

Short introduction of the organisation

In Dutch: Stichting voor Actieve Geweldloosheid (SVAG) In English:



“Geweldloze Kracht” or Nonviolent Power

Our website and Newsbulletin have the name “nonviolent power”, as we are emphasising that nonviolence is not only the absence of violence, but also a form of power without hierarchy that can be cultivated through working together in taking an active stance for **justice and peace, equality, equity and human dignity**, as well as **respect for the natural world**.

We understand that there is not only physical & verbal violence or “direct” violence, but also **structural violence**, built into the institutions of society, and **cultural violence**, woven into our ways of thinking, stories, arts, knowledge production etc. **Therefore, nonviolence has to be constructed on all these three levels.**

Foundation for Active Nonviolence - Netherlands

Short History/Background

Inspired by Gandhi, M.L.King and others a group of Christians and Humanists gathered in 1962 to discuss setting up a **study and training group for nonviolent action**. In **1966** they started a foundation.

The foundation published a **magazine, brochures**, and translation of mostly English **books** in Dutch. In 2008 a start was made to compile a **'Handbook Nonviolent Power for a Peaceful Society'**.

While training played an important role initially, this gradually declined until a new person joined in 2015.

Current international trainings

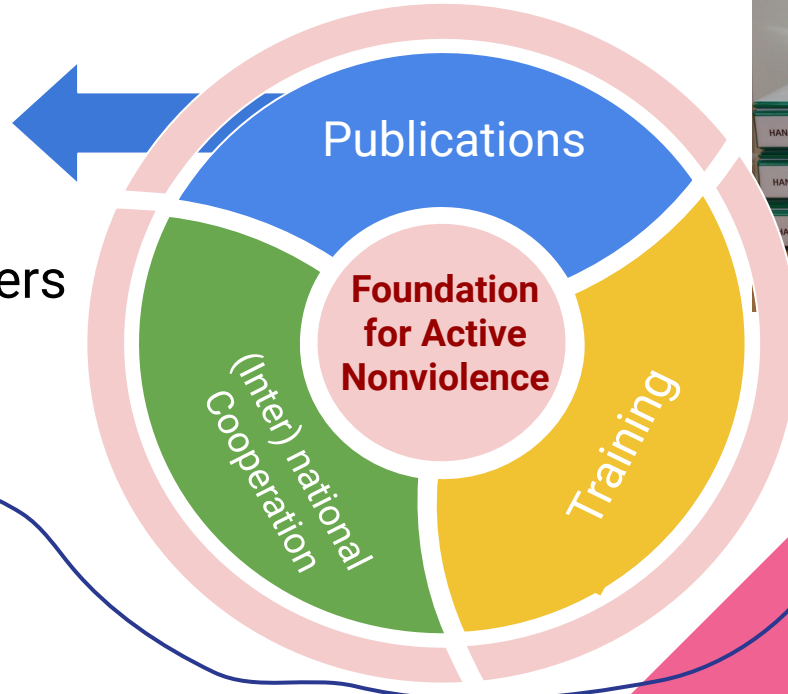
Since 2015 the foundation offers international training courses, co-funded by Erasmus+, initiated by Nina Koevoets who informed people about the project on her website “**Towards a Nonviolent World**”. Yearly training courses were implemented in The Netherlands, as well as one training in the UK. Since 2020 a new name has been adopted: **Peace Power**.

Go to: www.peace-power.org



Foundation for Active Nonviolence Main Activities

- Information bulletin
- Website
- Online magazine
- Articles in newspapers & magazines
- Handbook



Another publication: Study Guide

The Project Coordinator and trainer Nina Koevoets has co-authored a Study Guide “**Engaging Nonviolence**. Activating Nonviolent Change in our Lives and our World”, published by an organisation in the United States, “Pace e Bene”.



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