



# Mayors for Peace News Flash

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## Mayors for Peace Member Cities

**8,459** cities

in **166** countries and regions

(as of December 1, 2024)

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## Congratulations to the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns” 2024 winners!



In order to expand peace education efforts in its member cities, Mayors for Peace holds an annual Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns” for children from 6 to 15 years old in all member cities.

For the 7th competition in 2024, a total of 4,208 artworks were submitted to 123 member cities in 21 countries. They went through a screening process handled by their respective member cities, after which 617 artworks were sent to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Hiroshima. The final screening was conducted by the Secretariat, and 20 artworks were awarded prizes. Congratulations go to all the award winners!

The award-winning artworks are now displayed on the Mayors for Peace website with each artist’s message of peace that inspired their works. Please have a look at these excellent paintings. The Mayors for Peace President’s Award–winning artwork will be printed on plastic folders, which will be used in a variety of settings including conferences of the United Nations.



The Mayors for Peace President’s Award–winning artwork  
by Ochi Sui (13 years old) from Hiroshima, Japan

**【Peace message that inspired the artwork】**

I saw the white doves shining most beautifully in the blue summer sky—not an inferno, a pale light, or a foreign airplane.

If I had been under that sky at that time, I would have drawn a picture with a scorched feather that had drifted in from somewhere. I wonder if anyone would want that picture.

[🔗](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2024/post-241212/) Selection results: Mayors for Peace Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns” 2024 (Mayors for Peace website):

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2024/post-241212/>

## The data of Mayors for Peace brochure is now available!

The data of Mayors for Peace brochure is now available! This shows the outline and initiatives of Mayors for Peace simply and concisely. Please visit our website and we humbly ask you to use this in various occasions.

🔗 Mayors for Peace Website:  
[https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2408-mayors\\_for\\_peace\\_pamph\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2408-mayors_for_peace_pamph_en.pdf)



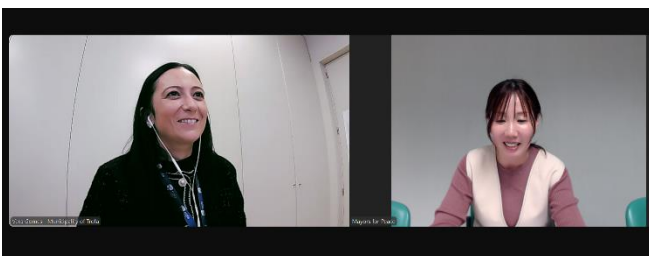
## Mayors for Peace Secretariat hosts Online Meetings for New Member Cities



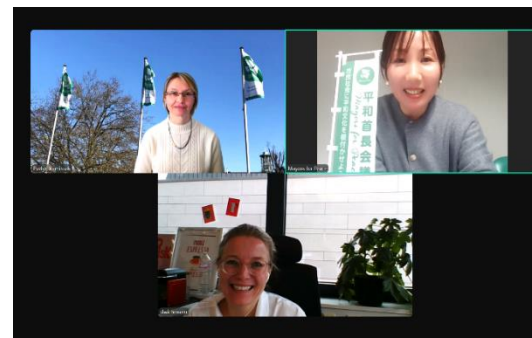
To inform new members about our initiatives and strengthen ties with member cities, we have been organizing Zoom meetings since June 2024. In November, we had the pleasure of connecting with representatives from two new member cities. These meetings provide an invaluable opportunity not only to share information about our initiatives but also to learn about the unique efforts of each member city.

### Meeting Agenda:

- Introduction of yourself and your municipality
- Overview of Mayors for Peace initiatives available to member cities
- (For German members: Overview of the German Chapter of Mayors for Peace)
- Q&A Session



With Ms. Vera Gomes (left) from Trofa, Portugal



With Ms. Dwichmann (bottom) of Hofheim am Taunus, Germany, and Ms. Evelyn Kamissek (up left) from Hannover

We sincerely thank you for joining Mayors for Peace. Your participation strengthens our network and commitment to fostering peace. Let's continue working together to implement initiatives that make the world a better place. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us anytime. We are always happy to hear from you!

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## The 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace is scheduled to be held in Nagasaki in August 2025

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Mayors for Peace holds a General Conference once every four years in principle. Hosted alternately between Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the General Conference is an opportunity for member cities to decide and approve agenda items significant to the organization.

