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Photo: Basel Peace Office runs the #3DNukeMissile, an inter-active educational experience, in Pontresina, Switzerland in conjunction with the World Ethics Forum and the World Future Council Annual Meeting.

Basel Peace Office is established to advance research, teaching and policy-development programs dedicated to international peace, conflict resolution and security to achieve the global abolition of nuclear weapons.

Basel Peace Office is a joint initiative of:

Association of Swiss Lawyers for Nuclear Disarmament, Basel-Stadt Kanton, Global Security Institute, Middle Powers Initiative, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament, Physicians for Social Responsibility (IPPNW Switzerland), Swisspeace Foundation and the World Future Council.

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**Peace education and
common security:**

**Positive peace from
schools to the world**

Alyn Ware

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Foundation*

Director, Basel Peace Office

Right Livelihood Laureate 2009

Part of the Spring Lecture Series
Right Livelihood Centre at the University of Zurich



Zurich Right Livelihood Centre Lecture by Alyn Ware on **Peace Education and Common Security**,
drawing from the New Zealand experience, May 16, 2022.

1. INTRODUCTION

This is the tenth year of Basel Peace Office (BPO) operations. Despite very low funding, our programs and events have been very successful and have had impact in Switzerland, Europe and globally.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact on our work in 2022, with most events still in online format until the middle of 2022. Then just as we were starting to emerge from the pandemic, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine that is still continuing. The war has already led to over 200,000 military casualties (Ukraine and Russian soldiers) and is having a horrific impact on the lives and well-being of the civilian population of Ukraine, as well as a devastating impact on global energy supplies, climate protection, food supply, economies, the refugee situation and more. It has also elevated the threat of nuclear war and eroded confidence in multilateralism.

BPO has promoted, and actively engaged in, United Nations mechanisms and initiatives to respond to Russia's war against Ukraine. This has included promoting actions in the UN General Assembly, Human Rights Council, International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court. BPO has helped draft educational and advocacy statements, published articles and newsletters and organised events on the issue. BPO has also been active in initiatives to reduce nuclear risks in the Russia/Ukraine war and in other nuclear flashpoints including North-East Asia and India/Pakistan.

The intensifying climate crisis has also been an important focus. We organized a number of events on the Climate-Nuclear Disarmament Nexus and on the campaign to take climate change to the International Court of Justice. We were also very active at Stockholm+50 Conference and COP-27.

In addition to organizing a number of online, hybrid and in-person events during the year, BPO also undertook program activities in cooperation with key partners. This included research, actions and advocacy, managing program websites, publishing blog articles, preparing newsletters (email updates) and undertaking social media promotion for *Abolition 2000*, *Move the Nuclear Weapons Money*, *Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament* and *UNFOLD ZERO*. We have also assisted *PragueVision Institute for Sustainable Security* to establish and maintain the new platform *NoFirstUse Global*.

Youth programs and inter-generational dialogue have been a strong priority for Basel Peace Office this year, with a number of key events and programs undertaken in cooperation with *Youth Fusion*, the youth network of the *Abolition 2000* global movement for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

The PACEY Award, which we confer in January in conjunction with the Basel Peace Forum, is proving to be a huge success. With the Basel-Stadt Reformed Church joining the Basel-Stadt Canton and BPO as co-sponsors for 2023, we are now able to give three prizes of €5000 each.

We also engaged in a number of regional and international academic, United Nations, inter-parliamentary and civil society platforms in order to enhance dialogue, evaluate policy, build cooperation and strengthen initiatives and campaigns. This includes being members of the *European Union Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium*, *Earth Trusteeship Initiative* and the *Coalition for the UN We Need*, as well as playing active roles in the *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly* and *Inter-Parliamentary Union* and recently becoming a member of KOFF, the Swiss Platform for Peacebuilding.

