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# Goal 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions



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# Who is Development Perspectives?



Development Perspectives is a Development Education NGO and registered charity (No. 18555) based in Drogheda, County Louth, Ireland. Our vision of the world is one where people live in peace with each other, in harmony with nature, free from the shackles of hunger and poverty and who are willing to work and co-operate with each other to bring about an equitable, just and sustainable world.



Our mission is to contribute to lessening poverty, inequality and climate change through transformative education and active global citizenship.



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# Goal 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

By 2030 the UN want to:

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5e0a7rpp1sw>

**Target 16.1:** Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere.

**Target 16.2:** End abuse, exploitations, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.

**Target 16.3:** Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all.

**Target 16.4:** Significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime.

**Target 16.5:** Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms.

# Goal 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

By 2030 the UN want to:

**Target 16.6** Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.

**Target 16.7** Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.

**Target 16.8** Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance.

**Target 16.9** Provide legal identity for all, including birth registration.

**Target 16.10** Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.

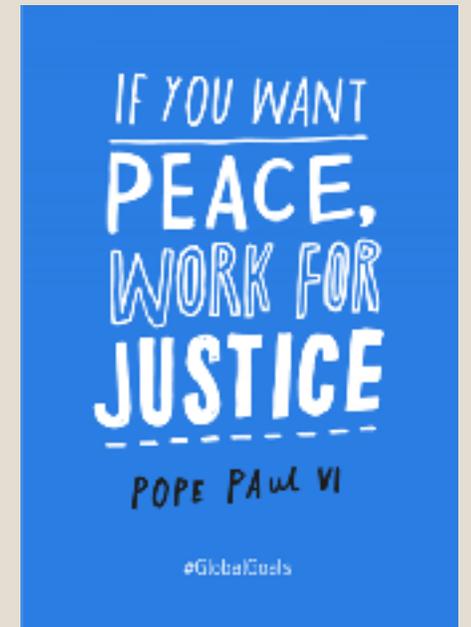
<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/files/metadata-compilation/Metadata-Goal-16.pdf>

# Goal 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

How the UN is going to make this happen:

**16.a:** Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.

**16.b:** Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development.



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# Understand

## Facts and Figures

- The number of refugees of concern to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) stood at 13 million in mid-2014, up from a year earlier.
- Corruption, bribery, theft and tax evasion cost some US \$1.26 trillion for developing countries per year.
- The rate of children leaving primary school in conflict-affected countries reached 50% in 2011, which amounts to 28.5 million children.
- Human trafficking affects every country of the world, as country of origin, transit or destination. Victims from at least 127 countries have been found to be exploited in 137 States.

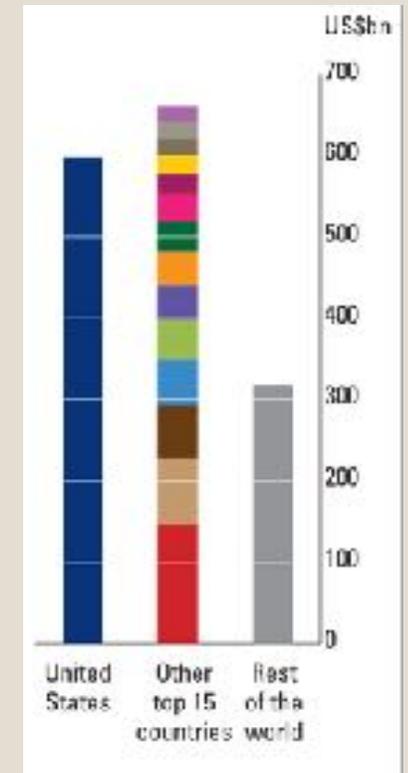
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# Understand

## Global weapons trade:

- Dispatches with Mark Thomas: After School Arms Club.  
*“Two groups of high school kids, one from England and one from Ireland set up shop as online arms dealers and broker various deals, shipping arms from the Far East to homes in America.”* <http://bit.ly/2uNbZsn> (Documentary)
- The global transfer of major weapons systems rose over the past five years to the highest volume since the end of the Cold War. <http://bit.ly/2teS6WV> (Article)
- Is the best solution to nuclear proliferation, nuclear disarmament? <http://nyti.ms/2gUG1Vn> (Opinion piece)
- *“The International Institute for Strategic Studies released its Military Balance 2016 report, the report showed — yet again — that US military spending easily dwarfed the rest of the world.”* <http://wapo.st/2vyN5KD> (Article)



