NOW YOU HAVE SEEN THE FILM OPPENHEIMER, please read this flyer

Oppenheimer was an enigmatic man but there's nothing enigmatic about nuclear weapons: a single H-bomb can kill 100,000s of people, sicken many more, destroy a whole city and make a region uninhabitable for centuries, and that is just one nuclear weapon. There are about 13,000 currently ready to be used by the nine countries who own them.





Point your smart phone camera at this QR code to watch brief video of a Hiroshima bomb survivor speaking of her experience.

If a nuclear war happens it will lead to nuclear winter and civilization as we know it will end. Please read the rest of this flyer to find out what YOU can do to end this whole nuclear era.

WHAT CAN WE ALL DO?

- 1) Educate ourselves about the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Start with WILPF International's UN watchdog, Reaching Critical Will (reachingcriticalwill.org).
- 2) Ask our Senators to ratify the UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty at <u>bit.ly/wilpfus-bantreatypetition</u>.
- 3) Ask our Representatives to cosponsor the "Nuclear Weapons Abolitionand Conversion Act of 2023" in the US House, HR-2775, see details at *prop1.org*.
- 4) Join WILPF women and others working to shut down aging and dangerous nuclear energy plants in your area, and to develop carbon-free, nuclear-free energy everywhere. See <u>nirs.org</u> and <u>beyondnuclear.org</u>.
- 5) Ask your city to join over 8000cities in the Mayors for Peace initiative to totally abolish nuclear weapons, see <u>mayorsforpeace.org/en/</u>
- **6) Learn from** <u>NuclearBan.US</u> how to convince local politicians to move funding from <u>Warheads to Windmills</u>



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End theWhole Nuclear Era!

(and Support Reducing Military Spending)



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Join WILPF's DISARM/End Wars Committee and work with us for a nuclear-free future.

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HELP ELIMINATE THE WHOLE NUCLEAR CHAIN WHICH HAS GROWN AROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

To abolish nuclear weapons, we must abolish nuclear power. A nation that maintains nuclear power plants could use the resources to create nuclear weapons.

Nuclear power was developed in large part to convert uranium fuel to more powerful – and lethal – plutonium for use in nuclear weapons. In the process, however, dangerous radioactive nuclides are released into air, soil and water. Some, like plutonium 239, have a half-life of 24,000+ years, and even very small particles are dangerous to ingest.

Mining uranium leaves waste that pollutes soil and water, causing high levels of cancer in surrounding areas. Most uranium mining in this country is on Native American land. Many companies make no effort to clean up after themselves before they leave an area despite pleas, demands and legal efforts by affected tribes and organizations like WILPF. We must STOP uranium mining and safely remove the radioactive debris currently swirling around existing mines!

Disposal of nuclear waste is still a problem without a solution. We have not yet found safe ways to dispose of the accumulated nuclear waste from nuclear power plants or nuclear weapons production. These growing mountains of radioactive waste will eventually make this planet uninhabitable.

HELP OUR GOVERNMENT COOPERATE WITH OTHER NATIONS TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The United States initiated the nuclear era with bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Unfortunately, our government now can't unilaterally stop what it started. Our nation must listen to and work with other nations that rebel against being held hostage by nuclear weapons of the US, Russia or any other of the nuclear powers.

We also need to work with all other nations that today possess nuclear weapons – Britain, China, France, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, and Russia – plus NATO and Pacific allies where US nuclear weapons are stored – to end the WHOLE nuclear era.

Destroying nuclear weapons and resolving the problems of nuclear waste, power and uranium mining will require the cooperation of all governments, and also from corporations now profiting from the nuclear industry. The alternative is almost certainly the extinction of the human race.



This QR code takes you to WILPF's website, we welcome new members of all genders.

HELP PROMOTE LEGISLATION REQUIRING US LEADERSHIP TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS and Reduce Military Budgets

Two bills and one resolution mandating such leadership have been introduced in the House of Representatives in 2023:

The Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Conversion Act, HR-2775, supports the TPNW and provides for global nuclear weapons abolition and conversion of the war economy to environmental restoration and carbon-free, nuclear-free energy: retool arms factories and retrain workers.

H.Res-77 calls on the United States to embrace the goals and provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and to adopt five comprehensive policy prescriptions for preventing nuclear war.

HR-1134, the People Over Pentagon Act, would encourage lawmakers to reduce wasteful Pentagon spending and invest in the true needs of their constituents instead. Over the next 30 years about two trillion dollars are planned to be spent by the USA on the nuclear weapons enterprise, this has to be stopped - they are your tax dollars.

Call and email your Representative in Congress and ask him/her to co-sponsor the above legislation.

Congressional Hotline: 202-224-3121