COMMON SECURITY, NUCLEAR RISKS AND THE OSCE IN THE WAKE OF THE UKRAINE CONFLICT

A webinar highlighting the importance of common security mechanisms

MONDAY | 27 JUNE 2022 | 4:30PM CET

MEET THE SPEAKERS

CHRISTINE MUTTONEN, BERNARD NORLAIN, JACKIE CABASSO, ANDREAS ZUMACH, UTA ZAPP, ALEXANDER LINDELANTH

Event we co-organised on June 27 on *Common Security, nuclear risks and the OSCE in the wake of the Ukraine conflict.*

2. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF 2022 EVENTS ORGANIZED OR CO-ORGANIZED BY BASEL PEACE OFFICE

January 7: [Fulfil the NPT: From nuclear threats to human security](#). *Online*

January 19: [Nuclear disarmament and human security: Parliamentary action for nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament in the emerging political environment](#). *Online*.

January 20: [Peace, climate action and nuclear abolition intergenerational Forum](#). *Online*

January 21: [PACEY Award event](#). *Online*.

February 28: [Nuclear weapons and human rights](#). *Online*

March 4: [The World Court and Climate Change: Roads and Bridges!](#) *Online*.

March 10: [Disarmament that saves lives: Webinar on parliamentary action to control small arms and light weapons](#). *Online*.

April 20: [NWC Reset: Frameworks for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free-World](#). *Online*.

May 24: [Commemoration event for International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament](#). *Online*

June 1: [Climate, peace and human security: An inter-generational dialogue on the connections between the climate crisis, peace, disarmament and human security](#). *In-person. Swedish parliament*.

June 27: [Common security, nuclear risks and the OSCE in the wake of the Ukraine conflict](#). *Online*.

July 1: [Nuclear weapons, climate change and human rights](#), *Geneva. In-person*

July 22-23: [Abolition 2000 AGM](#). *Online*

August 8: [Legislators' actions for nuclear risk reduction and disarmament](#). *In-person. UN, New York*.

August 9: [NWC Reset: Frameworks for a nuclear-weapon-free world](#). *Online*.

August 11: [Advancing the Climate – Nuclear Disarmament Nexus through the United Nations, human rights, law and finance](#). *In-person. United Nations, NY*.

August 16: [Voices Gorbachev/Shultz Legacy Youth Award and Youth Fusion](#). *In-person and live-streamed*.

August 19: [Nuclear Risk Reduction – More Topical than Ever](#). *In-person and live-streamed. UN, New York*.

September 1: [Nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament in a complex security environment](#). *In-person. United Nations, Geneva*.

September 20: [Nuclear risk-reduction: From the NPT to the UN General Assembly](#). *Online*.

September 26: [International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. 2022 Voices Gorbachev/Shultz Legacy Youth Award Ceremony](#). *Online*.

September 29: [For outer space to remain our common good: Global webinar on parliamentary action for peace in outer space](#). *Online*.

October 16: [Defuse nuclear war / Move the Nuclear Weapons Money](#). *In-person, New York*

October 26: [Nuclear disarmament, climate change and the UN Summit of the Future](#). *In-person, New York*

November 8: [Youth initiatives for a sustainable future](#). *In-person. Basel*

Nov 11: [Armistice Day: Effective policies to address the peace, disarmament, climate and food nexus](#). *In-person, COP27, Egypt*.

December 1: [Women's Leadership, Gender Perspectives and Gender Approaches in Disarmament Action](#). *Online*

3. SUMMARY LIST OF JOINT BPO ACTIONS IN 2022

- **Statements condemning Russian invasion of Ukraine**

Basel Peace Office helped draft and distribute a number of statements condemning the Russian invasion and making proposals on how to respond including;

- [UNANZ condemns Russian acts of aggression and calls for restoration of peace and international law](#), *Statement by the United Nations Association of NZ*;
- [World Future Council condemns acts of aggression and calls for restoration of peace and international law](#), *Statement by the World Future Council*;
- [De-escalate Russia's nuclear threats with no-first-use declarations](#), *Statement by NoFirstUse Global and the Abolition 2000 Working Group on Nuclear Risk Reduction*.

