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Peace Wave News

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***The 75th Anniversary of the Hiroshima and
Nagasaki Days Commemorated with
Hundreds of Grass-roots Actions Worldwide,
Calling for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons***

Peace Wave Swept around the World from August 6 to 9, 2020

Many thanks to you all, from the grass-roots peace groups/individuals to international organizations for joining the Peace Wave that circled around the globe from August 6 to 9. Numerous reports/plans, news articles/clippings, movies on YouTube and webinar results reached us from 24 countries. We have been deeply impressed and amazed by the strong commitment expressed by the peace movements to the cause of creating a nuclear weapon-free world. Please refer also to more listing of activities on the Peace Wave News [Vol.1](#), [Vol.2](#) and [Vol.3](#).



[Peace Wave Kite-Flying](#) conducted by the Pilonas family of Santiago, the Philippines on August 6

Japan

Peace Wave grass-roots activities were carried out in hundreds of cities/towns all over Japan in all 47 prefectures. Results of the activities are still coming in and are available from [Gensuikyo website](http://www.gensuikyo.org/): (in Japanese).



2020 World Conference against A and H Bombs, August 2 – 9 (online)

The 2020 World Conference against A and H Bombs was held successfully with the International Meeting on August 2, World Conference-Hiroshima Day on August 6 and World Conference-Nagasaki Day on August 9. From all over the world, several thousands of people joined in the programs through Zoom and YouTube livestreaming. In addition, 4 special forums were held on different themes: (1) Supporting the Hibakusha, inheriting and disseminating their stories; (2) Solidarity with Okinawa and dismantling of foreign military bases; (3) Solidarity with the Hibakusha and Agent Orange/dioxin victims and (4) A nuclear-free, peaceful Northeast Asia and the role of peace movements. You can access the speech texts and watch the recordings of these programs: http://www.antiatom.org/english/world_conference/

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Featured speakers in the 2020 World Conference against A and H Bombs online on August 2, 6 and 9.

Republic of Korea

People's Solidarity for Social Progress: Press conference on August 6: <Hiroshima-Nagasaki 75th anniversary – It's Time for us to Ratify the TPNW!> / Online Selfie Action

Attached is a collection of people with signs, "Nuclear-free and Peaceful Korean Peninsula and East Asia Now! We Want a Nuclear Weapon-Free World!" and "We Urge ROK and World Governments to Ratify the TPNW" in Korean, taken from Aug 6 to 9. I posted this on my Facebook and PSSP Facebook page, etc. I feel very happy that Korean citizens can be a part of the "Peace Wave". Please feel free to use and share these pictures! Thank you for your hard work for the 2020 World Conference against A and H Bombs. We want to continue working with you to create a world without nuclear weapons.

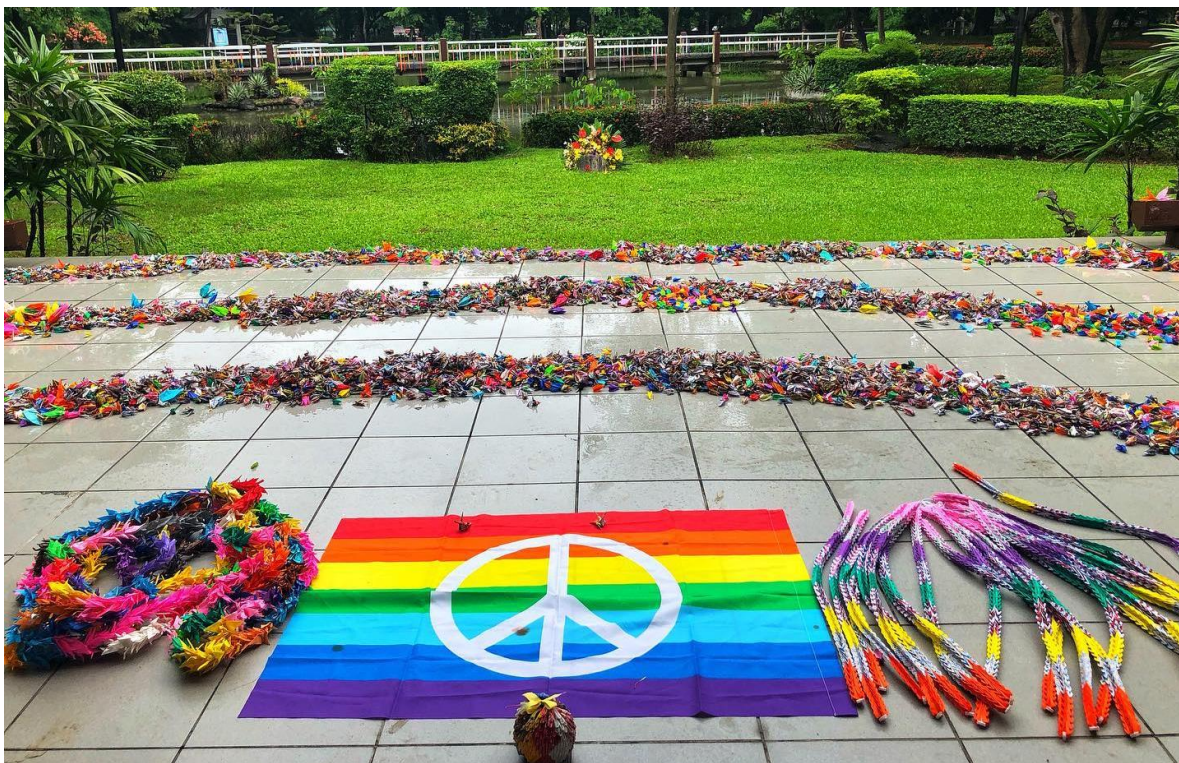
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The Philippines

