



# NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION

*Committed to a World Free of Nuclear Weapons*

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## **Report to UN Secretary-General on NAPF Disarmament Education Activities**

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF) has been educating people in the United States and around the world about the urgent need for the abolition of nuclear weapons since 1982. Based in Santa Barbara, California, the Foundation's mission is to educate and advocate for peace and a world free of nuclear weapons, and to empower peace leaders.

The following document was submitted to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. It will make up a portion of the "Report of the Secretary-General to the 67th Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the 2002 UN Study on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education."

### Executive Summary

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation engages in numerous educational activities around peace and nuclear disarmament, ranging from the production of educational materials to delivering lectures and developing curricula for use in schools and universities. Below are some highlights from July 2010 to June 2012.

- **Influencing Legislation & Policy:** Over 150,000 messages advocating nuclear disarmament were sent to key decision makers via the NAPF Action Alert Network.
- **Websites:** The Foundation's two websites, [wagingpeace.org](http://wagingpeace.org) and [nuclearfiles.org](http://nuclearfiles.org), together received over 1,290,000 unique visitors. The online social networking sites Facebook, YouTube and Twitter have provided outreach to a vast new audience.
- **Publications:** NAPF produces a variety of publications annually, which are distributed for free to the public. These include DVDs, online articles, monthly e-newsletters, anthologies and poetry. The Foundation published four books on nuclear disarmament-related issues during this reporting period. It also hosted the conference that produced the Santa Barbara Declaration, calling for leaders to reject the dangerous theory of nuclear deterrence.

- **Public Lectures:** Staff members of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation gave nearly 100 public lectures in the reporting period to educate the public on the urgent need for nuclear weapons abolition.
- **Empowering the Public:** The Foundation has many programs and events to educate and empower individuals, including conferences, internships for students, peace leadership training at universities and an intensive week-long peace leadership workshop.
- **Awards:** The NAPF Distinguished Peace Leadership and World Citizenship Awards are given each year to outstanding peace leaders. Recent recipients are Mayor Tadatashi Akiba, Shigeo Sasamori, Rev. James Lawson and Prof. Glenn Paige.
- **Contests:** The Foundation holds video and poetry contests annually that address the themes of nuclear disarmament and peace.
- **Memberships:** NAPF plays an active leadership role with a number of other groups around the world that share the goal of nuclear disarmament. These include the Middle Powers Initiative, the World Future Council, the International Network of Engineers and Scientists, Abolition 2000 and the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability. In addition, NAPF Advisors and Associates around the world produce numerous thought-provoking articles advocating for a world free of nuclear weapons.

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation plans to strengthen and broaden its capacity to educate and advocate for peace and a world free of nuclear weapons, building on its 30 years of success.

## Influencing Legislation & Policy

The NAPF Action Alert Network is a national online advocacy campaign seeking to educate and mobilize concerned citizens on key nuclear issues and to encourage their communication on these issues with their elected representatives and other appropriate officials. The campaign focuses on policy recommendations and advocacy opportunities for citizens. The Action Alert Network promotes implementation of US nuclear policies that will lead to complete global nuclear disarmament. From July 2010 to June 2012, NAPF Action Alert Network members sent over 150,000 advocacy messages to key decision makers on nuclear issues.

## Websites

**[www.wagingpeace.org](http://www.wagingpeace.org)**

NAPF's primary website, [www.wagingpeace.org](http://www.wagingpeace.org), serves as an educational and advocacy tool for members of the public concerned about nuclear weapons issues. During this reporting period, there were over 700,000 unique visitors to this site. The Waging Peace site covers current nuclear weapons policy and other relevant issues of global security. It includes information about the Foundation's activities and offers visitors the opportunity to participate in online advocacy and activism. The site additionally offers a unique archive section containing hundreds of articles and essays on issues ranging from nuclear weapons policy to international law and youth activism. The site is updated frequently.

## **www.nuclearfiles.org**

The Foundation's educational website, [www.nuclearfiles.org](http://www.nuclearfiles.org), details a comprehensive history of the Nuclear Age. It is regularly updated and expanded. By providing background information, an extensive timeline, access to primary documents and analysis, this site is one of the preeminent online educational resources in the field. During this reporting period, there were 590,000 unique visitors to the Nuclear Files site.