Basel Peace Office also collated and summarised a number of statements by Abolition 2000 member organizations and posted this [annotated list](#) online.

- **Save the Planet: Protect the Future / No Excuses for Inaction**

[Joint appeal](#) of Right Livelihood Laureates and World Future Council Members to Stockholm+50 conference and COP27. Drafted by Alyn Ware. Endorsers included climate activists **Greta Thunberg** (a fellow Right Livelihood Laureate), President of the 73rd UN General Assembly **Maria Espinosa** (a fellow member of the World Future Council) and many other notable people. [Presented to Stockholm+50](#) on July 3.

- **Fulfil the NPT: From Nuclear Threats to Human Security**

An [Open Letter to the States Parties of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty](#), endorsed by over 1700 influential individuals, calling on the States Parties to end the nuclear arms race, phase out the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines and commit to achieving the global elimination of nuclear weapons no later than 2045, the 75th anniversary of the NPT. The appeal was [presented to the 10th NPT Review Conference](#) on August 5.

- **Don't even think about starting a nuclear war**

[Social media action](#) in front of the UN missions of the nine nuclear armed states on October 16.

- **Protect People and the Planet: Appeal for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World**

A [global appeal](#) to end the nuclear threat, abolish nuclear weapons and shift the weapons budgets and investments to support public health, COVID-19 recovery, the climate and sustainable development. Endorsed by over 1000 people including Nobel Laureates, parliamentarians, mayors, religious leaders, former military leaders, sports stars, former UN officials, youth leaders, former foreign ministers/ambassadors, academics and representatives of civil society organizations. [Presented to the United Nations](#) on October 26, during UN Disarmament Week.

- **Submissions on Nuclear Weapons & Human Rights to the UN Human Rights Council, Human Rights Committee and Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women**

Submissions made on the Universal Periodic Review of [North Korea](#), [Canada](#), [France](#), [Iceland](#), [Denmark](#), [Japan](#), [Netherlands](#), [United Kingdom](#) and [South Korea](#).

- **#3DNuke Missile**

Interactive outside art piece used to highlight nuclear threats and engage public. In 2022, Basel Peace Office organised its use in Pontresina, Switzerland (World Ethics Forum) and Caen, France (Normandy Chair for Peace summer school).

- **Working papers to the 10th NPT Review Conference**

Substantive working papers submitted to the 10th NPT Review Conference: [No-first-use of nuclear weapons: An Exploration of Unilateral, Bilateral and Plurilateral Approaches and their Security, Risk-reduction and Disarmament Implications](#) and [Abolition 2000 NWC Reset: Frameworks for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World](#)

4. PROGRAMS:

a. International law and the Russian invasion of Ukraine

The Russian war against Ukraine is having a horrific impact on the lives and well-being of the population of Ukraine, as well as a devastating impact on global energy supplies, climate protection, food supply, economies, the number of refugees and more.

In addition, the invasion is clearly an illegal act of aggression, the military operations by Russia continually target or impact civilians in violation of international humanitarian law, and the Russian annexation of Ukraine territory is also in violation of international law. In addition, President Putin has added a number of direct nuclear threats in his war against Ukraine as a form of coercion against both Ukraine and the international community.

Basel Peace Office has been promoting, and actively engaged in, United Nations mechanisms and initiatives to respond to Russia's war against Ukraine. This has included promoting actions in the UN General Assembly, Human Rights Council, International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court to uphold international law and oppose Russian aggression. Basel Peace Office has helped draft educational and advocacy statements, published articles and newsletters and organised events on the issue including:

Appeals/statements;

- [De-escalate Russia's nuclear threats with no-first-use declarations;](#)
- [Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: An Illegal War of Aggression;](#)
- [World Future Council condemns acts of aggression and calls for restoration of peace & international law;](#)
- [UNANZ condemns Russian acts of aggression and calls for restoration of peace and international law;](#)
- [Dear Putin: Hiroshima & Nagasaki nuclear bombings were illegal – not a precedent for a nuclear attack.](#)

