



NUCLEAR ABOLITION, CLIMATE PROTECTION, AND OUR CITIES' FUTURE

Thursday, October 23, 2008
Sheslow Hall, Drake University, Des Moines

In Iowa and across the country, cities are taking actions to protect the climate. Over 850 mayors have signed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Cities also are stepping up to the threat to our future posed by nuclear weapons, still possessed in very large numbers by nine countries including the United States. A resolution adopted this year by the U.S. Conference of Mayors calls upon the federal government to work for the worldwide elimination of nuclear forces by 2020. 130 U.S. mayors are members of Mayors for Peace, a rapidly growing international network dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons. Headed by the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Mayors for Peace has over 2,400 members in 131 countries.

The **day program** will examine:

- climactic effects of use of nuclear weapons (Steven Starr, MT, Senior Scientist, Physicians for Social Responsibility)
- international frameworks for cooperation on nuclear abolition and climate protection (Dr. John Burroughs, Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy)
- climate-friendly energy paths (Dr. Jürgen Scheffran, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
- wind power: an emerging alternative (Pat Spears, Intertribal Council on Energy Policy)
- the role of nuclear power (Dr. Brice Smith, State University of New York, Cortland)
- converting the militarized economy (Mary Beth Sullivan, Global Network Against Nuclear Power and Weapons in Space)
- social change (Wilson Riles, former Oakland city council member; Andrew Lichterman, Western States Legal Foundation)
- what cities can do (Frank Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines, and others)
- for more information and updates, see [program](#)

The **evening program**, "Nuclear Abolition and Climate Protection: Why and Ways," features two leaders in analysis and action:

Convened by

Mayors for Peace, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Des Moines, and Drake University



Schedule

Day program: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

registration & coffee: 8:30 a.m.

Evening program: 7:30 – 9:00

Admission

Mayors and other local officials, community organizers, students and faculty, and the public invited

\$20 admission; \$10 evening only
no charge to students; no one turned away

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Organizers

Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy, Western States Legal Foundation, and Global Action to Prevent War, in association with Mayors for Peace; Progressive Coalition of Central Iowa

Co-sponsors

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Dr. Arjun Makhijani, President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research; author, *Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy* (2007)

Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso, North American Coordinator, Mayors for Peace; Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation; contributing author, *Nuclear Disorder or Cooperative Security? U.S. Weapons of Terror, the Global Proliferation Crisis, and Paths to Peace* (2007)

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