

Guns turned into symbols of peace

GUNS seized across Manchester have been melted down and turned into peace badges.

The weapons have been turned into fashion accessories as part of a joint project between Salford University and south Manchester anti-violence charity CARISMA.

The badges carry the logo of Wearpeace, a brand that has been created as part of the 'Guns into Goods' initiative.

Project manager Sam Ingleston, from the university's school of art and design, said: "It's about using art to engage communities. We wanted to raise awareness of the issues surrounding gun crime and take something associated with violence and put a positive spin on it."

The guns were handed to



GOOD COMES OUT OF BAD

A Wearpeace badge made from melted-down guns, right

police during amnesties. Campaigners now plan to make products from gun powder, grinding it down to make ink for labels or t-shirt logos.

CARISMA is set to launch Peace Week 2011 with an event that showcases accessories from the Wearpeace initiative.

A 'Guns into Goods' family event is being held at Stretford



High School as part of Manchester Science Festival – between 10 and 1pm on October 23. For more information visit wearpeace10.wordpress.com.