<http://bit.ly/2uNDKAw>

# Understand



## **Palestine, Israel and the Arab-Israeli Conflict.**

- The conflict between Palestinian Arabs and Jews is a modern phenomenon, which began around the turn of the 20th century. Although these two groups have different religions, religious differences are not the cause of the conflict. It is essentially a struggle over land. (Beinin & Hajjar) [http://www.developmentperspectives.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Palestine-Israel\\_Primer\\_MERIP.pdf](http://www.developmentperspectives.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Palestine-Israel_Primer_MERIP.pdf)
- What is it like to live in a military occupied territory? (Documentary by Trocaire) <https://www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/thisispalestine>
- Is it too late for a two-state solution? (Robert Fisk - article) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/columnists/robert-fisk/everyone-knows-a-twostate-solution-in-israel-and-palestine-is-impossible-now-35371536.html>
- Noam Chomsky on the future of Palestine in the Trump era. (Video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiqiHx7X6OM>

# Understand



## **The United Nations:**

“The United Nations is an international organization founded in 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The mission and work of the United Nations are guided by the purposes and principles contained in it’s founding Charter.”

About the UN: <http://www.un.org/en/about-un/index.html>

## **What is the UN? An introduction:**

- <http://bit.ly/2uOcZfl> (Information - Amnesty International)
- <http://bit.ly/2vzcrrp> (Video)
- Why is Global Security Decided By 5 Countries? A look at why the UN Security Council is overseen by 5 member states - Russia, China, France, USA & the UK. <http://bit.ly/2elo2AN> (Video - Seeker Network)
- 4 Things You Should Know About The Hague: <http://bit.ly/2vNTO2t> (Article - Huffington post)
- 70 years and half a trillion dollars later: what has the UN achieved? <http://bit.ly/2vNMPXk> (Article + Video – The Guardian)

# Act

**Action is a key component to achieving Goal #16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. Take one or more of the challenges below this August to make your contribution to the #SDGchallenge.**

**Get informed:** Engage with articles, blogs, videos and campaigns in this pack.

**Be political:** Sign the IPSC petition to ‘End the Irish Arms Trade with Israel’.

**Educate:** Host a workshop, talk or discussion about Goal #16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

**#HostYourOwn:** Host a screening of Trócaire’s #ThisIsPalestine in your community.

# Act

## **Challenge #1 – Get Informed**

We are asking you to read this information pack on Goal #16 and learn more about the efforts being made around the world to help achieve Goal #16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

You can begin this journey by reading the articles or watching the videos in the 'Understand' section of this information pack.

## **Challenge #2 – Be Political**

With the devastating impact of the arms industry in many parts of the world including Palestine, we are asking you to get involved with the Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC) calling on the Irish government to place an immediate arms embargo upon the state of Israel.

<http://www.ipsc.ie/noarmstrade>

# Act

## **Challenge #3 – Educate**

This challenge invites you to discuss how you can share your knowledge of Goal #16 with your friends, family or community. It can be an informal chat with a cuppa or an organised workshop where you can tackle the issue head on with a group.

Be sure to share any educational activities online using #SDGchallenge.

## **Challenge #4 – #HostYourOwn**

Are you passionate about raising awareness of the human right violations currently effecting the people of Palestine? Why not host your own screening of Trócaire's 'This is Palestine' which documents the lives of people living a daily reality of military occupation and economic blockade.

Documentary can be found here - <https://www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/thisispalestine>

# Irish organisations making a difference

Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It was established in 1973 as a way for Irish people to donate to development and emergency relief abroad. Their dual mandate is to support the most vulnerable people in the developing world, while also raising awareness of injustice and global poverty at home.

Trócaire works with partners in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and Israel to support those affected by conflict and human rights violations, as well as helping to raise international awareness around the injustice of human rights violations.

Check out their documentary here - <https://www.trocaire.org/whatwedo/wherewework/opt-israel>

Website: [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)



# Share

Sharing our actions on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram allows us to raise awareness about Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions in Ireland and around the world and to raise awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals.



No matter which challenge you take, be sure to share it!  
Check out our Facebook Group #SDGchallenge. You can share your actions here and inspire other SDG advocates!



Or you can Tweet us @SDGchallenge. Follow us for daily updates and interesting reads on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions for the month of August!



Follow us on Instagram @SDGchallenge and make sure to tag #SDGs and #globalgoals in your posts