

NUCLEARBAN.US THE TREATY COMPLIANCE CAMPAIGN

NUCLEARBAN.US OCTOBER NEWLETTER CAMPAIGN UPDATES



Nuclear-Free Candidate Pledge

Over 30 candidates for national and state office in Massachusetts and Vermont, including MA Congressman Jim McGovern, signed the Candidate Pledge for a Nuclear Free Future. By signing the pledge they committed their support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Nuclear Ban Treaty) and pledged to work to pass legislation that would bring their local and state government into Alignment with the Treaty.

Next Step for California?

On August 28th, The California legislature passed statewide resolution AJR 33: The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The resolution calls on the US to embrace the Nuclear Ban Treaty and make nuclear disarmament a centerpiece of US foreign policy. The resolution also called for immediate practical steps to prevent the risk of nuclear war until nuclear weapons are eliminated. We now want to work with California to take the next step toward Treaty Alignment. There is a similar resolution that will be working its way through the Minnesota State Legislature starting next year.



Nuclear Ban.US is non-profit organization committed to using the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Nuclear Ban Treaty), as a tool to educate and mobilize people across the US to support nuclear weapons abolition. We work to build grassroots and political pressure for the total elimination of nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of getting the US and other nuclear states to sign, ratify, and implement the Treaty. We are a proud partner of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

FAITH COMMUNITIES TAKE LEAD ON SUPPORTING THE TREATY



Last June, The Northampton Quaker Meeting became the first Treaty Aligned faith group. They're taking their message of Treaty Alignment and nuclear abolition to other regional faith communities. They already have a commitment from the Connecticut Valley and the New England Quakers to seek ways to support the Treaty. Likewise, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church also passed an "overture" calling on members to take "all actions such as might be effective in requiring full US compliance with the obligation to achieve nuclear disarmament under the Treaty." We are hoping Presbyterians will now implement their commitment by becoming Treaty Aligned.



IN CASE YOU MISSED OUR BLOGS

Find our blogs at
www.NuclearBan.US/blog

Spotlight on AECOM,
October 18

Spotlight on Honeywell,
September 24

Asking the US to sign the
Nuclear Ban Treaty is not
"unilateralism", September 10

Time to Take the Treaty More
Seriously?, September 7

Remembering Hiroshima and
Nagasaki and the Urgency of
Nuclear Weapons Abolition,
August 14

Survivors of the Trinity Nuclear
Weapon Test Continue Their
Fight for Justice, July 25

Racial and Environmental
Justice in the Nuclear Ban
Treaty, June 6

NuclearBan.US has now established a separate organization for educational work about the Treaty called the Treaty Awareness Campaign (TAC). You can now support TAC by making a tax-deductible donation to Peace Development Fund (PDF), the fiscal sponsor for The Treaty Awareness campaign. You can follow our educational campaign activities and make a donation through our website at www.treatyawareness.us/donate

Northampton Mayor issues groundbreaking Order



In September, Northampton Massachusetts mayor David Narkewicz issued a landmark executive policy order that committed the city to divesting from and boycotting the major nuclear weapons producers. Under the executive policy order Mayor Narkewicz established a city-wide commitment to "reduce and eventually eliminate any and all ties to the nuclear weapons industry." The policy order also establishes September 26 as Nuclear Ban Day in Northampton, which the UN designated in 2013 as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The executive policy order is the culmination of a citizen-led campaign by volunteers at The Resistance Center for Peace and Justice and NuclearBan.US to bring the city into alignment with the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Pictured is Mayor Narkewicz with ninety-nine-year-old peace activist and NuclearBan.US advisor Francis Crowe at a ceremony celebrating the issuing of his order.

More countries sign and ratify the Nuclear Ban Treaty

One year on, The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is continuing to build momentum. As of October 2018, 69 countries have signed and 19 countries have ratified the Treaty. Once 50 countries have ratified the Treaty it will enter into legal force. This is expected to happen sometime next year. At the September signing ceremony at the United Nations, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Brunei, Guinea-Bissau, Myanmar, Saint Lucia, Seychelles and Timor-Leste all signed the Treaty. Gambia, Samoa, San Marino and Vanuatu ratified the Treaty. Pictured are NuclearBan.US co-founders Timmon Wallis and Vicki Elson, with ICAN Executive Director Beatrice Fihn, and ICAN Campaigner Seth Shelden.



"In this quiet room, away from the media glare, we see what actual leadership looks like. You are responding to the reality of the nuclear threat with real action...meaningful action that will ultimately correct the course of history. This is the UN at its best. This is the power of civil society. This is the greatness of humanity in the face of great peril." ~Beatrice Fihn, ICAN Executive Director at the UN Signing Ceremony September 26

Request a workshop from the NuclearBan.US team

NuclearBan.US has delivered workshops and presentations on the Treaty Compliance Campaign in cities across the country. From Berkeley, California to Viroqua, Wisconsin, Minneapolis, Minnesota and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania we're raising awareness about the Treaty and helping empower people to take action against the nuclear weapons industry by encouraging them to disconnect their finances, work, and purchases from the major nuclear weapons companies. You can request a workshop by emailing us at info@nuclearban.us.



The Business Pledge for a Nuclear Weapons Free World

Businesses can also become Treaty Aligned by disconnecting their finances and services from the major nuclear weapons companies and signing the Business Pledge for a Nuclear Weapons Free Future. So far Northampton, Massachusetts businesses are leading the way! Herrells Ice Cream, Paradise Copies, Broadside Books, Acadia Herbals and Glimpse of Tibet have all taken the pledge. Businesses that take the pledge receive a "Treaty Aligned" sticker for display.

You can now become Treaty Aligned through our Website

Do you have any investments that could be supporting nuclear weapons?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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The NuclearBan.US website has relaunched complete with an interactive Treaty Alignment website process. The web process makes Treaty Alignment easier than ever by walking people through the steps of disconnecting from the nuclear weapons industry. Start the process at www.NuclearBan.US/start

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