Commemorative Actions by the [Peace Wave Philippines](#) from August 6 to 9

The Peace Wave Philippines carried out a variety of special programs during August 6 to 9 commemorating the 75th anniversary: Peace memorial ceremonies on August 6 and 9 in [Nurturing Bridges of Peace](#); Paper Crane making; [Lantern floating](#) and many more, in



collaboration with the National Parks Development Committee which administers the Japanese Garden, Luneta Park. Please watch all the activities: <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceWavePh>. Contact: Albert alozada@greenpeace.org; AG, agsano2000@yahoo.com; Malaya, malayavfabros@gmail.com

Peace Women Partners: “Women’s Voices, Women’s Pledge for a New World”, August 8

This Online Forum: WOMEN'S VOICES, WOMEN'S PLEDGE FOR A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD held this August 8, 2020, is our offering to the PEACE WAVE Philippines to commemorate the 75th year of bombing of Hiroshima. and Nagasaki. The key speakers are: Ms. SADAKIYO Yuriko, Hibakusha from Hiroshima; Ms. HIRANO Emiko, Head of International Section, New Japan Women's Association; Ms. KUGIMIYA Nobue, Hyogo Gensuikyo; Dr. Nirupama Prakash, Director of Amity Social Sciences Dept., Amity University, New Delhi, India.

Solidarity messages were delivered by PWP Council of Leaders. The webinar was hosted by Atty. Corazon V. Fabros and Merci Llarinas-Angeles of Peace Women Partners.

The Youtube link is: <https://youtu.be/uaJWG1cbP4k>

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India

Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, India

A peaceful Demonstration is planned at Gandhi statue in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on 6th and 9th of August, to Abolish Nuclear weapons in Earth and space. (Prabhakar Jalluri, prabhakar.jalluri@gmail.com) On 6th August, we will circulate a pamphlet showing the details of the Dangers of Nuclear Weapons.

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Nepal

Nepal AAPSO: 75th Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration Day

Nepal AAPSO conducted a small program for 75th Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration Day, maintaining social distancing. Chairman Hiranya Lal Shrestha spoke on the necessity of complete disarmament and wished for world peace. Nuclear Scientist Prof. Dr. Tulsi Pathak said the destructiveness of nuclear bombs and its use in destruction of Hiroshima-Nagasaki and talked on worldwide Nuclearization. Likewise, Former Minister, Mr. Kripa Sur Sherpa appreciated the work of Gensuikyo in Denunlearization and world peace and also stressed the South Asian region to be nuclear free zone. Some scholars also spoke for the 21st century to be nuclear weapons free zone. Dr. Gopal Pokharel Biwash, General Secretary of the organization said that Nepali citizen are living under menace because of the nuclear competition that recently began in South Asia. After the interaction the participants signed a commitment paper against Nuclear Weapons and expressed their strong Solidarity with the Hibakushas. Many Atomic Pictures were also on display at the interaction program. Warm Regards, Dr. Gopal Pokharel Biwash, General Secretary
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Finland

PAND - Performers and Artists for Nuclear Disarming Finland

Lantern floating was organized in Helsinki on August 6 "For peace and against weapons of mass destruction". <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8435786519/permalink/10158778352746520/>

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Norway

Hiroshima Day Commemorative Service at Oslo Domkirke (Cathedral), August 6

On August 6, Hiroshima Day commemorative service was held at Oslo Cathedral. The video of the service (in Norwegian language) can be watched here:

<https://www.facebook.com/oslodomkirke/videos/1165047100544326/>

Lithuania

A-Bomb Photo

Exhibition by Trakai

Rotary Club, August 4-11

The A-bomb photos exhibition was held on a ship Vytine near Trakai Castle.

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Germany

75 Jahre Hiroshima und Nagasaki: Atomwaffenverbot jetzt!

75 years ago today, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. More than 100,000 people were killed in the bomb. On the occasion of today's memorial day, the peace movement organized more than 180 memorial events that will take place today and in the coming days. Today we want to give you an overview of the dates, our large-scale campaign and the campaign website www.hiroshima-nagasaki.info.

Starting today there will be activities by local peace groups in numerous cities. You will find an overview of 180 entries in the calendar of the Friedenskooperative network. Is there an action in your town too? Take a look and get active! The demand for the disarmament of nuclear weapons can only be realized if enough people take to the streets to do so. You can find all dates [here](#):

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The Netherlands

PAX: Commemorative Actions in Dutch Cities & Petition to PM Mark Rutte

With your support, last week we saw creative actions in 10 Dutch cities, from [Almelo](#) to [Zouterwoude](#), to honour the victims and survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Some chose to fold paper cranes to honour and remember the tragic story of the young girl, Sasako, whose dying wish was to end nuclear horrors. Thousands signed our petition to prime minister Rutte. Dutch Members of Parliament, civil society organizations, political youth parties and faith communities spoke out against nuclear weapons.

