



# Peace Movement Aotearoa

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## Commemorative and peace events in Aotearoa New Zealand around the 72nd anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

This year marks the 72nd anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima (6 August) and Nagasaki (9 August): details of commemorative and peace events - the first on Monday, 31 July - in Auckland, Whakatane, Wellington, Lower Hutt, Nelson, Takaka and Christchurch and Dunedin are included below.

This year, for the first time since the first atomic bomb detonation in July 1945, there is hope at last that a nuclear weapons-free world is closer to being achieved because of the adoption of the new Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons at the UN negotiating conference last month in New York - information about the Treaty and New Zealand's statements to the conference are available on the **iCAN** Aotearoa New Zealand web site at <http://www.icanw.org.nz>

### • Auckland

• **Wednesday, 2 August - 'New Zealand and the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty' public lecture.** The Auckland Law School, International Law Association (ILA) and the New Zealand Institute for International Affairs (NZIIA) warmly invite you to the public lecture with Associate Professor Treasa Dunworth and Dr Lyndon Burford. On 7 July 2017, New Zealand was among 122 states to vote for the adoption of a new Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty. It has taken over 70 years, but with this treaty, the international community has finally outlawed nuclear weapons. However, not one of the 9 states possessing nuclear weapons have engaged in the process – and all of the NATO states, with the exception of the Netherlands, stayed away from negotiations. What does this mean for the treaty? Why was New Zealand such a strong supporter of this process? What does the future look like now? Starts 6pm, at the Old Government House Lecture Theatre, University of Auckland - if you are planning to attend, please RSVP by Monday, 31 July, to email [lawevents@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:lawevents@auckland.ac.nz) More information is available at <http://www.law.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/events-1/events/events-2017/2017/08/NZ-and-the-Nuclear-Weapons-Ban-Treaty.html> and the A4 flyer for the lecture is at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/nbt020817.pdf>

• **Sunday, 6 August to 26 August - Tumanako!** Children's Art Works for a Peaceful World: 2017 commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Tumanako! is an exhibition commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear attack in

1945. Marking this year's 72nd anniversary it will be local children's art expressing their hopes and dreams for a peaceful world to thrive in. At the same time it will also recognise this year's 30th anniversary of NZ becoming a nuclear free country. The exhibition will display artworks of children aged 8-15 years old from all over New Zealand. The exhibition opens at 3pm on Sunday, 6 August at the AUT, and will run there until Saturday, 12 August; and opens at 3pm on Sunday, 13 August at Takapuna Library, and will run there until Saturday, 26 August. Organised by SGINZ, more information is available at <http://www.sginz.org/HiroshimaHope70>

- **Sunday, 6 August - Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration.** Join us to mark the 72nd anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. There will be music and crane making and we will light candles to remember those who died as a result of the bombing, with special guest this year WILPF International president, Kozue Akibayashi. From 5.30pm to 7pm, at the Grey Lynn Community Centre, 510 Richmond Rd, Grey Lynn. Organised by WILPF Tamaki Makaurau, RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/323768711395608> The A4 poster for the commemoration is at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/wilpftm0817.pdf>

- **Whakatane**

- **Sunday, 6 August - Tumanako!** Children's World Peace Flags exhibition. Part of the 2017 Tumanako! Children's Art Works for a Peaceful World series, the exhibition opens at 3pm at Whakatane library (Te Koputu), and will run for four weeks. Organised by SGINZ, more information is available at <http://www.sginz.org/HiroshimaHope70>

- **Wellington**

- **Sunday 6 August - Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration.** From 10am to 11.30am, at the Peace Flame Garden, city side of Rose Garden, Wellington Botanic Garden. Organised by Richard Tingey, more information is available at <http://www.hdwn.webs.com>

- **Tuesday, 8 August - Public forum: 'The global ban on nuclear weapons'.** A humanitarian disarmament forum with Dell Higgie, NZ Disarmament Ambassador, discussing the new Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted on 7 July 2017 in New York. The 2017 iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand forum to mark the anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is from 1pm to 2pm, at St Andrew's Conference Centre, 30 The Terrace, Wellington - BYO lunch, tea / coffee will be provided. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend, email [icanz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icanz@xtra.co.nz) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/340243839743006> The A4 poster for the forum is at <http://www.icanw.org.nz>

- **Sunday, 20 August to Saturday, 2 September - Tumanako!** Children's Art Works for a Peaceful World: 2017 commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Tumanako! is an exhibition commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear attack in

1945. Marking this year's 72nd anniversary it will be local children's art expressing their hopes and dreams for a peaceful world to thrive in. At the same time it will also recognise this year's 30th anniversary of NZ becoming a nuclear free country. The exhibition will display artworks of children aged 8-15 years old from all over New Zealand. The exhibition opens at 1pm on Sunday, 20 August, at Wharewaka, and will run at the Central Library until Saturday, 2 September. Organised by SGINZ, more information is available at <http://www.sginz.org/HiroshimaHope70>

- **Lower Hutt**

- **Sunday, 6 August to Sunday, 26 August - Tumanako!** Children's Art Works for a Peaceful World: 2017 commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Tumanako! is an exhibition commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear attack in 1945. Marking this year's 72nd anniversary it will be local children's art expressing their hopes and dreams for a peaceful world to thrive in. At the same time it will also recognise this year's 30th anniversary of NZ becoming a nuclear free country. The exhibition will display artworks of children aged 8-15 years old from all over New Zealand. The exhibition opens at 2pm on Sunday, 6 August at the Little Theatre, Lower Hutt, and will run at the Lower Hutt library until Sunday, 26 August. Organised by SGINZ, more information is available at <http://www.sginz.org/HiroshimaHope70>

- **Nelson**

- **Sunday, 6 August - Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration.** Peace vigil at 12 noon, on the Cathedral Steps, Trafalgar Street; organised by Nelson Quakers.

- **Wednesday, 9 August - Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration.** Peace vigil at 5pm, on the Cathedral Steps, Trafalgar Street; organised by Nelson Quakers.

- **Takaka**

- **Monday, 31 July to Saturday, 5 August - Ministry of Peace community exhibition.** The exhibition, based on Peace Movement Aotearoa's 2017 election focus on welfare or warfare, is part of a Golden Bay community conversation about diverting military spending to purposeful peacemaking and includes the community's contributions along with informative peace related images, posters, quotes etc. The official opening is at 2.30pm on Monday, 31 July, at the Art Bank, 57 Commercial Street, Takaka, Golden Bay, then the exhibition is open daily from 10am to 4pm until Saturday, 5 August. Organised by the Golden Bay Peace Group, the A4 poster is available at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/gbpg0717.jpg>

- **Christchurch**

- **Sunday, 6 August - Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration.** The annual commemoration and "Never Again" commitment, with speakers, music, and candles. Hear from Kate Dewes and Rob Green about their recent participation in the Nuclear Ban Treaty negotiations at the United Nations in New York. From 11am to 12 noon at the World Peace Bell, Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Organised by WILPF Otautahi, RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1240576492719838>

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These listings are available online: on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/notes/peace-movement-aotearoa/72nd-anniversary-of-the-atomic-bombings-of-hiroshima-and-nagasaki-commemorative-/1418296011551097> and formatted for printing on the iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand site, <http://www.icanw.org.nz>

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