We are pleased to announce that the 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace is scheduled to be held as follows:

[Dates]

Thursday, August 7 to Sunday, August 10, 2025

[Venue]

Dejima Messe Nagasaki (4-1 Onouemachi, Nagasaki City), etc.

<https://dejima-messe.jp/en>

[Participant expenses]

- Registration fee: 14,000 JPY per participant
- Travel cost
- Accommodations
- Private interpreter (if you intend to bring or hire an interpreter)
- Meals, shopping, sightseeing, etc.



The 10th General Conference held in Hiroshima in October 2022

[For your reference]

You can review the program of the 9th General Conference, which took place on the same dates in Nagasaki from August 7 to August 10, 2017, at the following link:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/news/2017/former-9th-gc-en/>

We would also be truly grateful if many people could take this opportunity to visit Hiroshima and attend its Peace Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. The advance program, which contains the conference outline and registration information, will be available in early 2025.

We look forward to many member cities' participation in the 11th General Conference, which will mark the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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## Request for Payment of the 2024 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee

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In order to facilitate future activities and strengthen the sense of solidarity amongst member cities, Mayors for Peace introduced an annual Membership Fee in 2015.

This year again, we ask each member city to pay a fee of 2,000 Japanese yen (about 14 USD/13 Euro as of March 22, 2024) per city. If your city has not paid their Membership Fee in previous years, we ask your city to pay the total amount owed for each unpaid year since 2015. The collected Membership Fees will be allocated toward new and existing projects listed on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan.


A request for payment of the 2024 membership fee was sent to each city by email on April 1. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

 Request for the 2024 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (Mayors for Peace website):


<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/joins/fees/>

## We are providing data for exhibitions!

We have introduced our data providing for exhibition that can be utilized in your city. To all member cities, we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in promoting the culture of peace.

 Exhibition of the Children’s Art Competition “Peaceful Towns” (message from the award-winning artists also available)

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/ja/vision/initiative/art/drawings-data/>

 Holding the Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/ja/vision/initiative/poster/>



## Member cities activities

### Tasman, New Zealand

#### Hiroshima A-bomb survivor testimony in the Tasman District.

Yulia Panfylova, Community Partnerships Officer, Tasman District Council

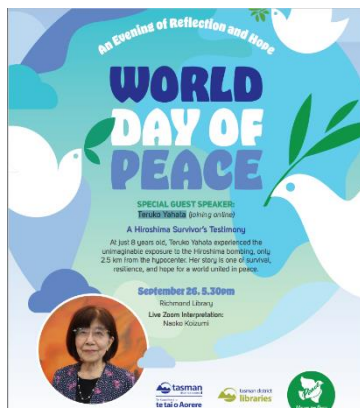
Although New Zealand is not actively involved in military conflicts, peace education becomes important in the local context. Addressing peace helps prevent future conflicts by promoting dialogue, acceptance and understanding. Without peace education, cultural tensions could resurface, particularly around sensitive issues like land ownership, resource management, or political representation.

To celebrate World Day of Peace and to promote peace education, Tasman District Council partnered with Mayors for Peace to organize a zoom meeting with a *hibakusha* Teruko Yahata (an atomic bomb survivor) on September 26.



*Hibakusha* testimony event in the Richmond library

Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation arranged an interpreter and provided technical support. This event was held in Richmond Library with the assistance of a librarian Karyn McLintock.



Poster advertising *hibakusha* testimony event

Teruko Yahata’s talk and her slides left people emotional and speechless. They needed some time before they could talk and ask questions. The talk was attended by a range of people, there were international students and local residents, and a special guest - Tasman District Councillor Jo Ellis, who always supports peace education events.

After the event, participants filled out feedback forms. Here is some of their feedback:

“Nene and I had never heard about the real experiences of Hiroshima bomb survivors, so it was a very good experience for us. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.” (attendees from Japan)

“Thank you. Unique Opportunity. Much appreciated.”

“Very informative. To hear firsthand of the experience of the atomic bomb and aftermath was shocking and inspiring. Very timely

considering the outbreak of the invasion of Ukraine and the outbreak of war in the Middle East/ Gaza, Lebanon and Israel.”

“Good to hear her side. She looks so young for her age. I wonder how she didn’t get sick?”

