

HIROSHIMA DAY - AUGUST 6



"As a doctor, as well as a mother and a world citizen, I wish to practice the ultimate form of preventive medicine by ridding the earth of these technologies that propagate disease, suffering, and death."

-- Dr. Helen Caldicott

On August 6, 1945 the US dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, and three days later another one on Nagasaki. More than 100,000 people, mostly civilians, were killed. Fortunately, nuclear weapons have not been used again, but they remain a constant threat. Thousands of nuclear weapons remain on alert, ready to be fired at a moment's notice. These bombs could go off at any time by accident or at the hands of terrorists.

Recognizing the danger, most nations signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), agreeing to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and to work towards eliminating them. The NPT went into effect in 1970, but the number of nations with nukes has nearly doubled and there is still no timetable to eliminate nuclear weapons. A people's movement has grown to convince governments to rid the world of the nuclear threat. More than 250 municipalities around the world have declared themselves as Nuclear Free Zones.

Many also worry about nuclear energy which produces wastes that can't be safely disposed, threatening our environment and our future.

August 6, Hiroshima Day (No Nukes Day), is an opportunity to raise awareness about the threat of nuclear weapons and the dangers of nuclear energy. It's the perfect time to urge your Mayor to declare your city a Nuclear Free Zone.

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1. Learn more about the No Nukes Movement.
2. Hold an event to raise awareness about the nuclear threat.
3. Contribute to organizations working for a nuclear free world

Organizations For a Nuclear Free World

- Abolition 2000 (abolition2000.org)
- Atomic Mirror (atomicmirror.org)
- International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (ippnw.org)
- Middle Powers Initiative (middlepowers.org)
- NoNukes.org
- Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (napf.org)
- TriValley CAREs (trivalleycares.org)

For more information: www.peacecalendar.net/hiroshimaday.htm

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