

TORONTO'S HIROSHIMA/ NAGASAKI DAY COALITION  
SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2017 @ 6:30 PM  
THE PEACE GARDEN ON NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE

# HUMANITY FIRST: BAN THE BOMB!

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

United Nations General Assembly  
July 7, 2017

*"...Deeply concerned about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences that would result from any use of nuclear weapons, and recognizing the consequent need to completely eliminate such weapons, which remains the only way to guarantee that nuclear weapons are never used again under any circumstances..."*

*the peace starts here.*



Hiroshima-Nagasaki  
Poster Display  
&  
Survivors' Art  
Exhibit



Toronto City Hall  
Rotunda  
100 Queen St. West

August 3 – 9, 2017  
10 AM – 5 PM

## THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN TREATY

**The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**, also referred to as the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty, was adopted by the United Nations on 7 July 2017 with the support of 122 states. The Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty joins the treaties that deal with chemical weapons, biological weapons and landmines.

This treaty grew out of the 2007 global civil society coalition called the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). In 2011, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) released a resolution that focused on the humanitarian aspects of nuclear weapons and the impossibility of any meaningful response to a nuclear weapons explosion. Three successful *Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons* conferences followed with the resulting Humanitarian Pledge, signed by 127 nations, addressing the global human and environmental impacts of nuclear weapons.

The process that developed into the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty negotiations increasingly included survivors of nuclear weapons testing and use, such as Setsuko Thurlow, civil society, NGOs and non-nuclear weapon reliant states.

***On 20 September 2017, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will open for states to sign and begin the global stigmatization and delegitimization of nuclear weapons, on the path to a nuclear weapons-free world.***

## HNDC PLEDGE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Today, remembering the devastating atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we recall the message on the cenotaph in the Peace Park in Hiroshima, "Let all the souls here rest in peace; For we shall not repeat the evil."

The world has lived under the shadow of nuclear weapons for more than 70 years, and nuclear arsenals now hold enough weapons to destroy it many times over.

Should another nuclear war ever be precipitated, deliberately or accidentally, it will cause untold human suffering and the destruction of Earth's biosphere and life as we know it.

On this commemoration day, we say "***No more Hiroshimas, No more Nagasakis: Never again on planet Earth,***" as we promised to those destroyed by the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. And, this is our pledge to ensure the continued existence of humankind and a future for our children, free of the ever-present threat of nuclear annihilation.

### **THE PLEDGE:**

***Today, with people around the world, we commit ourselves to cooperate with states, parliamentarians, and civil society in efforts to stigmatize, prohibit, and eliminate nuclear weapons, for the sake of humanity, and to prevent unthinkable horror before it is too late.***

*On 19 July 2017 the HNDC with peace, faith & environmental groups issued an emergency appeal to Toronto's Mayor Tory that he ask the Board of Health to hold public hearings on the threat of nuclear weapons to Toronto & its communities.*

# HUMANITY FIRST: BAN THE BOMB!

- 4:30 **Community Tables, Origami & Lantern Making, Shiatsu**
- 6:30 **Isshin Daiko of Toronto Musical Ensemble**  
*Harukoma ~ Furyu ~ Tsuiseki*
- 6:45 **Performance by Flautist Ron Korb**
- 7:00 **Opening of Commemoration Ceremony**  
*Master of Ceremonies Phyllis Creighton, Science for Peace*
- 7:05 **Welcome on behalf of Toronto's Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Day Coalition**  
*Dr. Vinay Jindal, President, Physicians for Global Survival*
- 7:10 **Interfaith Prayer**  
*The Rev. Chris Harper, Indigenous Native Priest, Anglican Diocese of Toronto*
- 7:15 **City of Toronto's Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Day Proclamation**  
*Councillor Chin Lee, Ward 41, Scarborough-Rouge River*
- 7:20 **Hiroshima & Nagasaki Peace Proclamations**  
*Setsuko Thurlow, Hibakusha & International Nuclear Disarmament Advocate*
- Minute of Silence**
- 7:30 **Musical Performance by the Pax Christi Chorale**  
*Sicut Cervus ~ The Blue Bird ~ Kamome (Seagulls)*
- 7:45 **"NEW ACTION NOW: BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS"**  
*The Honourable Douglas Roche, O.C.*
- 8:05 **Musical Performance by Toronto Raging Grannies**  
*Gaggle ~ Hiroshima ~ 'Tween the Humber & the Don ~ Beneath the Nuclear Umbrella ~ War Games ~ Hiroshima Sakura ~ Abolition ~ Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream*
- 8:15 **"We Need Everyone's Voice" & HNDC Pledge**  
*Rob Acheson, Science for Peace's Nuclear Weapons Working Group*
- 8:25 **Closing remarks from the Master of Ceremonies Phyllis Creighton**
- 8:30 **Lantern Ceremony accompanied by flautist Ron Korb**

