

# SHUT DOWN HECKLER & KOCH

**Did you know that Nottingham is home to a major arms company - Heckler & Koch?**

## **What is Heckler & Koch?**

Heckler & Koch is the world's 2nd-largest manufacturer of handguns, assault rifles, submachine guns, machine guns and grenade launchers. Millions of H&K weapons are in use in over 90 countries worldwide.

## **The Case Against Heckler & Koch**



Heckler & Koch guns have caused an estimated 1.5 million deaths worldwide. They have been sold to repressive regimes and warzones:

- In Darfur, the Janjaweed have been armed with H&K assault rifles.
- In Kenya, H&K guns were used in the 2008 post-election massacres.
- In Kosovo, Serbian police used H&K guns to kill Albanian villagers.
- In Iraq, the notorious mercenary army Blackwater (which has shot and killed unarmed civilians) is using H&K machine guns.
- In S. Ossetia, Georgian soldiers were illegally armed with H&K guns.

**It is Heckler & Koch's Nottingham office that is responsible for the company's "international customer sales"!**

The arms trade is inherently unethical: Legal loopholes, brokers and gun-runners make it easy to evade arms embargoes, and older weapons are often resold to countries with poor human rights. This is how Heckler & Koch weapons have come to be used by repressive regimes, terrorists, armed gangs and child soldiers around the world.

## **The Campaign To Shut Down Heckler & Koch**

Outraged by the presence of such an unethical company, a group of Nottingham residents established a campaign called Shut Down H&K. In a city that became infamous for gun crime, we think it's obscene that this company is selling guns to customers around the world. If you don't want Nottingham to be home to a company that profits from war, get involved!



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