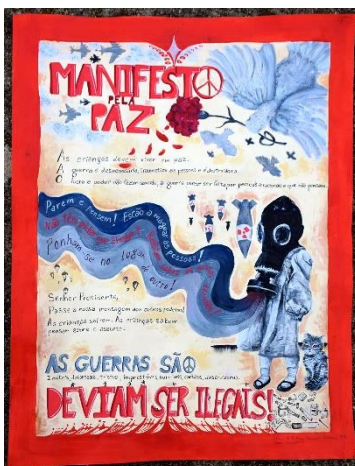
“Wonderful event. Big thank you.”

Tasman District Council believes that building a peaceful society today prevents the likelihood of future generations inheriting unresolved conflict. By promoting understanding and empathy, peace education works as a proactive measure to build long-term unity in our multicultural society.

## Évora, Portugal Students of the Santa Clara School deliver to the Vice-Mayor of Évora “Manifesto for Peace”

Ms. Paula Helena Santos, Senior Technician, the City of Évora

As part of an activity carried out at school, the 7th grade students of Santa Clara School drew up a ‘Manifesto for Peace’ which they hand-delivered to Mr. Alexandre Varela, Vice-Mayor of Évora. The hand-over took place in Évora's Public Garden on 10 December, next to the place where the seeds of the *hibaku* trees are deposited. In the Manifesto, the students call on the Mayor to pass on their message to other leaders, in order to urge them to put an end to wars and to think about the suffering of children.



The “Manifesto for Peace” reads (original: Portuguese):

Children should live in peace.  
War is unnecessary, traumatises people and is destructive.  
Profit and power make no sense, wars seems to be waged by irrational people who do not think.  
Stop and think! You're hurting people!  
Don't you have enough power? Think about your decisions!  
Put yourself in the other person's shoes!  
Mr. Mayor,  
Pass on our message to other powers!  
Children suffer. Children know how to think about it.  
WARS ARE pointless, painful, sad, useless, horrible, chaotic, destructive -  
THEY SHOULD BE ILLEGAL”

The official facebook for the City of Évora of this event at:

<https://www.facebook.com/EvoraNoticias/posts/pfbid0iy1GjkS4nrPxNGfBG666qdAF45gimAy2wT5QtznmKnaB1Rycvzt5V3og4aPjWSil> (Portuguese only)

## Évora hands out prizes for the local children of Children’s Art Competition

Ms. Paula Helena Santos, Senior Technician, the City of Évora

Around 100 pupils from the Galopim de Carvalho, Manuel Ferreira Patrício and Vista Alegre primary schools, accompanied by their teachers, took part in the presentation of prizes to the local winners of the children's drawing competition on the theme of Peace, entitled 'What Peace Means to Me?', promoted annually by Mayors for Peace. The awards ceremony took place on 12th December at the Évora Cultural Centre. At the end of the session, there was a performance by the artist Diogo Duro.

The official facebook for the City of Évora of this event at:

<https://www.facebook.com/EvoraNoticias/posts/pfbid02wsRR4eNXKNhycHWAPaJDPCmBXVEnoTxRUBYGX3B7RGeutj5VFU3mBVLdt5MUFDJXI> (Portuguese only)

## Montpellier, France "One Thousand Paper Cranes for Peace" initiative as part of the Japan Week in Occitanie at Lycée Jules Guesde, Montpellier

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCDPRP)

On November 20, 2024, Lycée Jules Guesde in Montpellier organized a day of awareness about the consequences of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with the "Mayors for Peace" exhibition displayed both outside and inside the high school library. This initiative was organized by Japanese teacher Saori Uziel and her students to emphasize the importance of peace remembrance. The students had the opportunity to participate in an origami workshop where they created paper cranes, inspired by the famous story of Sadako Sasaki, a symbol of peace. These cranes will be sent to Hiroshima as a gesture of solidarity and hope for a world without nuclear weapons.



Poster advertising hibakusha testimony event



Student at origami workshop

The day was further enriched by the screening of the film *Black Rain* (Kuroi ame in Japanese) directed by Shōhei Imamura in 1989, which depicts the daily lives of *hibakusha*, the survivors of the atomic bombings. This poignant film, based on the novel by Masuji Ibuse, helped the students understand the suffering caused by nuclear bombings.