Articles (short sample)

- [Putin has put nuclear war back on the table, says UN Secretary-General;](#)
- [International Court of Justice orders Russia to halt the invasion;](#)
- [Legislators' actions on Russian invasion of Ukraine and increased nuclear threats;](#)

Events:

- **June 27:** [Common security, nuclear risks and the OSCE in the wake of the Ukraine conflict,](#)
- **August 19:** [Nuclear Risk Reduction – More Topical than Ever](#)
- **September 5:** [Nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament in a complex security environment,](#)
- **October 16:** [Defuse nuclear war / Move the Nuclear Weapons Money](#)
- and more (See UNFOLD ZERO below).



During UN Disarmament Week 2022, Basel Peace Office co-organised a *Defuse Nuclear War* action in front of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the nine nuclear-armed states, in conjunction with sending *Protect People and the Planet: Appeal for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World* to the Ambassadors of all UN member states.

b. NoFirstUse Global

[NoFirstUse Global](#) is a platform and campaign involving 80 participating organizations which Basel Peace Office co-founded in 2021 in order to encourage nuclear armed and allied states to adopt policies never to launch a nuclear war, i.e. to never be the first to use nuclear weapons in a conflict.

During 2022, NoFirstUse Global and Basel Peace Office co-organised a number of events and appeals (some of which are listed above), submitted a working paper to the NPT Review Conference entitled [No-first-use of nuclear weapons: An Exploration of Unilateral, Bilateral and Plurilateral Approaches and their Security, Risk-reduction and Disarmament Implications](#) and organised social media actions [Don't even THINK about starting a nuclear war.](#)

Basel Peace Office program officers also wrote and published a number of newsletters and blog articles for NoFirstUse Global, including:

- [Opportunities to advance nuclear risk reduction, including no-first-use, in the wake of the 'failed' NPT Review Conference](#)
- [Nuclear risks extreme says UN Secretary-General to NPT Review Conference](#)
- [Putin, don't even PRETEND to think about starting a nuclear war!](#)
- [NoFirstUse Global interviews Mayor Akiba on his appeal: Do NOT use nuclear weapons in the Ukraine conflict](#)
- [UK and Netherlands challenged in the Human Rights Council to adopt no-first-use policies](#)
- [US Congress members condemn Russian nuclear threats and call for no-first-use](#)
- [Turn Back the Doomsday Clock: Achieve No-First-Use](#)
- [Why France still Rejects No-First Use](#)



c. UNFOLD ZERO: United Nations, peace and nuclear abolition

[UNFOLD ZERO](#) is a global platform which Basel Peace Office co-founded in 2014 as a coalition of key organisations in follow-up to the [Open the Door to a Nuclear Weapon Free World](#) campaign. **UNFOLD ZERO** promotes United Nations initiatives for nuclear disarmament and UN mechanisms to prevent war and achieve security without reliance on the threat or use of force.



Protect People and the Planet: Appeal for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World

Key activities over the year included webinars, [blog articles](#), [newsletters](#) (circulated to a subscription list of over 4000 people and organizations) and an appeal *Protect People and the Planet* which was presented to the United Nations at a [special event](#) on October 26, 2022.

UNFOLD ZERO was also active at the 10th NPT Review Conference in New York, First Meeting of States Parties to the *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* in Vienna, preparations for the UN Summit of the Future, in the UN

Human Rights bodies in Geneva and on key UN days for peace and disarmament.

Articles published in 2022 included:

- [Save the Planet, Protect the Future: Eight policy measures that governments should take;](#)
- [UN General Assembly sets date and modalities for a Summit of the Future;](#)
- [NPT Review Conference ends without agreement: What next?](#)
- [Key issues for the first TPNW meeting: Nuclear threats, the arms race and humanitarian impacts;](#)
- [Call to prevent nuclear war and abolish nuclear weapons made on anniversary of UN's first resolution;](#)
- and many more....

