

Types of intervention

● Local Nonviolent Actions and Campaigns

Intention: to take nonviolent action locally in support of a struggle in another country.

[Among examples Burrowes cites is the boycott of South African goods during the Apartheid period.]

● Mobilisation Actions

Intention: to draw attention to a grievance of international concern and to mobilise people to act in response to that concern.

[For instance: the 1960-61 San Francisco-Moscow March.]

● Nonviolent Humanitarian assistance

Intention: to provide humanitarian assistance despite the danger and in defiance of the legal, political, economic and/or military constraints imposed by elites.

[For instance Operation Omega, 1971-73 to West Pakistan/Bangladesh, and Operation Namibia, 1976.]

● Nonviolent Reconciliation and Development

Intention: to facilitate conflict resolution, community reconciliation, and/or community development by participating in projects that encourage conflicting parties to work together to achieve shared aims in defiance of the legal, political, economic and/or military constraints imposed by elites.

[For instance the Cyprus Resettlement Project, 1972-74 aimed at getting Greek and Turkish communities to work together to repair and build houses in a village from which Turkish people had fled or been expelled.]

● Nonviolent Witness and Accompaniment

Intention: to create a safe, localised political space so that activists can engage in nonviolent activity.

[For instance the accompaniment work of Peace Brigades International in Central America and Sri Lanka.]

● Nonviolent Intercession

Intention: to be present in a zone of political, social, economic or ecological violence; to highlight the suffering

the violence is causing; to generate solidarity action (sometimes limited to lobbying elites) by grassroots activists and networks in other parts of the world; and, if possible, to stop the violence directly.

[For instance the voyage of the Golden Rule, 1958, to the US nuclear testing site in the Pacific, and the Sahara Protest Team, 1959-60 aimed at preventing French nuclear tests in the Sahara.]

● Nonviolent Solidarity

Intention: to be present in a zone of military violence to share the danger with local people; to highlight the suffering the violence is causing; to generate awareness of, and support for, grassroots initiatives to halt the war; and generate solidarity action by grassroots activists and networks in other parts of the world.

[For instance the international march in April-May 1992 from the Thai border of Cambodia to Phnom Penh – and subsequent years – to promote peace and reconciliation in Cambodia. The march is known as the Dhammayietra.]

● Nonviolent Interposition

Intention: to position nonviolent activists between conflicting parties to help prevent or halt war.

[For instance the efforts by Maude Royden in 1932 to raise a nonviolent "peace army" to position itself between Chinese and Japanese forces in Shanghai, or the attempts by the Nonviolent Action in Vietnam group in 1968 to place themselves in US target areas in North Vietnam.]

9. Nonviolent Invasion

Intention: to invade, and perhaps occupy, a violent (or potentially violent) space to lower the risk or level of violence, or to expedite social change.

[Example: the attempts by Indian satyagrahis in 1955 to invade Portuguese controlled Goa.]

Text based on an extract from Robert Burrowes' *Cross-border Nonviolent Intervention: A Typology* (see p32).

Contacts

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● **Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)**, currently has projects in the West Bank, Mexico, and North America; see also articles on pages 26 and 27.

Christian Peacemaker Teams, PO Box 6508, Chicago IL 60680-6508, USA (fax +1 312 666 2677; email cpt@igc.org; <http://www.priernet.org/cpt/>).

● **European Platform on Conflict Prevention and Transformation** publishes the *Conflict Prevention Newsletter*; Conflict Prevention Newsletter (+31 30 253 75 28; fax 31 30 253 7529; email euconflict@antenna).

● **Friends Peace Teams Project**, PO Box 10372, San Antonio, TX 782100372, USA (+1 877 814 6972; email fptp@quaker.org; <http://www.quaker.org/fptp>).

● **Global Nonviolent Peace Force (GNPF)**, 801 Front Ave, St Paul, MN55103, USA (+1 651 487 0800; fax 489 1335; email info@nonviolentpeaceforce.org; website <http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org>).

● **International Alert (IA)**, they aim to identify and address the root causes of violence and contribute to the just and peaceful transformation of violent internal conflict..

International Alert, 1 Glyn Street, London SE11 5HT, Britain (+44 20 793 8383; fax 793 7975; email general@international-alert.org; <http://www.international-alert.org>).

● **Michigan Peace Team**, 1516 Jerome St., Lansing MI 48912, USA (+1 517 484 3178; fax 484 4219; email michpeacteam@peacenet.org; <http://www.traverse.net/nonprof/peacteam/default.html>).

● **Nonviolence International** maintains offices in Southeast Asia, the Caucasus, and the USA. Website:

www.members.tripod.com/nviusa

● **Peace Brigades International (PBI)**, modelled in part on *Shanti Sena*, placed its first nonviolent accompaniment team in Nicaragua in 1983. Subsequent projects have been in Guatemala (1983-1998), El Salvador (), Sri Lanka (-1998).

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● **Servicio Internacional Para La Paz (SIPAZ)**, is a multinational observer/accompaniment project in the Mexican state of Chiapas.

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● **UN Volunteers** are sent to work alongside civilian monitoring, relief, and election programmes.

United Nations Volunteers, Humanitarian Relief Unit, Palais des Nations, CH-1211, Genève 10, Switzerland.

● **Voices in the Wilderness** challenges the sanctions on Iraq through delivery of medical and other aid.

Voices In The Wilderness, 1460 West Carmen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640 USA (+1 773 784 8065; fax 784 8837; email kkelly@igc.apc.org; <http://www.nonviolence.org/vitw>).

● **Witness for Peace**, which began its work with nonviolent interposition during the Contra war in Nicaragua, now sends short-term delegations of US citizens to Latin American countries undergoing social or structural violence.

Witness for Peace, 1229 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005 (+1 202 588 1471; fax 588 1472; email witness@witnessforpeace.org; <http://www.witnessforpeace.org>).

● **An excellent website** with details of forthcoming international peace team volunteering opportunities, plus contact details for around 20 (predominantly US-based) peace team organisations, can be found at <http://www.traverse.net/nonprofit/peacteam/schedule>