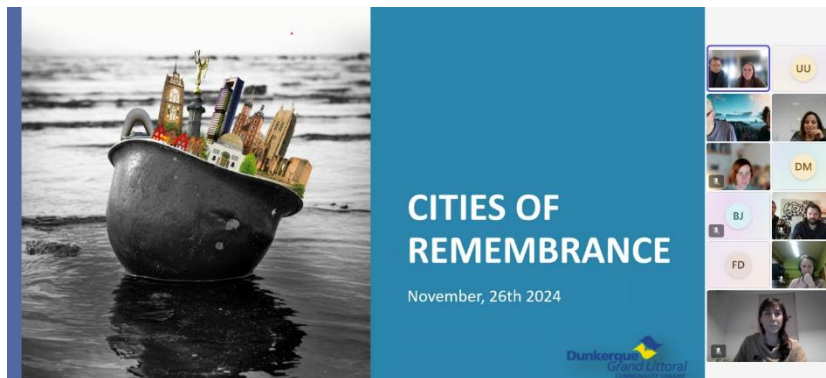
In addition to these activities, a video conference with high school students from Nagasaki is scheduled for December 17, 2024. This will further strengthen the connections between generations and cultures, creating a foundation for future educational exchanges centered around the message of peace. (photo courtesy: Ms. Saori Uziel)

## Regional chapter activities

### French Chapter Cities of Remembrance Network Meeting

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCDPRP)

On November 26, 2024, the Cities of Remembrance network (led by the city of Dunkirk – France) held a virtual meeting in preparation for the 6th International Conference, scheduled for May 22-24, 2025, in Dunkirk and Ypres.



Key points included the introduction of Arras, welcomed as a new member city. The Greater Council of Dunkirk presented the proposed conference agenda, which will feature roundtables, workshops, visits, and commemorations. The City of Ypres led discussions on the theme "*Memory and Diversity*," exploring how to involve young people and celebrate diverse historical contributions.

The City of Krefeld presented *Villa Merländer*, a site dedicated to Holocaust remembrance. An artistic collective proposed the *Champ de Foire* project, merging art and memory.

The meeting concluded with updates on the June 2024 symposium video broadcast and the Cities of Remembrance 2025 competition.

The upcoming conference will address how remembrance can promote peace, prevent nationalism, and reflect on a century of shared history.

## General Assembly of Mayors for Peace France: Toward an Ambitious Roadmap for 2025

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

On December 6, 2024, Mayors for Peace France held its annual General Assembly online to validate the financial accounts for 2022 and 2023 and set the strategic direction for 2025. The event focused on key upcoming initiatives, particularly the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings in 2025. Plans for the 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace, scheduled to take place in Nagasaki in August 2025, were also discussed, with a proposal to send a delegation of French municipalities.

The General Assembly was marked by rich and constructive discussions, setting clear priorities for the year ahead. Mayors for Peace France aims to become a leading reference in peace culture, enhancing membership engagement and involvement. Initiatives in sports, culture, arts, and education were highlighted, along with the importance of offering training for elected officials and local government staff.

A renewed focus was placed on supporting and sharing local and international initiatives, strengthening Mayors for Peace's role as a key player in peace cooperation. The assembly's outcomes are set to guide the organization in its efforts to foster a culture of peace, promote active participation, and expand its reach in 2025.



French Chapter General Assembly online

## Mayors for Peace France Statement on the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize

Ms. Lorena Schlicht, Mayors for Peace France (AFCD RP)

Mayors for Peace France welcomes the awarding of the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize to the *hibakusha*, survivors of the atomic bombings, through the organization Nihon Hidankyo. This recognition is a crucial milestone in the fight for a world free from nuclear threats.

The *Hibakusha*, now over 85 years old on average, continue to share their testimonies of the devastating impact of nuclear war, reminding us of the urgent need for disarmament. Their lifelong commitment to peace reflects Albert Camus' words: "*Peace is the only battle worth waging.*"

Mayors for Peace was founded to amplify the voices of the *hibakusha* and preserve their memories. Cities in our network have had the honor of hosting mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, along with *hibakusha*, whose stories deeply resonate, particularly with younger generations.

As we celebrate this recognition, we remain aware of the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East, and particularly the tragic situation in Palestine. We stand committed to promoting nuclear disarmament, justice, and peace. Cities have a crucial role to play in this mission, uniting voices worldwide to shape a peaceful future.