## **Social Networking**

The Foundation actively engages with members of the public through the online social networking sites Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. Through targeted use of these tools, the Foundation has been able to reach new audiences with its educational and inspirational material.

## **Publications**

### **Santa Barbara Declaration**

On February 16-17, 2011, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation hosted a conference exploring the dangers of nuclear deterrence. Participants came from around the United States and as far away as New Zealand. The conference culminated in a statement called the "Santa Barbara Declaration," which is attached as an appendix to this report. The Declaration calls on the nuclear weapon states and their allies to reject nuclear deterrence and negotiate without delay a Nuclear Weapons Convention for the phased, verifiable, irreversible and transparent elimination of all nuclear weapons.

### **DVD**

The Foundation produced a DVD titled *The Myth of Nuclear Deterrence*, which was distributed for free to thousands of people in the United States and around the world. The video, a five-minute animation, critically examines the theory of nuclear deterrence and explains its inherent weaknesses and dangers. The video can be viewed online at [www.wagingpeace.org/dvd.htm](http://www.wagingpeace.org/dvd.htm).

### **Sunflower e-newsletter**

The Sunflower is the Foundation's free monthly electronic newsletter provided to over 60,000 online members. It covers current issues of global security, nuclear policy, disarmament, proliferation, energy, waste, missile defense, resources and action items, as well as current and upcoming Foundation activities. We publish 12 issues annually at the beginning of each month.

Current and back issues can be viewed on the Foundation's website at [www.wagingpeace.org/menu/resources/sunflower/index.htm](http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/resources/sunflower/index.htm). This e-newsletter is available in HTML format and can be downloaded from the website as a PDF document.

### **Books**

NAPF President David Krieger, together with Foundation Chair Richard Falk, authored a book entitled *The Path to Zero*, which is presented in the form of a dialogue between the two authors on how to abolish nuclear weapons. The book was published in 2012 by Paradigm Publishers.

David Krieger also wrote a book of poetry entitled *God's Tears*, which was published by Coal Sack Publishing Company in Tokyo in 2010. Krieger's poetry in this book is centered around the urgent need for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The Foundation published two books on peace-related issues. The first book, entitled *Speaking of Peace: Quotations to Inspire Action* was edited by David Krieger. It contains over 400 quotations on nuclear weapons, war, peace, hope and the human spirit. The second book, *Never Enough Flowers: The Poetry of Peace II*, was edited by David Krieger and Perie Longo. This book is a collection of the winning poems from 2003-10 from the Foundation's annual Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Awards.

More information on all of the Foundation's books is available at <http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/resources/publications>.

## Public Lectures

### **Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanity's Future**

This endowed lecture is named for Frank K. Kelly, a co-founder and Senior Vice President of the Foundation. The lecture focuses on hope and inspiration for a positive future for humanity, and is presented annually by a distinguished individual and subsequently published and distributed by the Foundation. The 2011 Kelly Lecture was delivered by Commander Robert Green, a former bombardier-navigator in the British Royal Navy. The title of his lecture was "Breaking Free from Nuclear Deterrence." The 2012 Kelly Lecture was delivered by Daniel Ellsberg, a nuclear strategist best known for leaking the Pentagon Papers in 1971. The title of his lecture was "Nuclear Weapons and Humanity's Future." Transcripts and videos of all of the Kelly Lectures are available on the Foundation's website at <http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/programs/public-events/frank-kelly-lecture/index.php>.

### **Lectures at Universities and Other Public Venues**

In the past two years, NAPF staff members have given over 100 public lectures in many US states as well as in Russia, Kenya and Japan. Audiences are specifically challenged to think critically about nuclear weapons and join NAPF in taking action for a nuclear weapon-free world.

### **Speakers Bureau**

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation maintains a Speakers Bureau featuring numerous Foundation representatives available to speak on many different aspects of peace and nuclear disarmament.

## Empowering the Public

### **Internships**

The Foundation provides internship opportunities to select college students during the academic year to work with staff on current peace and security issues. Interns conduct research, write analysis of issues, work on the websites, and gain valuable insights into the workings of a NGO.

During the summer, the Foundation offers three full-time paid internships through a competitive application process. Students come from throughout the US and abroad to work at the Foundation's Santa Barbara office. During this reporting period, the Foundation hosted 20 interns.

