



NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION

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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 advance initiatives to eliminate the nuclear weapons threat to all life, to foster the global rule of law, and to build an enduring legacy of peace through education and advocacy.

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 65th 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 2009 and 2010.

- **Influencing Legislation & Policy:** The Foundation works alongside numerous organizations worldwide to create appeals, agendas, and petitions. In 2009, 220,000 signatures were submitted to the White House along with a strong message to President Obama encouraging his leadership for a nuclear weapon-free world. In 2009, over 53,000 messages advocating nuclear disarmament were sent to key decision makers via the NAPF Action Alert Network.
- **Websites:** The Foundation's two websites, wagingpeace.org and nuclearfiles.org, together received over 670,000 unique visitors in 2009. 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 online articles, op-eds and blogs, briefing booklets, a monthly e-newsletter and peace anthologies.

- **Videos:** The Foundation has produced several short videos on nuclear weapons issues, including *Nuclear Weapons and the Human Future* (2007) and *US Leadership for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World* (2009). Videos are available to view and download online. DVD copies of the videos are provided for free to groups and individuals around the world.
- **Media Releases and Appearances:** NAPF produces timely media releases on nuclear issues and representatives are regularly interviewed for television, newspaper, radio and Internet media.
- **Public Lectures:** Staff members of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation have given nearly 100 public lectures in the past year in order to educate the public on the urgent need for nuclear disarmament.
- **Empowering the Public:** The Foundation has many programs and events to educate and empower individuals, including conferences, internships for students, and peace leadership training at universities.
- **Awards:** The NAPF Distinguished Peace Leadership and World Citizenship Awards are given each year to outstanding peace leaders in the world. Past recipients include the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mairead Corrigan Maguire.
- **Contests:** The Foundation holds video and poetry contests annually that address the themes of nuclear disarmament and peace.
- **Memberships:** NAPF plays an active role in 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 a world free of nuclear weapons.

Now in its 28th year, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation continues to expand its outreach and educational activities. In the future we plan to continue to strengthen our capacity to reach out to people around the world on this issue of critical importance to humanity's future.

Influencing Legislation & Policy

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation worked in 2008-09 to collect signatures on an “Appeal to the Next President,” which called for US leadership for a nuclear weapons-free world. On March 11, 2009, together with over 100 organizations and 220,000 individuals, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation sent a strong message to President Obama that work should start immediately on achieving a nuclear weapon-free world.

More recently, NAPF joined with dozens of organizations around the world to collect over 7 million signatures on a petition to President Obama that was submitted in during the 2010 nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference. The petition called upon President Obama to initiate good faith multilateral negotiations on an international agreement to abolish nuclear weapons.

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. Examples of recent actions include encouraging Senators to ratify the New START agreement, supporting nuclear abolition provisions in the 2010 US Nuclear Posture Review and reallocating resources from military expenditures to human needs. Email alerts are sent to our list of over 30,000 of online activists.

Websites

www.wagingpeace.org

NAPF’s primary website, www.wagingpeace.org, serves as an educational and advocacy tool for members of the public concerned about nuclear weapons issues. In 2009, there were 396,000 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, 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 this field. In 2009, there were 280,000 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 a new audience with its educational and inspirational material.

Publications

Online Articles

The Foundation publishes numerous articles on the themes of nuclear weapons abolition, peace and disarmament each month. Articles are written by NAPF staff members and outside experts. The NAPF article archive can be accessed online at www.wagingpeace.org/menu/resources/archives/.

Briefing Booklets

In 2010, the Foundation published a briefing booklet titled *Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament: Shifting the Mindset*. The booklet was published specifically for the 2010 NPT Review Conference, and was distributed to NPT delegates, NGO representatives and the public. The booklet is available online at www.wagingpeace.org/goto/nptbooklet.

In 2008, the Foundation published a briefing booklet titled *A Return to Sanity: A Briefing for the New President*. The booklet was sent to key US administration officials and is available to the public. It is available online at www.wagingpeace.org/menu/resources/publications/return_to_sanity_2008.pdf.

Sunflower e-newsletter

The Sunflower is the Foundation's free monthly electronic newsletter provided to over 35,000 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. This e-newsletter is available in HTML format and can be downloaded from the website as a PDF document.

Anthologies

The Foundation has created seven anthologies with chapters by distinguished peace leaders and activists: *Waging Peace in the Nuclear Age* (1988); *Waging Peace II* (1992); *A Maginot Line in the Sky* (2001); *Hope in a Dark Time* (2003); *Hold Hope, Wage Peace* (2005); *At the Nuclear Precipice: Catastrophe or Transformation* (2008); and *The Challenge of Abolishing Nuclear Weapons* (2009).

The most recent anthologies in 2008 and 2009 have focused entirely on achieving a world free of nuclear weapons.

Videos

In 2009, the Foundation produced a DVD titled *US Leadership for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World*, which was distributed for free to thousands of people in the United States and around the world. The video features President Obama's call for a world free of nuclear weapons and outlines why US leadership is essential to realizing this goal. The video can be viewed online at www.wagingpeace.org/dvd.htm.

