi and September 11 1906-2006**, a campaign cosponsored with the **M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence** commemorating the 100-year Anniversary of Gandhi's decision to use nonviolence
- Sending **NYDOP** leaders to the **International People's Initiative for Departments of Peace and World Peace Forum** in Victoria, Canada

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Invest in a Future of Peace

Every great social achievement — from women's suffrage to civil rights — has succeeded because of the support of citizens willing to fund the dream into action.



A Peace Festival in Armenia, NY with Eve and Julia Fagan, daughters of Kevin Fagan; New Yorkers for a Department of Peace co-founder.

The United States has reached a critical moment in its history — a moment we can seize to help create a different future for our children and our children's children; a future where peace is the driving force through which we express our humanity; and where the pursuit of peace is intrinsically part of the dialogue around national security, conflict resolution, and education.

Your gift will help us manifest our goals for 2006 and beyond. With your help, we can increase our impact in New York and nationally, and give a voice to the history, benefits, and efficacy of peace and nonviolence. Please help us to be the change we wish to see in the world. **Make your gift today:** online at **www.nyc-dop.com** or by check to **New Yorkers for a Department of Peace**. Thank you for joining us!

House bill H.R. 3760