

Nuclear



Disarmament

– the right time is now!

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Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament,
just returned from New York.*

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International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Town Hall, Hobart

Monday 1 June 2009, 7:30 pm

Chair: The Lord Mayor, Ald Rob Valentine

All welcome, admission free



Australia's Role - On the side of angels or dragging the chain?

Associate Professor Tilman Ruff is the immediate past president of the Medical Association for Prevention of War (Australia); member of the Board of Directors of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW, Nobel Peace Prize 1985); and Australian Management Committee chair, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. He is one of two invited NGO Advisers to the Co-Chairs of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, and has just returned from serving on the Australian delegation to the NPT PrepCom in New York.

Jessica Morrison has been working with ICAN for the past two years, particularly leading engagement with the community sector. In addition to the abolition of nuclear weapons, Jessica has a strong personal interest in principles of non-violence and peacemaking, and also teaches Social Work.

The nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is a landmark international treaty whose objectives are to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and nuclear technology and to achieve nuclear disarmament. The NPT is essentially a bargain between those nations with nuclear weapons, who undertake to get rid of them, and those without, who undertake never to acquire them. The Treaty contains the only legally binding and explicit commitments to nuclear disarmament, something that was reinforced by an Advisory Opinion from the International Court of Justice in 1996.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a global grassroots campaign launched in 2007 to advance nuclear disarmament. ICAN has 54 partner organisations in Australia who help with the key goals of educating the community and stimulating action on nuclear weapons. With other international organisations ICAN has relaunched a Model Nuclear Weapons Convention, which we promote as a roadmap to disarmament. This model Convention has been tabled and discussed at the UN, and is supported by Secretary General Ban Ki Moon.

Can you imagine a world without nuclear weapons? - I CAN!

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Mayors for Peace is an international organisation set up by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It has about 3000 mayors as Members, including the Lord Mayor of Hobart.
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/index.html>

Medical Association for the Prevention of War is organising this meeting. MAPW works for the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction and the prevention of armed conflict. MAPW promotes peace through research, advocacy, peace education and partnerships. As a professional not-for-profit organisation it has branches across Australia, and works globally through the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.
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