Though the Dutch government was silent, other governments used this opportunity to speak loudly. UN Secretary General [Antonio Guterres](#), the [International Committee of the Red Cross](#) (ICRC), the [Pope](#), NZ Prime Minister [Jacinda Ardern](#) and many others did the same. Ireland, Nigeria, Niue and St Kitts and Nevis showed real leadership by ratifying the TPNW.

Thousands of people across the Netherlands signed a petition asking Mark Rutte to recognize the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and use this 75th anniversary to say “Never Again”. Watch the action video [here](#). Motivated by the stories of the survivors and their courageous leadership in the fight against nuclear weapons, we will keep pushing, until the Netherlands signs the TPNW, and until all nuclear weapons are eliminated. Thanks for reading! Susi, Remco, Maaïke & Jill

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Belgium

Vrede: Commemoration on August 6 with music & Lantern Floating on August 4

Dear Peace Wave Committee: So good to see that the world was moving between the 6th and the 9th of August. On the 6th of August, we did a musical tribute to the victims of the A-bomb. You can find a photo report at our website: <https://vrede.be/nieuws/muzikaal-erbetoon-aan-de-slachtoffers-van-de-atoombom-0> and a livestream on our [Facebook page](#):

We also shared testimonies of Hibakusha on social media and had a lot of support of other Belgian organisations who shared these with their followers too. You can find the pictures attached. [Lantern floating ceremony](#) was organized by Vredesoverleg Gent in collaboration with Vrede vzw on August 4.

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Switzerland

A Nagasaki Day commemoration event at the [Nagasaki Peace Bell](#) which stands in front of

the [Henri Dunant Museum](#) in Heiden, 10:30-11:30, August 9

The Peace Bell is one of five copies of the Angelus bells from the [Urakami Cathedral](#) in Nagasaki. The church was destroyed in the atomic blast of August 9, 1945, but one of bells survived and its ringing symbolises hope for peace, life and the abolition of nuclear weapons. The Nagasaki Peace Bell in Heiden, a gift from Nagasaki, arrived there in 2010 in honour of the legacy of Henri Dunant, the founder of the International Red Cross. The bell is rung each year on August 9th in commemoration of the Nagasaki Bombing and as a prayer for peace and nuclear abolition. The program includes the speakers of the IPPNW, Marzhan Nurzhan (Kazakhstan) of Basel Peace Office and music. **Website:**

https://www.dunant-museum.ch/de/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/flyer_PeaceBell_9aug20.pdf

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France

Peace Wave Actions held nationally by Le Mouvement de la Paix, including the Hiroshima Day Action at Brest, Bretagne

On August 6, peace activists gathered in front of the nuclear submarine base in Brest, Bretagne to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombing and called on the French government to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. See photos [here](#). Action was also held in the town of [Rennes](#). Information newsletter was sent to 40,000 followers and 1994 organizations and all the parliamentary elected members, calling on the French government to join the TPNW. Signatures for the "[Appeal of the Hibakusha](#)" are collected on our website. [Exhibition in support of the Peace Wave](#)

was launched in August 2020 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings, using the photos from Gensuikyo.

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Commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Luneville

In Luneville, as in other cities in France, the pacifists were keen to commemorate the nuclear horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to demonstrate with the French Peace Movement to sign the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty. We had fixed for Friday August 07 a 1st meeting in front of the Town hall at 6.30 pm where there were a good ten of us despite the heat; and the second part of the evening from 7 p.m. at Place Léopold to end with a vigil. Although it is August, around 20 supporters have responded to our call. The improvised nocturnal exhibition on Hiroshima with paper lanterns would have to be repeated I think. The last of us left after 10:15 p.m.

I will share the photos of the Eastern Republican press correspondent with you as soon as we have the story of our rally. I am attaching photos of the 2nd part of the evening to you. Good week

starts.

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Peace March by Audois Peace Committee, Caunes Minervois, August 9

For the third time the municipality of Caunes Minervois welcomed the peace walkers for their traditional hike, which commemorates the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. By 8:30 am, the marchers gathered in the abbey gardens to tackle the climb up the quarry alley. They walked over the village, passing the Aude plain and further on overlooking the Alaric, Corbières and Pyrenees. When they returned to village, they were greeted by the mayor of the town, Jean Louis Petit and his deputy Christophe Varennes and the pacifist friends. The city councilor welcomed the pacifist activists and praised their cause. Then the president of the Audois peace committee, Bernard Gils recalled the meaning of this day, thanked the municipality as well as the departmental and regional council and other partners for their support. The afternoon continued in a friendly and fraternal atmosphere around a meal taken from the bag taken in the shade of the abbey gardens and the presentation of a souvenir gift to all participants.



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Commemorative Action in Saint Malo, August 8

Fifteen activists united for the eradication of nuclear weapons in support for the Hibakusha. The Peace Movement mobilized on August 8, in the afternoon, about fifteen of its activists near the Bains-Chauds hold. In this year commemorating 75 years of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, peace advocates wanted to draw the attention of passers-by to the need to end the nuclear arms race. "Seven countries, including France, have not yet signed the nuclear weapons prohibition treaty (TIAN)", recalled the spokesperson Reine Thoré, denouncing the fact that

France, in the last five years, has seen its budget devoted to nuclear weapons to increase from 3.5 to 7 billion euros. Also present was the Rennais Roland Nivet, who on the night from Saturday to Sunday, is due to speak during a video conference as part of the global campaign against the bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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For the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Correze pacifists met as every year in Magali Plage, commune of Liourdres

After the speech of the president of the Corrèze committee of the Mouvement de la Paix, and a good meal, the twenty or so guests joined by holidaymakers from the campsite, lit the 75 candles on the banks of the Hope River to proclaim their desire for peace and the

remembering the victims of atomic bombings. 5 memberships / re-memberships to the Peace Movement were made. Here is the video of this ceremony:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRv63yUIQ_8

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“Peace is cultivated in the Marais de Bourges”: Le Mouvement de la Paix Bourges et Cher

On August 6 from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. the Peace Wave passes through Bourges. 75 years ago "Little Boy" made an event. Tomorrow let's talk about the Peace Wave. Come and cool off in the marshes. Discover the marshes at the rhythm of an artistic stroll with sculpture, poetry, music, painting, storytelling, songs.