- **10th NPT Review Conference**

States Parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) met at the United Nations for four weeks in August 2022 for the [10th NPT Review Conference](#). The NPT Review Conferences are supposed to be held every five years, but this one was postponed from 2020 to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Basel Peace Office co-organised a number of initiatives/events at the NPT Review Conference, including submission of the working paper on no-first-use policies (mentioned above), submission of a working

paper on [Frameworks for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World](#), events to introduce these working papers to the States Parties to the NPT and presentation to the Review Conference of the Open Letter: [Fulfil the NPT: From nuclear threats to human security](#)

A 35-page long [draft final document](#) prepared by the Review Conference President **Ambassador Gustavo Zlauvinen** had agreement of most of the NPT States parties, but was not able to be adopted because of opposition by Russia. (See [No consensus at NPT review conference after Russia blocks draft document](#)). Nevertheless, a lot of useful work was done by States parties on nuclear nuclear-risk-reduction and disarmament proposals that is able to be taken up by the UN General Assembly and other forums. See [Opportunities to advance nuclear risk reduction, including no-first-use, in the wake of the ‘failed’ NPT Review Conference](#).

NWC RESET: FRAMEWORKS FOR A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE WORLD

Tuesday August 9, 2022
15:00 - 17:00 Eastern Time USA

An online side event of the 10th NPT Review Conference
 To register, please visit our homepage www.abolition2000.org

Exploring the legal, technical and institutional measures to facilitate the global prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons.

The event will include discussion of *Abolition 2000 NWC Reset: Frameworks for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World*, a civil society working paper submitted to the NPT Review Conference which suggests possible options of a nuclear weapons convention (NWC), a framework agreement and/or protocols to the *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*.

Side event at the 10th NOT Review Conference which we co-organised to introduce the working paper NWC Reset: Frameworks for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World to the conference.

- **UN/International days for peace and disarmament**

Basel Peace Office and UNFOLD ZERO co-organized actions and events to commemorate the key UN and International Days relating to peace and disarmament. This included:

- **Jan 24.** [Open Letter on the anniversary of the very first resolution of the UN General Assembly;](#)
- **May 24:** [Commemoration event for International Women’s Day for Peace and Disarmament;](#)
- **Aug 9:** [NWC Reset: Frameworks for a nuclear-weapon-free world event on the anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Nagasaki;](#)
- **Sep 20:** [Nuclear risk-reduction event on the International Day of Peace;](#)
- **Sep 26:** [International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. 2022 Voices Gorbachev/Shultz Legacy Youth Award Ceremony](#)
- **Oct 26:** [UN Disarmament Week event on Nuclear disarmament, climate change and the UN Summit of the Future](#)

Speakers: Nuclear risk-reduction and Disarmament. September 20

 Hanieh Jodat BOOTS ACTION, EXPOSE NUCLEAR WAR	 Fabian Hamilton MP UK SHADOW MINISTER FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT	 Commander Robert Forsyth RN (Ret'd) FORMER ROYAL NAVY NUCLEAR SUBMARINE COMMANDING OFFICER	 Ivan Siluanov YOUTH POLICE TEAM MEMBER
 Alyn Ware PNND GLOBAL COORDINATOR / DIRECTOR OF THE BASEL PEACE OFFICE MEMBER OF NORWEL PARTISYAN COUNCIL	 Michaela Higgins Sprensen DIRECTOR, PNND GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY PROGRAM	 John Hallam CO-CHAIR, ABOLITION 2000 NUCLEAR RISK REDUCTION WORKING GROUP	

- Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

The first meeting of the States Parties to the *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* was held in Vienna in March 2022. The Treaty has negligible impact on the nuclear armed and allied states. None of them are signatories and so they are not bound by any of the obligations established by the Treaty. Never-the-less, the States Parties adopted a [statement](#) expressing concern about increased threats of nuclear weapons and reaffirming that any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is a violation of international law that is binding on the nuclear armed states, including the Charter of the United Nations.

