

Stephen Hecht is co-founder and Chief Executive Peacemaker of Million Peacemakers. Stephen brings over 30 years of personal and business experience to the field of conflict resolution and is co-author of the bestseller, *Nonflict: The Art of Everyday Peacemaking*.

Million Peacemakers is a non-profit organization which empowers people to transform conflict to Nonflict. Over 140,000 people around the world were trained in the first four years with a focus on youth, families and businesses. His inspiration came from his multi faith work and his own transformation in focussing on the commonality in people over the differences.

Winner of the Canada Award for Business Excellence and the YMCA Peace Medal, Stephen served YPO (Young President's Organization) leadership at Chapter, Regional and International levels with a focus on education. He is currently co-chair of an international innovation event and is the incoming Vice Chair of the Peace Action Network.

Stephen also chairs the Advisory Board of the McGill International Community Action Network (ICAN) that brings together Masters in Social Work students from across the Middle East, with whom he shares the Nonflict way which they take back to their 11 grass roots community centers.

In the past 12 months, Stephen has led Nonflict way workshops in Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, USA including Puerto Rico, Japan, Thailand, Philippines, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, Bulgaria, England, Germany, Spain and Canada.

Stephen has an MBA from Ivey Business School, Western University, Canada and a B. Comm. from McGill.

Married to Naomi, Stephen has 4 children and 3 step-children.

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