



**There have been a number of violent attacks around the world in recent weeks: 50 people were killed in attacks in New Zealand, 253 died in attacks in Sri Lanka, the journalist Lyra McKee was shot in Derry, dozens of young people have lost their lives to knife crime in the UK and abroad and thousands die every day due to conflicts around the world.**

**Read this quotation and discuss what it means to you...**



**“Though a sea of  
difference may divide  
us, an entire world of  
commonality lies  
beneath”**

**James Rozoff**

**People often talk about the need to think global and act local.**

**What attitudes and behaviours would reduce conflict in our community and beyond?**

**“What begins with the failure to uphold the dignity of one life all too often ends with a calamity for entire nations.”**

**Kofi Annan  
Former UN General Secretary**

## **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:**

**We can take some comfort that our world is actually becoming less violent when compared with previous times in history.**

**Look at [these resources](#) and consider the reasons why there is a downward trend in violence over a long time period.**

**Is this trend guaranteed in the future?  
What are the dangers that lie ahead?**