Basel Peace Office encourages more non-nuclear states to ratify the treaty, and States parties to the Treaty to adopt implementing measures similar that could have impact on the nuclear arms race. (See [First Meeting of the TPNW: Nuclear Threats and other Issues](#)).

- Nuclear weapons and the UN human rights bodies

In October 2018, the UN Human Rights Committee adopted General Comment 36 affirming that the threat or use of nuclear weapons is incompatible with the Right to Life, i.e. Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and that there is an obligation of states parties to eliminate nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, and to address the human impact of the testing and production of these weapons. The nuclear armed and allied states are parties to the ICCPR, so this law is binding on them.

In follow-up to General Comment 36, Basel Peace Office has made joint submissions to UN Human Rights Bodies (Human Rights Committee, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and Human Rights Council) challenging the nuclear weapons policies and practices of nuclear armed and allied states as their turn came up in the Universal Periodic Review process. In 2022 this included submissions on the policies and practices of [Canada](#), [Denmark](#), [France](#), [Iceland](#), [Japan](#), [North Korea](#), [Netherlands](#), [South Korea](#) and the [United Kingdom](#).

In some of the submissions we have also addressed the issue of climate change. And we have undertaken advocacy in Geneva and organised a number of events to advance these submissions, including [Nuclear weapons, climate change and human rights](#) (in-person in Geneva) and [Nuclear weapons and human rights](#) (online).



In-person side event during the Human Rights Council 41st Session
Friday July 1 from 13:15 - 14:45
Montreux Room, CCV, 9-11 Rue de Varembe
Light lunch (sandwiches, cake and drinks) will be provided

Nuclear weapons, climate change & human rights

Applying human rights law to
address existential threats
to humanity

Implementing General Comment 36 of the
UN Human Rights Committee with regard
to nuclear weapons and climate change.

Includes current challenges
in the Universal Periodic Review
to policies of the UK and Netherlands.
Event held under Chatham House Rules.

Register here
(or by email to
info@baselpeaceoffice.org)

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Speakers:

- Phon van den Biesen. (Netherlands). Attorney at Law, Amsterdam. Co-President, International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms. Co-Agent and/or member of legal teams for the 1996 International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory Opinion on nuclear weapons, Marshall Islands 2016 ICJ Nuclear Weapons Case, and Bosnia's Genocide ICJ case against Serbia.
- Prof Nick Grief. (United Kingdom). Emeritus Professor, Kent Law School. In IALANA's legal team for the 1996 ICJ Advisory Opinion on nuclear weapons and Counsel & Advocate for the Marshall Islands in the 2016 ICJ Nuclear Weapons Case. (online)
- Joshua Cooper. (Hawaii, USA). Lecturer at Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights. Host, Cooper Union Think Tech TV show.
- Laila Roxane Guardiola. (Switzerland). Research and Teaching Fellow, Institute for International Law and Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Zurich, Switzerland Representative of World's Youth for Climate Justice.

Co-Chairs

- Alyn Ware. (Czechia/New Zealand). Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace, World Future Council, Basel Peace Office.
- Gabriela Maier Talic. (Czechia/Croatia). Program Assistant, Youth Fusion - Abolition 2000 Youth Network.

Cosponsors

Basel Peace Office, IALANA, World Future Council, World's Youth for Climate Justice, Abolition 2000 Youth Network

Nuclear weapons, climate change and human rights, an event we co-organised in Geneva to take place in conjunction with the Universal Periodic Review.

d. Mayors for Peace

BPO serves as the liaison and organiser of the Mayors for Peace program for the Basel-Stadt Kanton. In 2022 this included participation of Mayors for Peace members in a number of our online events, endorsement by some members of Mayors for Peace in *Protecting People and the Planet: Appeal for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World*, engagement of Mayors for Peace members in the *Move the Nuclear Weapons Money social media campaign*, inclusion of examples of joint BPO/Mayors for Peace actions in *Assuring our Common Future*, the parliamentary handbook on disarmament for security and sustainable development.

e. Abolition 2000

Basel Peace Office serves as a European support office for Abolition 2000, the global civil society network for the elimination of nuclear weapons. We help to manage the [website](#), oversee the [working groups](#) and organize Abolition 2000 events including the [Annual General Meeting](#).