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Italy

Action to Commemorate Hiroshima Day at Aviano USAF Base by Blessed Peacemakers

TGR Friuli Venezia Giulia --

Hiroshima Day Peace Action was held in front of Aviano USAF Base in Italy. Peace activists gathered with rainbow flags of peace to recall what happened on 6 and 9 August

1945 in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The event this year was deliberately held in a more contained form, people counted, social distancing, mask to cover nose and mouth ... the Coronavirus, they said, taught us that we can be threatened by something invisible but dangerous, like nuclear weapons. Which are not seen but are there. The two F16 patrols and 8 planes disturbed the demonstration several times. The event was joined by a 19-year old young activist of the Fridays



for Future.

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U.K.

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament on the 2020 Peace Wave

CND was delighted to be a part of the 2020 Peace Wave in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We encouraged all our supporters to mark the moments that the bombs fell (but in UK time), with a silent period of reflection. We designed a cherry blossom poster for anyone to download, and asked supporters to take the poster to somewhere quiet and peaceful at the designated times and take a moment in silence to consider how the devastation caused in Hiroshima and Nagasaki should spur us on to campaign even harder for a world without these weapons of mass destruction.

CND nationally organised two main events as part of the Peace Wave, both online and viewed by hundreds. We organised a music evening in memory of the victims of nuclear and a webinar with Japanese and American activists to discuss the effect of the bombings on the campaigns in the respective countries. CND groups across the UK also arranged in-person and online vigils, rallies and candle-floating events to join the international activity. (Please refer to the [PWN Vol 1-3.](#))

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Stop the War Coalition: #Hiroshima75 - Shabaka Hutchings & Stop the War Present A Composition in Memory of the Victims

The 6th of August 2020 marks 75 years since the atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima, killing an estimated 135,000 people. Stop the War commemorated the occasion with a special performance from jazz revolutionary Shabaka Hutchings: Shabaka Hutchings (Sax/ Clarinet) - Alabaster dePlume (Sax) - BetaMax (Drums) - Neil Charles (Double Bass)

For this occasion, Hutchings has created a new composition in response to those devastating events of August 1945 which will be performed exclusively live across Stop the War's social media platforms.

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Webinar "Atomic Bomb on My Back" by Greater Manchester and District CND, August 9

We've had very good feedback from the people attending the webinar and we had over 400 people watching via Facebook too. The recording of the webinar is now available at:

<https://gmdcnd.com/videos/>

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Algeria

Banners for Peace (online), Mostaganem, August 9

After a training on peace education in 2016 in Japan thanks to UME and Ray Matsumiya, many students and teachers are involved in peace actions at schools. I created a simple website to show how students visualize peace through poems, stories and other artistic ways. The last action was to invite them to create their banners for peace to be involved in world peace. Many

banners will be posted soon on the website www.oleanderpeacemuseum.simplesite.com

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Nigeria

Peace Wave Action by the World Youth Peace Organization



U.S.A.

#StillHere: 75 Years of Shared Nuclear Legacy: August 6-9 (national virtual event) and numerous local events (with map —Very impressive!)

Thank you for being one of the thousands that joined us last week to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United States' nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Those solemn days mark the beginning of the nuclear era and a shared nuclear threat that we are all still facing today. But as you saw during the event, we have hope. Hope that people are waking up to the dangers posed by these weapons and demanding that leaders make a change.

If you'd like to continue working toward that change please look at our [list of partners](#). Each organization is approaching the problem in their own way, but each group could use your help. To get a brief overview of the main issues the groups are working on you can also check out our [issues page](#).

Finally we ask, on behalf our partners in Japan, that you please sign the [hibakusha appeal](#). This petition, created by the survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, calls for a world without nuclear weapons. Thank you again for joining our event, and if you'd ever like to watch it again you can find it [here on YouTube](#). Wishing you peace, - The #StillHere Team

Hi there, I wanted to share the videos from the livestream events that the #StillHere coalition organized:

1. Aug 6th [video](#); [schedule of presentations](#)
2. Aug 9th [video](#); [schedule of presentations](#)

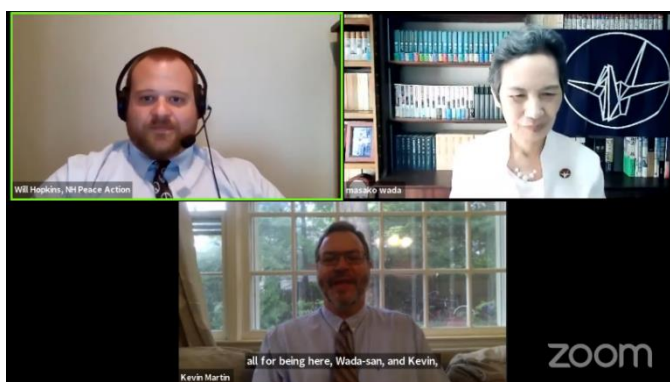
We also tracked over 100 events across the United States over the anniversaries in a [map](#) and [calendar](#).

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Emily Rubino, Peace Action (National)

Hi Everyone, I hope you're all having some time to rest now that the Peace Wave is over! We have the recordings or press coverage of some of our events on this webpage: <https://www.panys.org/2020-07-28-hiroshimanagasaki-75/>. When I have additional time, I will try to compile a more complete report with more photos/ events. We had around 15 events that we or our local chapters were involved in across the state! Thank you for all your hard work. Looking forward to hearing about some of the other Peace Wave events! Peace, Contact: Emily Rubino, emily.rubino@panys.org

Massachusetts Peace Action: Thank You for Commemorating Hiroshima & Nagasaki



Last week, as advocates for peace, we gathered across the Commonwealth to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Posters, candles, and keyboards in hand, we collectively remembered the horror that happened 75 years ago, and called for an end to the nuclear weapons that caused it.

We gathered in person, and online, from Andover to Fall River to Cambridge, where we confronted our local warmaker, Raytheon, and demanded that they cease and desist from developing nuclear weapons. We were broadcasted locally, and internationally. And our message was made clear- NO MORE NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

See the Movie: [Hiroshima Day at Raytheon by Skip Shiel](#)



The Hibakusha, or survivors, have called for the abolition of nuclear weapons for 75 years since the bombings upended their lives. Now, it is our turn to carry on their legacy, and keep fighting until there are no more nuclear weapons. Join Massachusetts Peace Action and peace groups across the state as the fight continues for a world free of nuclear weapons.

Massachusetts Peace Action, along with a coalition of progressive groups including CodePink, WAND, and WILPF, on Tuesday delivered a petition with over 4,800 signatures to the presidential campaigns of President Donald Trump and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden urging both 2020 candidates to incorporate “a vision for peace and serious nuclear disarmament” into their platforms. Read more about it [here](#).

Read about Cambridge for Morning and Evening Programs [here](#). And also [Videos](#).

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Manhattan Project Global Online

Peace Gathering, at 9:30AM

(Eastern), August 5

The online event was presented by:
Veterans for Peace-Chapter 34 (NYC),
Granny Peace Brigade, Hibakusha
Stories/Youth Arts NY, NYC Metro
Raging Grannies, NYC War Resisters
League, Pax Christi Metro NY, Peace

Action Fund NY State, The Ribbon International, Green Party of NY County, World Beyond War, NuclearBan.US, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, CodePink NY, The Catholic Worker, and Manhattan Project for a Nuclear-Free World. The coalition supports the commitment of the Japanese people to protect their peace constitution by retaining Article 9. It encourages them in their continued opposition to Japan’s reliance on the U.S.-Japan military alliance and the U.S.



nuclear umbrella. The coalition's conviction is that nuclear weapons must never be used again against any nation under any circumstances. The message of peace from Hibakusha to the people of the world is an appeal for all to realize a world free of nuclear weapons.

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National Capital Area Hiroshima Virtual Commemoration by Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Committee

On August 6, the 39th annual National Capital Area Hiroshima Virtual Commemoration featured, "Lost Generation," a color documentary about the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Following the film, Leslie Susan, author of *Choosing Life*, discussed how her father, Herbert Sussan, directed the filming of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and 46 and spent the remainder of his life trying to get the footage released. Professor Peter Kuznick introduced the program and Dennis Nelson, a Downwinder, concluded the discussion.

On August 8, an in-person "Candlelight Vigil" will be held at Liberty Plaza (17th and G Streets, NW), Washington, D.C., on August 8, at 9:45pm (EST). Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring candles, peace ribbons or other signs. Moment's silence at 10:02pm.

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PEAC: Hiroshima 75th Memorial "Peace+Art+Music" Global Broadcast

In this historic memorial, we all share an understanding and agenda as radical change agents for peace, *knowing that our challenges are linked, and none of us are free until all of us are free!*

It's an honor to bring you 10 hours of music, art, and Revolutionary Love! In these divisive times, let's come together and share some tender moments. This program can be on, behind your email and other work tabs. Jump over and enjoy a song or dance performance; register for one of our [3 live webinars](#); join PaperWater live for two sets or Tim Reis of the Rolling Stone's Project.

There will be some performers you know and some you don't, but one thing they all have in common is their dedication to justice and peace and how much they get down! This is a memorial, but it is also a tribute to the enduring and resilient human spirit.

We're kicking things off with contributions from our Indigenous Brothers & Sisters in Alaska than to the Hopi Nation for a Sunrise Ceremony! Don't miss it!

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Events organized under the auspices of Peace Action New York State:

Thank you for your support. Last week we marked the 75th Anniversary of the U.S. Atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Here is the link for the video of the August 6th virtual program. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Klsc2uKgG1s&app=desktop>

Below please find a report from Peace Action New York State about vigils and programs around the state. One priority of our work going forward is to call on our NY Senators, LI representatives and candidates to pressure the United States to sign on to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Upstate

Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace (GVCP) held their 46th annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki **Candlelight Vigil** in Avon, NY. (See below)

Upper Hudson Peace Action hosted a **virtual dialogue on Facebook**, including excerpts of John

Hersey's Hiroshima, along with speeches related to the bombing, first account testimonials, videos of Hiroshima, and photographs.

