

## [Mayor's Office to Prevent Gun Violence \(nyc.gov\)](https://www.nyc.gov)

The **Office to Prevent Gun Violence (OPGV)** is the backbone of New York City's efforts to work with New Yorkers to create peace and prevent gun violence.

Reducing the remaining gun violence in the city requires both the continuation of these strategies and adoption of innovative approaches that extend beyond traditional law enforcement to shift social norms and activate New Yorkers to help prevent shootings.

**OPGV works to coordinate the city's various anti-gun violence initiatives, amplify community-based intervention and prevention services, and introduce technological solutions to prevent gun violence to create safe, empowered and interconnected communities in New York City.**

## [Peace Ambassadors](#)



**The Peer Leadership Committee:** The Office to Prevent Gun Violence's Peer Leadership Committee consists of New Yorkers ages 16 to 24 who have been impacted by gun violence and are looking to affect change in New York City. OPGV Peer Leadership Committee travels to all five boroughs, hosting anti-violence events and facilitating discussion on how to promote peace.

***"I don't want any more of my friends to be killed, or anyone I love."***



***"Our communities pay a terrible price for our culture of violence."***





***"I know people who join gangs because they think being part of a crew will keep them safe. That just leads to violence and negativity."***



***"I value my life"***

