



Pedro Reyes

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Palas por pistolas

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Initiator:
Pedro Reyes

Location:
Mexico

Category:
politics, economy, environment,
social

Users:
Pedro Reyes, local chain store,
schools, inhabitants.

Maintained by:
Botanical Garden, Culiacán (2008);
Vancouver Art Gallery (2008); San
Francisco Art Institute (2008);
Maison Rouge, Paris (2008); Lyon
Biennial (2009); Marfa, Texas
(2010); Denver, Colorado (2010)

Duration:
2008 - ongoing

Description:

The project involved the citizens in the public destruction of weapons using a steamroller in a military base. Subsequently, the metal was reused to create shovels, which served to plant trees. On the handle of each shovel blade, there is a description that shows how the weapon has now become a peaceful instrument. The project was supported by a local TV station, which invited citizens to give up a weapon, and also, a local chain store which gave a coupon to be used for shopping by anyone who gave up a weapon.

Goals:

To make the public aware that there is a direct relationship between crime and the number of weapons in circulation.

Beneficial Outcomes:

During the first campaign, 1527 weapons were collected.

Images:

