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### **Young Leaders Think Outside the Bomb**

**Santa Barbara, CA (August 11, 2005)** – Young leaders from around the country will gather next week in Santa Barbara to discuss how best to make progress toward nuclear disarmament, sustainable energy policy, environmental clean-up, and grassroots citizen mobilization. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation will host its first national youth conference, “**Think Outside the Bomb**,” from August 15<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup> at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

The fifty participants range from 15 to 29 years of age. They hail from diverse regions of the country including Las Vegas, Chicago, Atlanta, and Brooklyn. Some of the schools that will be represented are the Universities of Hawaii, California, Texas, and Utah. These young leaders are volunteers, interns, staff and board members with such organizations as Peace Action, Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, 20/20 Vision, and New Jersey Public Interest Research Group.

Experts will provide information and analysis on the issues, share lessons learned and interact with participants. Attendees will hone their organizing skills in workshops in an effort to leverage the work they are already doing to be more effective. As part of the conference, young leaders will develop Action Plans that they will implement upon returning to their respective communities and organizations.

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Featured speakers on nuclear disarmament include Tony De Brum (former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Marshall Islands), Jacqueline Cabasso (Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation), and David Krieger (President, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation).

Featured speakers on nuclear energy and waste include Arjun Makhijani (President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research), Michael Mariotte, (Executive Director, Nuclear Information and Resource Service), and Peggy Mays Johnson (Executive Director, Citizen Alert).

Facilitators for skill development workshops include Marc Kielberger (Executive Director, Leaders Today), Patrick Reinsborough and Doyle Canning (Change Agents, SmartMeme), and Tanya Wallace (National Field Director, Women's Action for New Direction).

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan international education and advocacy organization. For nearly a quarter century, it has been a leader in worldwide efforts to enhance security by reducing nuclear threats, strengthening international law and empowering a new generation of peace leaders.

Media representatives are welcome to attend and/or schedule interviews with conference participants. For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.wagingpeace.org/youth> and contact Michael Coffey at (805) 452-1166 or Luke Brothers at (805) 965-3443.

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