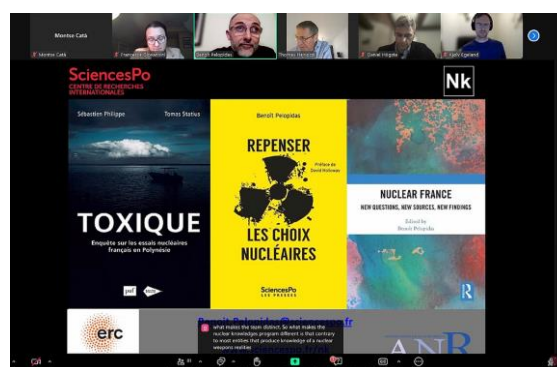
Our statement is available at: <https://cloud.mycorhize.xyz/s/skXZqSA9n6BjjBy> (French only).

## The European Chapter of Mayors for Peace held a Webinar on «Nuclear Deterrence: Threat to or Guarantee of our Security»

Ms. Montserrat Catà Lladó, City of Granollers, Spain

More than 80 viewers from all over the world connected to the webinar, held on November 28.

The session opened with remarks by the Mayor of Hiroshima, Mr. Matsui, followed by interventions of Daniel Högsta (ICAN) and Marc Finaud (IDN). Four experts presented their arguments. Dr. Francesca Giovannini pointed out that there is a chance to understand the limitations of deterrence: it is not a political solution, it is supposed to open a space on which one builds on for engagement and it is mostly about countries that have nuclear weapons. Dr. Benoît Pelopidas explained that deterrence puts you at the mercy of accidental explosions or adversaries willing to take the risk, therefore, it is not about protection. Dr. Laura Considine discussed the impact of language on the perception of nuclear weapons. Dr. Kjølv Egeland explained the difference between the school of thought that thinks nuclear deterrence is straightforward and the one that does not. After a Q&A, Alba





Barnusell, Mayor of Granollers, closed the webinar. You can find a summary of this webinar at the [European Chapter website](https://www.mayorsforpeace.eu/news/): <https://www.mayorsforpeace.eu/news/>.

## The Catalan network of Mayors for Peace organizes a conference on local peace policies

Ms. Montserrat Catà Lladó, City of Granollers, Spain

On December 4th, the Catalan network organised the conference "Local Peace and Coexistence Policies" opened by the Mayor of Granollers, Alba Barnusell; the Mayor of Tordera, the Mayor of Lliçà de Vall and the president of the *Fons Català de Cooperació*. The first roundtable, with the UCLG general secretary, Emilia Saiz and Tica Font, president of the *Centre Delàs*, discussed how local peace policies can influence the global agenda. Ideas such as a world led by mayors and the role of social media were explored.

The second panel focused on local peace-building experiences with municipal staff. Beth Mejan (Sant Cugat) presented the Peace Agenda initiative, Alba Sanfeliu (Manresa) shared an exhibition for young people, and Montse Bosch (Vic) discussed a youth theatre project promoting dialogue. José Álvarez (UCLG) spoke about Palmira, Colombia, the winner of the UCLG Peace Prize. The event concluded with the presentation of the Guide for Local Peace, a tool to identify the types of violence that manifest themselves in the municipalities and a tool to identify actions, policies and plans to prevent violence, as well as peace programmes.



### Please send us a report on your city's peace activities

Share your city's peace activities with fellow member cities! Please send the Secretariat a short report on a peace activity or initiative by your city based on the Action Plan so that we can share it on our [website](#) or the News Flash. Reports on your city's activity or initiative that stimulate youth to be engaged in peace activities or promote 'the culture of peace' are especially welcome! We look forward to your submissions!

Email: [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

\* Please write a **SHORT** (up to 200 words long) report in English, and send it to the above email address with photos (if any). Please include key information such as the date, venue, description, and result.

**Mayors for Peace member cities: 8,459 cities in 166 countries/regions**

On December 1, we gained 36 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,459. We thank all involved in promoting expanded membership for their invaluable support. Below is the breakdown of the new members.

Country/Region	New Members	Total No.	Remarks
Albania	Belsh and 9 other cities	16	Thanks to efforts by Pathways To Peace.
France	Cendras	178	Thanks to efforts by Malakoff, a Vice President and Lead City.
Germany	Bad Bramstedt and 2 other cities	903	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City.
Ireland	Clare and 15 other cities	23	The Mayors for Peace Affiliation Ceremony was held during President Matsui’s visit to Dublin in this October.
Italy	Guastalla and Villamagna	526	
Luxembourg	Schuttrange	64	
Nepal	Arjundhara	42	
Portugal	Vidigueira and Vila Nova de Famalicão	57	Thanks to efforts by Évora, an Executive and Lead City.

