INVITATION

The Surviving Gun Violence Project and the Secretariat of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development in collaboration with the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding invite you to a discussion on policy development related to survivors of armed violence.

Chair:
Keith Krause, Director, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding; Programme Director, Small Arms Survey; and Professor of International Relations, Graduate Institute of Geneva.

Speakers:
- Cate Buchanan, Director, Surviving Gun Violence Project providing an overview of the key findings and recommendation from the book, "Gun Violence, Disability and Recovery";

The seminar will be of interest and value to those working in the areas of weapons control, human rights, social protection, humanitarian action, criminal justice, health, and international normative developments.

Details:
Date: 7 March 2014  Time: 12:30-14:30
Location: Ivan Pictet auditorium, Maison de la Paix | Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, Geneva
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About the policy paper: Every year an estimated 526,000 lives are lost as a direct result from armed violence. Survivors on the other hand are, quite literally, “countless”. Ratios ranging from one to eight survivors for every fatality are circulating, but in truth there is no reliable estimate of their numbers. The states adhering to the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development provided a strong policy message in 2011 by committing to “recogniz[ing] and ensur[ing] the rights of victims of armed violence in a non-discriminatory manner, including, inter alia, provision for their adequate care and rehabilitation, as well as their social and economic inclusion”. In view of the five Regional Review Conferences of the Geneva Declaration, the GD Secretariat will release a policy paper highlighting the issues to be considered for building a strategy for all survivors of armed violence that is inclusive, non-discriminatory, and effective.

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About the book: “Gun Violence, Disability and Recovery” includes chapters on victims’ rights, traumatic injuries, rehabilitation and recovery, social protection, as well as country case studies on Canada, Guatemala, India, Somalia, and South Africa. Shorter pieces are also included on spinal cord injury in Haiti, the 2011 victims’ law in Colombia, the plight of a prisoner with gun-related paralysis in the South African penal system, gun violence and masculinity, and much more. Unique profiles from individual survivors are woven across all elements as well as in stand-alone pieces. Dozens of contributors from all over the world and across numerous disciplines contributed to the book as writers, reviewers and endorsers. Payments (100%) received for the book are going to the Transitions Foundation in Guatemala, an inspiring organisation, established by survivors of violence working directly with people injured and impaired from gun violence, as well as disability more broadly.

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