For the 2022 Abolition 2000 AGM we helped facilitate a dialogue amongst nuclear disarmament campaigners from around the world on the following questions:

What are the effects of the Ukraine war on our work? How has it changed perceptions about nuclear weapons and about prospects for disarmament? Are there previous assumptions that have guided our work that might require reflection, and perhaps revision? What have you been doing differently due to the changed global context, or what do you think we should consider doing differently?

For more information on Abolition 2000 activities, please see the reports of the working groups and affiliated networks (Basel Peace Office is active in many of them):

Affiliated Networks:

- [Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space](#);
- [Mayors for Peace](#);
- [Middle East Treaty Organization](#);
- [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament \(PNND\)](#);
- [Peace and Planet](#);
- [UNFOLD ZERO](#);
- [United for Peace and Justice](#);
- [Peace Depot](#);
- [World BEYOND War](#)

Working groups:

- [Move the Nuclear Weapons Money](#)
- [Moving Beyond Missile Defense and Space Weapons \(MBMDS\)](#)
- [Nuclear Risk Reduction](#)
- [Nuclear Weapon Free Zones](#)
- [Youth Fusion](#)
- [Special Report: Nuclear Weapons and UN Human Rights Bodies](#)
- [Nuclear Weapons Convention Reset](#)



f. Parliamentary actions and events

Basel Peace Office hosts the European Office for [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament](#) (PNND). Alyn serves as PNND Global Coordinator and Marzhan serves as PNND Coordinator for CIS countries (former Soviet Union). PNND actively engages legislators around the world in disarmament issues and processes.

A key focus of this work is to build parliamentary action to help implement *Securing our Common Future*, the UNSG's Disarmament Agenda released in 2018. In 2020, PNND, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, World Future Council and several other organizations jointly produced the online parliamentary resource [Assuring our Common Future](#).

Following the release, PNND and IPU have co-organised a series of national, regional and global events to introduce the handbook to parliamentarians, highlight key recommendations, share examples of effective disarmament policy, and take forward parliamentary action. In 2022 these included:

- [Nuclear disarmament and human security](#),
- [Small arms and light weapons](#);
- [Outer Space for Peace](#);
- [Women's Leadership, Gender Perspectives and Gender Approaches in Disarmament Action](#).

Most of the events include a speaker from the United Nations, such as the UN High Representative for Disarmament Ms Nakamitsu or one of the principal program officers of the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs.



PNND has also organized a number of events and actions in national parliaments and at inter-parliamentary bodies including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and IPU Assembly. See for example:

- [OSCE Parliamentary Assembly condemns invasion of Ukraine & urges nuclear risk reduction](#) (Report on PNND action at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Birmingham, UK);
- [Climate, peace and human security](#) (event in the Swedish parliament);
- [Nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament in a complex security environment](#) (event at the UN in Geneva);
- [Ukraine war and nuclear threats continue as PNND prepares for NPT Review Conference](#);
- [Legislators' actions on Russian invasion of Ukraine and increased nuclear threats](#);
- [Legislators' actions for nuclear risk reduction and disarmament](#) (event at the UN in New York).



Assuring our Common Future: the online parliamentary handbook on disarmament for security and sustainable development. Available in [English](#) and [French](#).

g. Climate action and the Climate/Nuclear Disarmament Nexus

Basel Peace Office was very active in 2022 on the climate crisis and on the [climate/nuclear disarmament nexus](#) – our program which highlights the connections between the nuclear weapons and climate change issues and builds cooperation amongst climate and nuclear abolition campaigns and networks.