The DVD also contains a video produced by the Foundation in 2007 titled *Nuclear Weapons and the Human Future*, which outlines the Foundation's case for nuclear weapons abolition.

Many of the Foundation's public events, such as the annual Evening for Peace and the Frank Kelly Lecture on Humanity's Future, are recorded and re-broadcast by University of California Television (UCTV). UCTV reaches a vast audience around the United States through cable and satellite television. The videos are also available to view online at the UCTV website, www.uctv.tv.

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, focusing on hope and inspiration for a positive future for humanity, is presented annually by a distinguished individual. The lectures are published and distributed in DVD format as well as shown on UCTV. The lecture was inaugurated in 2002 by Frank Kelly himself. In 2003, the lecture was given by Princeton Professor Emeritus and Foundation Board Chair Richard Falk; in 2004, by Body Shop founder and former NAPF Board member, Dame Anita Roddick; in 2005, by eminent psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton; in 2006 by Nobel Peace Laureate Mairead Corrigan Maguire; in 2007 by Jakob von Uexkull, the founder of the Right Livelihood Awards and of the World Future Council; in 2008 by prominent peace educator Colman McCarthy; and in 2009 by author and activist Frances Moore Lappé. The 2010 Kelly Lecture featured Ambassador Max Kampelman, former arms control negotiator for President Ronald Reagan.

Lectures at Universities and Other Public Venues

In the past year, NAPF staff members have given nearly 100 public lectures in many US states as well as in Germany, France and Japan. Audiences are specifically challenged to think critically about nuclear weapons and join NAPF in asserting leadership and taking action for a nuclear weapon-free world. The Foundation's Silicon Valley Chapter regularly hosts lectures by nuclear experts from around the world, including a seven-week series in Spring 2010.

Sadako Peace Day

Each year the Foundation commemorates the US atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by holding its Sadako Peace Day event at the Sadako Peace Garden it created in Santa Barbara, California. The public program features music, poetry and reflections on nuclear weapons and the urgent need for their abolition.

Empowering the Public

Peace Leadership Program

The Peace Leadership Program provides an opportunity to learn and practice 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. The Peace Leadership Program offers 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 helps people learn 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 program, launched in 2009, is growing quickly, with over 1,500 peace leaders in communities around the world.

Internships

The Foundation provides internship positions for 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 to deserving students through a competitive application process. Students come from throughout the US and abroad to work at the Foundation's Santa Barbara office.

Think Outside the Bomb Conferences

The Foundation initiated the first Think Outside the Bomb (TOTB) student leadership conference in the summer of 2005 at the University of California at Santa Barbara, followed by a collaborative one-day conference at American University in Washington, DC later in the year. In 2006, TOTB conferences were held at the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) and at Pace University in New York. In 2007, conferences were held at UCSB and American University. In 2008, conferences were held at American University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Think Outside the Bomb has now become an independent entity that has the wide support of organizations around the United States, including the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

Awards

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, CA. Instituted in 1984, past recipients of the award include His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Captain Jacques Cousteau, Dr. Helen Caldicott, Jody Williams, King Hussein of Jordan, Walter Cronkite and Daniel Ellsberg.

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, CA. Past recipients of the award include Ted Turner, Queen Noor of Jordan, Daisaku Ikeda, Frederick Franck, Robert Muller and Harry Belafonte.

Contests

Swackhamer Disarmament Video Contest

The Foundation has held a video contest in 2008, 2009 and 2010 seeking videos of three minutes or less on specific topics related to nuclear disarmament. The winning video in 2009, "The Nuclear Genie" by 17 year-old Erik Choquette, has been screened at numerous international film festivals and at the UN General Assembly Hall. Winning videos from the contest's inception can be viewed online at www.wagingpeace.org/goto/videocontest.

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 winning poems are published annually in the Foundation's Annual Report. The Foundation has published a book of the winning poems for the first seven years of the Awards, *The Poetry of Peace* (2003).

Memberships

Chapters and Affiliates

In 2009, the Foundation began working with individuals and groups around the world to establish NAPF Chapters. Each NAPF Chapter or Affiliate has a defined geographical area and is encouraged to participate in all of the Foundation's programs and campaigns. The Foundation provides Chapters and Affiliates with inspiration, resources and guidance in building effective local campaigns to abolish nuclear weapons.

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.

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

A network of some 80 organizations in 34 countries concerned about the impact of science and technology on society. The Foundation was a founding organization. It provides support and leadership for the Network and regularly participates in its conferences and workshops. For more information, visit www.inesglobal.com.

World Future Council

The World Future Council (WFC), composed of 50 Councilors from throughout the world, is a voice for future generations. NAPF President David Krieger, a WFC Councilor, is leading a working group of the Council on the subject of disarmament and demilitarization. For more information on the World Future Council, visit 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 to encourage and support middle power governments in pursuit of a treaty eliminating nuclear weapons worldwide. For more information, visit 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.

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