### **Peace Leadership Program**

The Peace Leadership Program provides an opportunity for learning and practicing skills that can help individuals effectively wage peace. First and foremost, the program seeks to develop peace leadership skills that will help achieve a world free of nuclear weapons through innovative training in leadership, interpersonal communication, and conflict resolution. The program also offers inspiration, guidance, resources, and a community of people dedicated to creating a saner and safer future. The Peace Leadership Program teaches the art and science of waging peace so that individuals can better serve humanity, protect the planet, and make a difference in the world. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is offering an intensive one-week Peace Leadership Workshop in July 2012.

### **Students**

In February 2011, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and Ban All Nukes Generation Europe convened the Youth Conference on Nuclear Disarmament at which ambassadors and non-governmental experts talked to over 100 students about de-legitimizing nuclear weapons and nuclear sharing. Reiko Yamada delivered the keynote speech to the students in which she shared her experience of surviving the atomic bombing in Hiroshima.

In February 2012, the Foundation organized several seminars at Webster University and the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations on nuclear disarmament. During these seminars, Christian N. Ciobanu, the Geneva Representative of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, touched upon the myths of nuclear deterrence, the dangers of maintaining the nuclear delivery vehicles on high alert and the UN Secretary-General's Five Point Plan.

On February 27, 2012, in partnership with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and Toastmasters International, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation convened the Youth Debate on Nuclear Disarmament in which teams from the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Webster University, University of Geneva (UNIGE), and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) debated on whether or not nuclear weapon states should completely disarm all of their nuclear weapons. Pavel Podvig, Programme Lead on the Weapons of Mass Destruction Programme of UNIDIR, provided the introductory remarks. Participants had the opportunity to debate in the presence of distinguished diplomats and representatives of the Conference on Disarmament (CD), which generated substantive and professional discussions on nuclear disarmament issues.

In May 2012, in partnership with BANg Europe and the Milan International Model United Nations Association, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation organized the Youth Project for Nuclear Disarmament that coordinated the 2012 European Youth Delegation to the NPT PrepCom. This delegation was composed of 40 students from Austria, Switzerland, Romania, Italy, and Germany.

During the first week of the 2012 NPT PrepCom, the participants had 30 meetings with diplomats, including representatives of the European Union and the CTBTO, in which they urged states to take decisive steps towards the abolition of nuclear weapons. Participants convened workshops at local

schools in Vienna. They also organized an exhibit on youth and indigenous people's aspirations for a world free of nuclear weapons. Participants wrote and edited the youth speech, which two participants, a young Italian student and a young Pakistani student, delivered to the State Parties of the NPT during the NGO presentations at the NPT PrepCom.

## Awards

### **Swackhamer Disarmament Video Contest**

The Foundation has held a video contest annually since 2008 seeking videos of three minutes or less on specific topics related to nuclear disarmament. The winning video from the 2010 contest will be screened at the 2012 Uranium Film Festival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Winning videos from the latest contest can be viewed online at [www.wagingpeace.org/goto/winners](http://www.wagingpeace.org/goto/winners).

### **Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Awards**

This annual series of awards encourages poets to explore and illuminate positive visions of peace and the human spirit. The Poetry Awards include three age categories: Adult, Youth 13-18, and Youth 12 & Under. The Foundation has published a book of the winning poems for the first seven years of the Awards, *The Poetry of Peace* (2003), and a sequel containing the winning poems for the years 2003-10 entitled *Never Enough Flowers: The Poetry of Peace II* (2012).

### **Distinguished Peace Leadership Award**

The Distinguished Peace Leadership Award is presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated courageous leadership in the cause of peace. The Foundation has, on occasion, also presented a Lifetime Achievement Award for peace leadership. The award is presented at the Foundation's Annual Evening for Peace in Santa Barbara, California. Instituted in 1984, past recipients of the award include His Holiness the XIV<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Captain Jacques Cousteau, Dr. Helen Caldicott, Jody Williams, King Hussein of Jordan, Walter Cronkite and Daniel Ellsberg. In 2010, the award was presented to Rev. James Lawson and Prof. Glenn Paige. The 2011 award was presented to Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba, former Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace.