## 36 new cities from 8 countries

	Albania	10 cities
	France	1 city
	Germany	3 cities
	Ireland	16 cities
	Italy	2 cities
	Luxembourg	1 city
	Nepal	1 city
	Portugal	2 cities

8,459

member cities

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166

countries & regions

As of December 1, 2024

Help us achieve 10,000 member cities!

List of new members (PDF): [https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2412-newmembers2412\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/file-2412-newmembers2412_en.pdf)

Membership by country (PDF): [https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/monthly/file-07\\_membership\\_by\\_country\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/monthly/file-07_membership_by_country_en.pdf)

**Help us achieve 10,000 member cities!**

Mayors for Peace aims to achieve **10,000 member cities** to foster international public support for the realization of a world without nuclear weapons. Invite other cities in your country, as well as your sister cities and any other cities with which you have relations to join Mayors for Peace. You can download a letter of request and document pack below.

The document pack is available in 12 different languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (BZ), Portuguese (EU), Russian, Spanish and Thai.


Letters of request to join Mayors for Peace and document pack <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/resources/#recruit>

Your continued cooperation is highly appreciated!


## Request to implement initiatives outlined in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan

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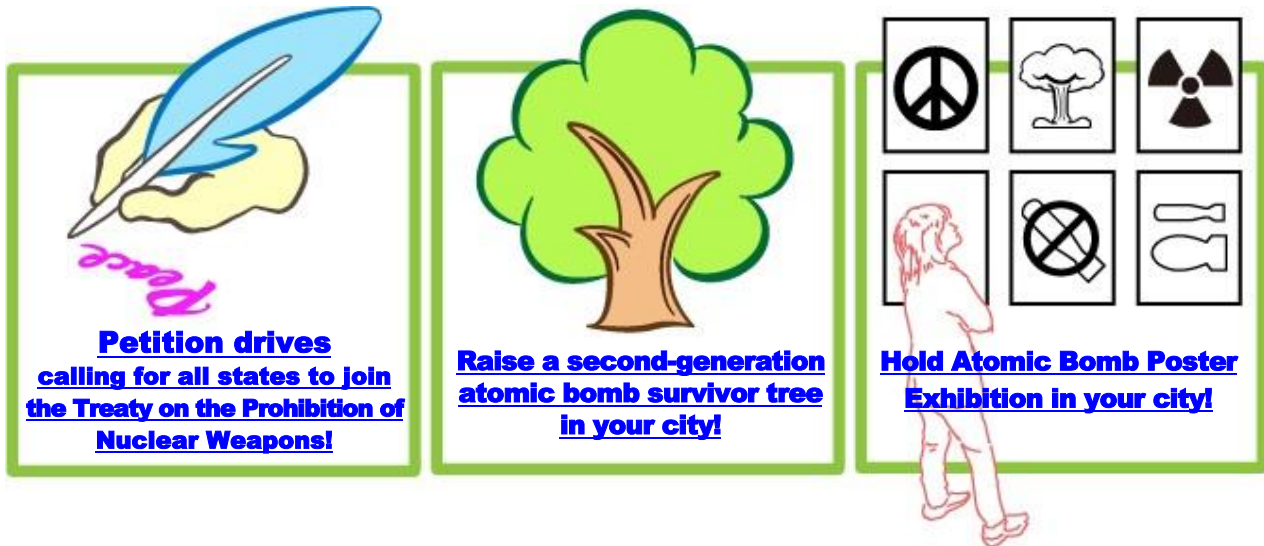
At the 12th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace held online in July 2021, we adopted the latest Action Plan (2021–2025). Together, let us continue our utmost efforts toward our ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace. Please implement initiatives outlined in the Action Plan within your own municipality or regional group.

 Mayors for Peace Action Plan (PDF):

[https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/file-PX\\_Vision\\_Action\\_Plan\\_en.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/file-PX_Vision_Action_Plan_en.pdf)

 Initiatives implemented under the Action Plan:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/>



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## Call for input: examples of peace education initiatives

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The Mayors for Peace Secretariat has been seeking examples of peace education initiatives conducted by any organization (city government/school/NGO, etc.) in Mayors for Peace member cities. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat accepts reports on a rolling basis, so please send your report whenever your project is completed. The submitted reports will be posted on our website and in the Mayors for Peace News Flash as a source of information for other member cities that are planning to launch their own peace education programs.