WNY Peace Center, Indigenous Women's Initiatives, Nekanesakt, and Peace Action NYS held a [Press Conference](#) in Buffalo, NY pressing for a NuclearFree Future and full sovereignty and reparations for Indigenous Peoples.

Downstate

Long Island commemorated the 75th anniversary at a [livestreamed event](#) hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, the Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives, and more.

Manhattan Project for a Nuclear Free World hosted a virtual [Peace Gathering](#) to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Peace Action of Staten Island and the Unitarian Church of Staten Island [hosted a virtual exhibit](#) of photos of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, followed by pertinent readings, as part of their Summer Sundays Series.

War Resisters League hosted a 20-panel exhibit in Tompkins Square Park, NYC chronicling the history of the nuclear arms race, the connection with nuclear power, and historic demonstrations against nuclear weapons and power. View the [online slideshow here](#).

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No More Hiroshima, No More Nagasaki: 75 Years of Pledge for Peace (online), August 8, 8:00am

With Morikawa Seishi, a second generation Hibakusha speaking on the link between nuclear weapons and power and his vision of a future of renewable energy, 4 panelists will make presentations, followed by discussion with audience. By listening to the deceased, participants will share the time for deep thoughts and discussion on what we can do for our future. Recording of the program (Japanese) can be viewed [here](#):

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Hiroshima Day Vigil of August 5, Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace

Members of Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace host the organization's annual Hiroshima vigil.

This year's vigil took place in Avon's Circle Park. www.thelcn.com

Video: https://www.thelcn.com/multimedia/hiroshima-vigil-in-avon-aug-5-2020/video_244e44d4-dab7-11ea-a2ff-c713d9f7a06d.html

Livingston County News [Article and photos](#):

Spectrum News coverage of [the vigil](#):

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"Protesters want nukes on people's minds", August 9, Brattleboro, VT

Article and photo by Chris M Ays, *Brattleboro Reformer* cmays@reformer.com



BRATTLEBORO — A small group of activists marched down Main Street in protest of nuclear weapons and excessive military spending, calling attention to the 75th anniversary of America's bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.... Eesha and Elizabeth Williams of New Leaf CSA in Dummerston invited fellow activists to Sunday's demonstration. About 11 people showed up Sunday at the Brattleboro Common to march to the

Brattleboro Food-Coop. Being unsure of interest in the days leading up to the event, Eesha Williams called the turnout "great." "Peace isn't even trending and we got some people," said Kurt Daims of Brattleboro.

Service of Re-Membering and Recommitting to Peace in our World, August 9th 10:00 am, Meriden Congregational Church, UCC, Meriden, NH

We are thrilled to consider our service tomorrow as part of the global Peace Wave marking the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Our hearts are heavy with this remembrance, and we are so grateful to you for allowing us to join waving for peace and justice in and throughout our world. Our Communion Service this morning will be dedicated to remembering this solemn anniversary, and re-dedicating ourselves to a nuclear weapon-free, peaceful and just world. As part of our service, we will encourage signing of the Hibakusha Appeal Petition. In solidarity and hope,

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Hiroshima Commemoration Gathering in Newton (Boston), MA, 6 August 5pm EDT by WILPF Boston Branch

WILPF US Boston made good use of the thousand peace cranes the Ehime Council sent us, to honor the Hibakusha. The branch and other peace activists made hundreds of peace crane pins with messages and handed them out to friends and activists at four rallies in the suburbs of Boston, MA, including one rally on August 6th in Newton where 30 attended and August 9 in Watertown where 60 attended. WILPF participated in a TV talk show regarding the somber anniversary. Members sent a letter to the Newton newspaper and three news writers reported on the August 6 and 9th rallies and the library exhibit WILPF set up on the lawn of the Newton Free Library from August 5 to 10.

The library exhibit consisted of 11 signs with drapes of paper cranes; it depicted an updated history of 1945, including the bombings, the formation of the United Nations and the story of Sadako. It also provided crane pins and messages with links to Hibakusha and signing the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear



Weapons. "Many thanks for honoring us to spread the message using your paper peace cranes. More people are LISTENING now."

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Hiroshima/Nagasaki 75 Commemoration Concert by Puffin West Foundation, Columbus, OH

A concert in support of Hiroshima/Nagasaki 75. please enjoy.

Attached Links: <https://youtu.be/MNbVAtb7Ths>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mx-bMV_SBhA&t=734s

These are only the first editions, we hope to create a total show with historical context.

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Ringling of Japanese Peace Bell in Des Moines, IA, 6 August by WILPF Des Moines Branch

On August 6, the WILPF Des Moines Iowa Branch joined other members from the Peace Community in a commemorative bell ringing at the Japanese Bell of Peace and Friendship, on Thursday, August 6, the day and hour of the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. The bell is located on the south side of East Court across



from the Iowa State Capitol. After a brief program attendees laid flowers at the bell and rang it 75 times, designating the 75 years since the World War II bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "We'll offer everyone a crane attached by yarn to a history of the 1000 cranes and thank you from our Friends in Japan who provided these wonderful cranes. Then WILPFers will distribute the cranes outside the public Library and at the sculpture park adjacent to it following our ceremony." Please view the [photos](#) from our August 6 event, by Jon Kreig, WILPF DM Member. Rodger Routh, also a Des Moines Branch member, created two videos. <https://youtu.be/jPLd3WfC7w8> <https://youtu.be/wo1cJhRHJRg> Also see the coverage by our Local [TV station, channel 5](#).