### **World Citizenship Award**

The World Citizenship Award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the human family. This award was inaugurated in 1998 and is generally presented at the Foundation's Annual Evening for Peace in Santa Barbara, California. Past recipients of the award include Ted Turner, Queen Noor of Jordan, Daisaku Ikeda, Frederick Franck, Robert Muller and Harry Belafonte. The 2011 award was presented to Shigeiko Sasamori, a survivor of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

## Memberships

### **Abolition 2000**

Abolition 2000 is a network of over 2000 organizations in more than 90 countries working for a global treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons. NAPF was a founding organization in 1995. For more information, visit [www.abolition2000.org](http://www.abolition2000.org).

### **International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES)**

INES is a network of some 80 organizations in 34 countries concerned about the impact of science and technology on society. The Foundation provides support and leadership for the Network and regularly participates in its conferences and workshops. For more information, visit [www.inesglobal.com](http://www.inesglobal.com).

### **World Future Council**

NAPF President David Krieger is Chair of the Peace and Disarmament working group of the World Future Council. For more information on the World Future Council, visit [www.worldfuturecouncil.org](http://www.worldfuturecouncil.org).

### **Middle Powers Initiative**

The Foundation is a founding member of the Middle Powers Initiative (MPI), a coalition of eight international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) seeking the cooperation of middle power governments and civil society in pursuit of a treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons worldwide. For more information, visit [www.middlepowers.org](http://www.middlepowers.org).

## Conclusion

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is proud to offer this wide array of disarmament and peace education programs to the public. It would not be possible to do this work without the financial backing of our members and other sponsors worldwide. In the coming years, we seek to maintain and increase our educational activities until the goal of a nuclear weapon-free world is realized.

## Appendix A

### SANTA BARBARA DECLARATION

#### REJECT NUCLEAR DETERRENCE: AN URGENT CALL TO ACTION

Nuclear deterrence is a doctrine that is used as a justification by nuclear weapon states and their allies for the continued possession and threatened use of nuclear weapons.

Nuclear deterrence is the threat of a nuclear strike in response to a hostile action. However, the nature of the hostile action is often not clearly defined, making possible the use of nuclear weapons in a wide range of circumstances.

Nuclear deterrence threatens the murder of many millions of innocent people, along with severe economic, climate, environmental, agricultural and health consequences beyond the area of attack.

Nuclear deterrence requires massive commitments of resources to the industrial infrastructures and organizations that make up the world's nuclear weapons establishments, its only beneficiaries.

Despite its catastrophic potential, nuclear deterrence is widely, though wrongly, perceived to provide protection to nuclear weapon states, their allies and their citizens.

Nuclear deterrence has numerous major problems:

1. Its power to protect is a dangerous fabrication. The threat or use of nuclear weapons provides no protection against an attack.
2. It assumes rational leaders, but there can be irrational or paranoid leaders on any side of a conflict.
3. Threatening or committing mass murder with nuclear weapons is illegal and criminal. It violates fundamental legal precepts of domestic and international law, threatening the indiscriminate slaughter of innocent people.
4. It is deeply immoral for the same reasons it is illegal: it threatens indiscriminate and grossly disproportionate death and destruction.
5. It diverts human and economic resources desperately needed to meet basic human needs around the world. Globally, approximately \$100 billion is spent annually on nuclear forces.
6. It has no effect against non-state extremists, who govern no territory or population.
7. It is vulnerable to cyber attack, sabotage, and human or technical error, which could result in a nuclear strike.
8. It sets an example for additional countries to pursue nuclear weapons for their own nuclear deterrent force.

Its benefits are illusory. Any use of nuclear weapons would be catastrophic.

Nuclear deterrence is discriminatory, anti-democratic and unsustainable. This doctrine must be discredited and replaced with an urgent commitment to achieve global nuclear disarmament. We must change the discourse by speaking truth to power and speaking truth to each other.

Before another nuclear weapon is used, nuclear deterrence must be replaced by humane, legal and moral security strategies. We call upon people everywhere to join us in demanding that the nuclear weapon states and their allies reject nuclear deterrence and negotiate without delay a Nuclear Weapons Convention for the phased, verifiable, irreversible and transparent elimination of all nuclear weapons.

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