



*"and they shall beat their swords
into ploughshares, and spears
into pruning hooks; nation shall
not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any
more." (Isaiah 2:4)*

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Canada's Disarming Domestic Violence Campaign Launches in Guelph, Ontario, Friday, June 19

During the Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence, June 15-21, organizations in 85 countries are hosting events to draw attention to the human toll of small arms proliferation and misuse. The Disarming Domestic Violence campaign was started by the Women's Network of IANSA - the International Action Network for Action on Small Arms, (www.iansa.org). Perhaps most shockingly, the greatest risk of gun violence to women around the world is not on the streets, or the battlefield, but in their own homes. Project Ploughshares (www.ploughshares.ca), the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children (www.crvawc.ca), and Peacebuild (www.peacebuild.ca) are coordinating the Canadian activities of the Disarming Domestic Violence campaign. Disarming Domestic Violence is the first international campaign to protect women from gun violence in the home. The main goal is to ensure that all persons with a history of domestic abuse are denied access to a firearm, or have their licenses revoked. Canada's laws can serve as a model for other countries in the world, where such laws do not exist.

On Friday, June 19th, at 7 pm, Disarming Domestic Violence kicks off in Guelph with a screening of the Canadian documentary *Devil's Bargain: A Journey into the Small Arms Trade* at Ed Video, 40 Baker Street, in Guelph. *Devil's Bargain* is narrated by Kiefer Sutherland and directed by award-winning Canadian Shelley Saywell. Admission is free (with non-perishable food donations accepted for Marianne's Place shelter). All are invited to view the film and learn more about the Disarming Domestic Violence Campaign. The film screening is a joint presentation of Project Ploughshares and Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (www.gwwomenincrisis.org). From France to South Africa, Bosnia, Moldova, the United States and Canada, *Devil's Bargain* examines the ways in which guns slip from legal to illicit markets. From dealers, to pilots, to end-users, to the victims, we discover a largely unregulated trade in what has become the globalization of death. For more information on *Devil's Bargain* please visit: <http://www.bisharifilms.com/>.

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