 Call for Input on the Mayors for Peace website:

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/visions/initiatives/edu-examples/>

**A closer look at the “World’s Nuclear Warheads Count in 2024” Part 2: Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA)**

As highlighted in the previous issues, the 2024 edition of our poster seeks to offer a more precise depiction of the global nuclear landscape by focusing on the "number of deployable warheads" (\*).

As of 2024, there are nine nuclear-armed states: Russia, the United States, China, France, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, India, Israel, and North Korea. Together, Russia and the United States alone account for approximately 80% of the world’s deployable nuclear warheads.

The poster presents data on the changes in deployable nuclear warhead numbers for each country from 2018 to 2024, along with their respective rates of increase or decrease. A summary table consolidating these figures is provided below. Collectively, the nine countries have seen an overall increase of 332 warheads (3.6%) over the six-year period. On a country-specific basis, North Korea and China exhibit the highest rates of growth, underscoring their nuclear arms buildup as a strategic counterbalance to the United States.

**Deployable Nuclear Warheads by Country (2018-2024)**

Country	2018	2024	Changes in Number (Growth Rate)
Russia	4346	4380	34 (0.8%) Increase ↑
US	3800	3708	92 (2.4%) Decrease ↓
China	240	500	260 (108%) Increase ↑
France	290	290	0 (No change) →
UK	215	225	10 (5%) Increase ↑
Pakistan	140	170	30 (21%) Increase ↑
India	125	170	45 (36%) Increase ↑
Israel	80	90	10 (13%) Increase ↑
North Korea	15	50	35 (233%) Increase ↑
<b>Total</b>	<b>9251</b>	<b>9583</b>	<b>332 (3.6%) Increase ↑</b>

However, it is crucial to recognize that these quantitative changes represent just one aspect of nuclear arms development. The poster does not account for the qualitative advancements in nuclear arsenals. For instance, while the United States is the only country among the nine to have reduced its deployable warheads, it is simultaneously pursuing an extensive modernization program. Alongside Russia, the United States is investing vast resources to upgrade outdated Cold War-era nuclear systems. Additionally, both nations are accelerating the development of next-generation nuclear warheads and delivery systems that leverage cutting-edge technologies. These trends clearly reflect long-term plans to sustain and modernize nuclear arsenals for decades to come. (To be continued)

(\* ) The number of deployable nuclear warheads refers to the total count of nuclear warheads excluding those "retired or to be dismantled". This figure represents the number of warheads that are actually available for use at present. As of June 2024, the estimated global total of deployable nuclear warheads stands at 9,583.

**Peace-related news from Hiroshima**  
(provided by the Chugoku Shimbun Hiroshima Peace Media Center)

Many likely watched the event on television, on YouTube or, in Hiroshima, at a public viewing. On the night of December 10, Japan time, images were broadcast live of the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo) being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The acceptance speech delivered by Terumi Tanaka, co-chair of Nihon Hidankyo, was clear. He conveyed the fact that the core of the A-bomb survivor (hibakusha) movement has consistently been the demand that the national government, which conducted the war, take responsibility for compensation, based on the movement’s adamant refusal to tolerate the harm that civilians suffered in the conflict. The part of the speech in which Mr. Tanaka spoke of his personal experience of having lost five of his relatives in the atomic bombing impressed upon listeners the profound weight of the presence of “the dead”—those who have driven Mr. Tanaka, now an elderly 92 years of age, as well as other survivors, until this point in time.

We believe his remarks show the origins of the A-bomb survivors’ movement, which we, as members of a younger generation than the hibakusha, need to carry on.

Please access the following websites and read our peace-related news.

Nihon Hidankyo awarded Nobel Peace Prize: Chugoku Shimbun submits photos showing origins of anti-nuclear appeal to exhibit commemorating award

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=147964>

Ceremony held in Hiroshima’s Naka Ward with award ceremony watched at public viewing: “Let’s work together to preserve peace”

<https://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=147941>

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Next year, we will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and we will hold the 11th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in Nagasaki. We very much look forward to seeing you all there.  
Wishing you happy holidays and a Happy New Year in 2025!  
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