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Peace Crane Displays and Story of Sadako: East Bay Branch of the WILPF, CA

Our branch was honored to receive over a thousand cranes from Hibakusha in Japan. To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the United States dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we created two displays for peace, using the cranes and telling the story of Sadako Sasaki. One is a photo of the window display at



Pegasus Bookstore in Berkeley, CA; The women in the photo are members of our local WILPF branch who helped string the cranes and create the display. Thank you for all of your work on the Peace Wave. It's a wonderful idea. Contact: Sandy Thacker, Sandy@tio.net

WILPF-Peninsula/Palo Alto Branch: Installation with Orizuru (paper cranes)

Please watch the video on the branch Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PPAWILPF/videos/1345811448956057/>.

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Jun Hamamoto, Tsuru for Solidarity

We made a video to remember 75 years after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Featuring interview with Jack Dairiki, hibakusha bomb survivor

Music by Shirley, Brian, Akiko, Lilly Belle; Original story by Akiko

Bon odori, Japanese folk dancing to honor our departed loved ones and ancestors.

Origami crane folding with Jun;

Photos by Peter Merts. NO NUKES!

Here is the YouTube link to view the [full program](#).

Here is the [link on our website](#) thanking you and your students for participating.

And if anyone wants to read more about Jack's historical encounter with the atomic bomb, he wrote about his experience and it is on our website [here](#):

NextGen JCA Peace Day: 75 years after the bombings of Hiroshima



Sadako Peace Day: Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, August 6, 6pm (PDT)

Our Sadako Peace Day event, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will stream live starting in just a few minutes. Please join us on the [NAPF Facebook page](#) at 9:00 pm Eastern / 6:00 pm Pacific as we remember the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and all innocent victims of war.

Our keynote speaker is Toshiharu Kano, who is perhaps the youngest survivor of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima. The event will include music, poetry, and reflection. A recording will also be available to watch [here](#). More information on this year's speakers is [here](#).

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Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by Peace House: 8:00a.m. (PDT), August 6th, Ashland, Oregon

Photo attached, and link below to short video clip from our registered event on August 6, 8:30 am from Ashland, Oregon, USA, a Mayor for Peace City since 1998.

video clip: <https://osdinitiatives.com/video/Ashland-OR-Peace-Wave.mp4>

Thank you for organizing the global peace wave.

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The Running Girl (a short film), in Albany County, CA by Snake & Rod Theatre

Here is my video for Peace Wave, "The Running Girl". I filmed & edited it this week.

I am new to filming so it is rough but it is from the heart.

<https://vimeo.com/445342666/96d70eff32>

I also have it linked to my website: <https://www.snakeandrodtheatre.org>

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Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action: Peace activists block highway entrance to the Trident nuclear submarine base at Bangor in 75th remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic Bombings, August 10



25 people were present on August 10th at a demonstration against Trident nuclear weapons at the Bangor submarine base. The demonstration was in the roadway at the Main Gate of the Trident nuclear submarine base during rush hour traffic.

At around 6:45 AM on Monday, demonstrators arrived at the Main Gate and formed a vigil line along the roadway. At around 7:05 AM, four "peacekeepers" entered the roadway and stopped traffic, while behind them, six demonstrators set themselves and their banners on the roadway. Three of the demonstrators carried a banner stating, "*Hiroshima Nagasaki Never Again!*" Two demonstrators held a blue painted banner stating, "*No More Genocide in My Name.*" One demonstrator carried a banner, "*Peace Walk Nuclear-Free World, Black Lives Matter.*" At the same time, three demonstrators held a large banner on the Clear Creek Road NW overpass near the Main Gate that stated, "*Renounce Militarism Defund the Pentagon.*"

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Linda Richards, Corvallis Oregon -- a Mayors for Peace City

Hi Antiatom!! A thousand blessings to you for asking! It was so neat to be a part of things all over the world. Your email was so wonderful to just ask us now what we did to mark this significant

year. We are in Corvallis Oregon a Mayor for Peace city so we had an international academic workshop on line to honor the Hibakusha this year.

See <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/downwinders/events/making-the-unseen-visible-2020/> for the program but also this was a part of [it](#). Please make sure to share this interview with Hideko Tamura Snider, Medford OR resident and Hiroshima Hibakusha on [Democracy Now](#):

I hope her words will fly around the world like Sadako's wish for her peace cranes to create global nuclear abolition in our lifetime. (Linda also shared the [Uranium Atlas](#), a co-publication of the [Nuclear Free Future Foundation](#), [Beyond Nuclear](#), [Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung](#) and the IPPNW.) I viewed on line both the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemorations with my family so it was very special. I attended some activists zoom sessions too so it was very overwhelming but in the most motivating of ways. Thank you for all your work. Luvaction,

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International Organizations and Campaigns

International Peace Bureau: 2020 Seán MacBride Peace Prize awarded to the “International Hibakusha Appeal Signature Campaign” for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons”