## 2017 Community & Craft Tables

Science for Peace	Voice of Women for Peace	Physicians for Global Survival
Conscience Canada	Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Pax Christi (Toronto)
Origami by the JCCC	Tao Sangha Shiatsu	Christian Peacemaker Teams
HNDC Lantern Making	Soka Gakkai Canada	Hope 21          H + A = P
Toronto Article 9	Sierra Club of Canada	Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day Coalition

## THE HONOURABLE DOUGLAS ROCHE, O.C.

DOUGLAS ROCHE is a former Member of Parliament (1972-84), Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament (1984-89), and Senator (1998-2004). Mr. Roche was the founding president of Parliamentarians for Global Action in 1980 and founding chairman of the Middle Powers Initiative in 1998, a coalition of leading NGOs and middle countries dedicated to the worldwide reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons.

In 1995, he received the Papal Medal for his services as a special adviser on disarmament and security matters from Pope John Paul. Mr. Roche founded the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons in 1996, which engages citizens in serious dialogue with the federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A former president of the United Nations Association of Canada and former chair of the Canadian Pugwash Group, Mr. Roche was made an honorary citizen of Hiroshima in 2010 in recognition of his decades-long work on nuclear weapons



He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and has led nearly 1000 Order of Canada recipients to petition the Canadian government to pursue a treaty convention that would ban nuclear weapons. Mr. Roche is a prolific author. He has written more than 20 books on disarmament, nuclear weapons abolition, peace and social justice and his latest is 2017's *Hope Not Fear: Building Peace in a Fractured World*.

## SETSUKO THURLOW

SETSUKO THURLOW is a retired Toronto Public School Board social worker and a founder of Japanese Social Services. As a young school girl, she survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and she shares her experiences to put a voice and a face to the powerful, destructive force of nuclear weapons.



Setsuko is an international nuclear disarmament advocate and a City of Hiroshima Peace Ambassador. She is an active campaigner and played an essential role in the 2017 United Nations Ban Treaty negotiations.

Setsuko is a member of the Order of Canada. She was recognized as the 2015 Arms Control Person of the Year and, along with her fellow Hibakusha, was a 2015 Nobel Peace Prize nominee. She received the Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace in 2017.

The Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Day Coalition is proud of the contribution Setsuko Thurlow continues to make to the vital cause of nuclear abolition, at home and internationally.

**HIBAKUSHA** are the survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The meaning of Hibakusha has been extended to include people who are survivors of nuclear disasters including Fukushima, Chernobyl, nuclear testing and uranium mining.

## CANADA'S NUCLEAR LEGACY

**The radium and uranium mine at Port Radium employed Indigenous Dene labour** to transport crushed radioactive ore from the mine in cloth sacks, without protective equipment. The Dene were not trained in the proper handling of radioactive materials or educated on the serious health risks associated with unsafe handling.

**The Manhattan Project** used Port Radium uranium that was sold to the US Government. Early nuclear research and testing as well as the atomic bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki contained materials originating from Port Radium. The Canadian uranium ore and 1200 tons of uranium concentrate from the Belgian Congo were refined by Eldorado, a Crown Corporation, in **Port Hope, Ontario**.

