



Art and Media Activities

Sometimes disarmament campaigns use art and media to get our messages out to the world and to help people understand the problems with weapons. Children’s art was an important tool in the movement to ban landmines. There are a lot of ways you can use art or social media to support disarmament.

Design a Disarmament Poster

Sometimes pictures speak louder than words. Pick a disarmament issue you care about and brainstorm different images and slogans that effectively convey your message. Poster visuals can use symbolism or realism. Discuss how a hidden, subtle or even shocking message can make people think further about an issue. Posters can be made on paper or you could design an image to share on social media.

A Call to the World

You have been given five minutes to livestream to every social media account on the planet in order to speak to the world and the world leaders about the importance of disarmament. Anyone who has any social media account will see your speech the next time they log in and most television and radio stations will show it as well. You need to be very clear. No other person has ever had this opportunity before. Choose a disarmament issue and write your speech. Try to think of ways to reach both the hearts and minds of your listeners. What arguments will work for everyone regardless of age, gender or location?

Design a Peace Symbol*

The anti-nuclear emblem, designed in 1958 for Britain’s Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, is one of the most widely recognized symbols in the world. It’s more commonly known as the peace sign or peace symbol. It’s often used in popular culture and advertising. The design includes the naval code letters for “N” and “D”—to stand for “nuclear disarmament”. The letter “N” is represented by holding two flags in a downward position, 45 degrees from the body; the letter “D” is represented by holding one flag directly upwards and another directly downwards. See if you can come up with an inspiring peace symbol of your own.



* Adapted from the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons’ Learn Peace (2011)

Transform the Bomb

Grab a pencil, crayon or paintbrush and transform a nuclear bomb into something peaceful. We call it citizen disarmament! You can send the images to politicians to show them that there's strong public support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Help build the movement through art!

Here's the image of a nuclear bomb. Transform the image of a nuclear bomb into something peaceful. Encourage others to do the same, and then organize an exhibition of the best images.