On August 4, the IPB announced that the [International Signature Campaign in Support of the Appeal of the Hibakusha](#) was chosen as the recipient of the [2020 Seán MacBride Peace Prize](#), along with Black Lives Matter. IPB Co-President Philip Jennings, in his speech given during the Nagasaki Day Rally of the 2020 World Conference against A and H Bombs (online), congratulated the International Signature Campaign headed by Tanaka Terumi, Co-Chair of [Nihon Hidankyo](#), who responded by expressing Hibakusha's determination to continue working for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

IPPNW/IPB issued a joint statement on the 75th Anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: See the [statement](#)

Special worldwide screening of “[The Vow From Hiroshima](#)” held on August 9 sponsored by the IPPNW, IPB and ICAN

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International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN): 75th Anniversary Website

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing, ICAN set up a special website: <https://rise.icanw.org/>. For campaigners it offers a lot of resources for the anniversary, including the testimonies of the Hibakusha, exhibitions, information on Hiroshima/Nagasaki, etc. On August 9, ICAN released an interview of Tanaka Terumi, Nagasaki Hibakusha: <https://vimeo.com/445932753> In this message (recorded in Hiroshima on August 5th) Mr. Tanaka reflects on what this lifetime of activism has meant to him and the hopes he has for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear weapons, and for the younger generations. Contact: ICAN, admin@icanw.org

World Beyond War: “Obstacles to Nuclear Abolition” Webinar

Here's a link to a video organized by World Beyond War during the Peace Wave: “Obstacles to Nuclear Abolition: The US Russian Relationship”. <https://worldbeyondwar.org/video-obstacles-to-nuclear-abolition-a-discussion-with-david-swanson-alice-slater-and-bruce-gagnon/>
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Healing Not Killing -- International Fast and Action

“I hope your commemorations have been very successful and certainly the Peace Wave was very impressive. The fast which I am just finishing has been moving and well followed - lots of international exchanges. I attach a photo of me outside our Ministry of Defence - waving your Peace fans and the nice tee-shirt you gave me. Pity the CND banner is wrong way round but never mind. Greetings to all at Gensuikyo.”



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UNFOLD ZERO: Move the Nuclear Weapons Money

Peace and disarmament organisations around the world [commemorated the 75th anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear bombings](#) on August 6 and 9 with numerous [events and actions](#). [A number of these](#) highlighted the role of the nuclear weapons industry in maintaining and expanding the nuclear arms race, and promoted the [Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign](#). The campaign works to cut nuclear weapons budgets and investments, and move these to instead support peace, public health, economic recovery, climate protection and sustainable development.

In **Switzerland** an [event held in Heiden on Nagasaki Day](#) in front of the Henri Dunant Museum also highlighted the *Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign*. Switzerland is one of four countries which has implemented nuclear weapons divestment policies at federal level, having adopted legislation in 2013. This has led to divestment by most Swiss pension funds from the nuclear weapons industry. A number of legislators (parliamentarians) active in the Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign also led **parliamentary actions for the Hiroshima and**

Nagasaki commemorations. U.S. Senator Ed Markey, a Co-President of [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament](#) (PNND), released a [statement on Hiroshima Day](#) and calling on the United States to ' *ensure that the events of August 1945 will never be repeated* .' He calls for a slashing of the U.S. nuclear weapons budget in order to fund renewable energy, health, education and a sustainable economy. **Bill Kidd MSP**, another Co-President of PNND, introduced a [motion in the Scottish Parliament](#) commemorating the 75th anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and highlighting the humanitarian impact of any use of nuclear weapons. In conjunction with the Hiroshima and Nagasaki remembrance week, the **Move the Nuclear Weapons Money** campaign posted on social media a number of [supporting memes](#) (quotes with photos) from parliamentarians, medical professionals, religious leaders, disarmament experts and peace activists.

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Don't Bank on the Bomb

As the world remembered the horrors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki last week. "Don't Bank on the Bomb" campaign presented an brief overview of some anniversary activities by governments, financial institutions and people. (Excerpts: Read full article [here](#).)

Financial sector voices against nuclear weapons: [Hiroshima Bank announced a policy](#) banning investments in companies involved in the production and development of inhumane weapons, including nuclear weapons. Other financial institutions, like [Zevin Asset Management](#), joined the commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by explaining their policies and how they contribute to a world without nuclear weapons. [Learn what makes a policy worthy of the Hall of Fame.](#)

Four more countries ratify nuclear ban: On 6 August, Ireland, Nigeria and Niue ratified the TPNW. St Kitts and Nevis followed on 9 August....only six more ratifications are needed before the Treaty enters into force!

Setsuko Thurlow's fight against nuclear weapons: Hiroshima Survivor Sestuko Thurlow (Nobel Peace Laureate of 2017 on behalf of ICAN) currently lives in Canada, and has just joined the Canadian Network Against Nuclear Weapons to launch a national nuclear weapon divestment effort. The [New York Times interviewed Setsuko Thurlow](#) for the anniversary.

Recommended Reading: [Daughters of the bomb: my reckoning with Hiroshima, 75 years later](#) is an excellent story about grappling with nuclear weapons, racism, and family, and tells the story of survivors and their fight that connects with the civil rights movement and black lives matter today.

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Rene Wadlow, President, Association of World Citizens

On behalf of the Association of World Citizens, I am pleased to join your efforts to increase public awareness of the dangers of nuclear weapons and the need to develop peace and security through the United Nations. The Association of World Citizens aims to provide independent political analysis of disarmament and security issues with the aim of transforming the current system of armed States into a World Society in which people may live in peace and security.

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