**The Village of Widows** reminds us of the devastating loss of Dene men in Déline, N.W.T. to cancer in the years following the mining at Port Radium. The Déline community in the Northwest Territories still struggles with the 1.7 million tons of uranium waste dumped into Sahtu, Great Bear Lake.

**From the 1940s, Canada embraced “the peaceful atom”** and nuclear cooperation with India allowed India to develop a nuclear power programme. This arrangement, however, was suspended once India became a nuclear weapons state after testing its first atomic bomb on 18 May 1974 using plutonium produced in a Canadian CIRUS reactor. Nuclear proliferation began in South Asia and it continues to be at high risk for a nuclear disaster.

**Canada-India Nuclear Cooperation Agreement** came into force in 2013; a \$350 million, 5-year contract for uranium exports to India. India is not a signatory to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and has an estimated nuclear arsenal of over 100 warheads.

**Canada as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** hosted US nuclear weapons on its soil from 1963 to 1984. Without nuclear warheads, Canada remains under the US nuclear umbrella and as a NATO member supports the position that “as long as nuclear weapons exist, NATO will remain a nuclear alliance”.

**The United States Mission to NATO**, on 17 October 2016, circulated a memo to NATO allies advising them to vote “no” to Bill L41, the 2016 UN General Assembly resolution to establish a mandate for nations to negotiate a Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty. NATO allies were also directed not to participate in the Nuclear Ban Treaty negotiations (should they occur). The memo warned that a Ban Treaty would undermine the current disarmament process and the security of NATO nations.

**Canada voted against Bill L41 in 2016 and did not participate in the negotiation of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.** It claimed that US nuclear weapons are essential for national security. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the negotiations “sort of useless” as nuclear weapons states had boycotted the meetings.

In 2017, the Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Day Coalition unveils a new poster entitled *“A Uranium Legacy from the 1940s for the Dene People”*, photo by Robert Del Tredici. It is on display in the City Hall Rotunda through to August 9<sup>th</sup> as part of the *Hiroshima-Nagasaki Poster Display & Survivors' Art Exhibit*.

# HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI DAY COALITION

Working together for  
the abolition of nuclear weapons



The Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Day Coalition includes representatives of peace groups and concerned individuals in the Greater Toronto Area. The Coalition formed to commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to work for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Every August, the HNDC organizes public events to ensure the human suffering and destruction inflicted by the first atomic bombings in 1945 will never be forgotten or repeated.

## **HNDC Planning Committee:**

*Science for Peace  
Physicians for Global Survival  
Pax Christi Toronto  
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace  
Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre  
Tao Sangha Global Community  
Hiroshima Kenjin Kai (Ontario)  
Toronto Article 9  
Toronto Area Interfaith Council*

## **Supporters & Sponsors:**

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James Lorimer & Company  
Sierra Club of Canada  
Hope 21 and H + A = P  
Canadian Physicians for Research & Education in Peace*

Many thanks to all the donors, volunteers, speakers and performers  
who made it possible for Toronto to have a  
Hiroshima/ Nagasaki commemoration in 2017.

Please contact the Hiroshima/ Nagasaki Day Coalition:  
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## **LAST NIGHT I HAD THE STRANGEST DREAM**

Last night I had the strangest dream  
I never dreamed before,  
I dreamed the world had all agreed  
To put an end to war.

I dreamed I saw a mighty room  
All filled with women and men,  
And the paper they were signing said  
They'd never fight again!

And when the paper was all signed,  
And a million copies made,  
They all joined hands and bowed their heads  
And grateful prayers were prayed.

And the people in the streets below  
Were dancing round and round,  
And swords and guns and uniforms  
Were scattered on the ground.

**Last night I had the strangest dream  
I never dreamed before,  
I dreamed the world had all agreed  
To put an end to war.**

*Written by: Ed McCurdy  
Performance: Toronto Raging Grannies*