The connection between these two issues is highlighted in the *Protect People and the Planet Appeal* which we presented to the United Nations on October 26, 2022. In addition, we organized a number of events in 2022 on the Climate/Nuclear Disarmament Nexus (most of which are already mentioned above).



- World Court and Climate Change campaign

Following the PACEY Award win by World's Youth for Climate Justice (WY4CJ) for their initiative to take the issue of climate change to the International Court of Justice, Basel Peace Office has been working with WY4CJ and Normandy Chair for Peace on a number of events and meetings to advance the campaign. This includes a four-part webinar series, of which Alyn has organised the first three so far. The first focused on the importance of climate litigation and lessons to be learned from the 1996 ICJ case on nuclear weapons. The second focused on the sources of law and the nature of the question to ask the



court. The third focused on the political campaign to secure a UN General Assembly resolution to take the case to the court.

Advocacy on the campaign has resulted in Vanuatu announcing in September 2021 that they would lead an initiative to take the case to the court. By November this year, the campaign had succeeded in getting another 17 governments to join Vanuatu as the

core group and submitting a [draft resolution](#) to the UN General Assembly which is expected to be adopted by the end of January 2023.

In early December 2022, Alyn facilitated consultation meetings in Geneva with core group members, other government delegations, WY4CJ members, environmental lawyers, representatives of the Earth Trusteeship Initiative and other NGO representatives on the scope of the draft resolution, sources of law to include in the case, and ideas for implementation of the ICJ decision once it is rendered. A particular focus of the consultation was on the incorporation of law protecting future generations and trusteeship principles in the court case.

- Stockholm+50 and COP27

Alyn facilitated the drafting of [Save the Planet: Protect the Future / No Excuses for Inaction](#), an environmental action statement endorsed by Right Livelihood Laureates and Members of the World Future Council. Alyn also organized the presentation of the statement to the Stockholm+50 conference in June and to COP27 in Egypt in November 2022.



Greta Thunberg, endorser of *Save the Planet, Protect the Future; No Excuses for Inaction*

The statement puts forward eight policies to protect the climate, prevent armed conflict, strengthen the legal responsibility to protect planet earth and future generations, enhance the concepts of Rights of Nature and Earth Trusteeship in our political and legal systems, ensure that corporate and economic interests adhere to human rights and environmental protection principles, support sustainable agriculture and facilitate fair representation of indigenous peoples, women, and vulnerable groups in the development and implementation of climate, peace and security policies.



Alyn Ware presenting the *Save the Planet: Protect the Future / No Excuses for Inaction Appeal* to the Swedish Foreign Minister at the Stockholm+50 Conference in June.

Adopting and implementing these policies will require governments to *“end the excuses for inaction and minimal stop-gap measures, and to instead make the real changes required.”*

See [Save the Planet, Protect the Future, No Excuses for Inaction: Eight policy measures that governments should take.](#)

- Caen Summer School and Model UNGA on the Climate Change case

From September 1-6, 2022, Alyn taught a [summer school](#) in Caen, France for university students from 23 countries culminating in a one-day Model UN to debate and adopt the draft resolution to take the issue of climate change to the International Court of Justice. (See [short video clip](#) from the summer school).



h. Engaging youth: Intergenerational events and the PACEY Award

Engaging youth in peace and disarmament is a major focus of BPO. In addition to running an internship program to train students in diplomacy and civil society action, we organized the following youth-focused and youth-led activities during the year, mostly in cooperation with Youth Fusion:

- Basel intergenerational forum on peace, the climate and nuclear abolition. January 2022

In January 2022, in conjunction with the Basel Peace Forum, we co-organised an Intergenerational forum on peace, the climate and nuclear disarmament which brought together youth, experts and policy makers to discuss actions and effective policies on these topics.

- PACEY Awards 2022

Following the Intergenerational Forum, we held the [PACEY 2022 Award event](#). The [PACEY Award](#), established in 2020, supports youth projects which advance effective policy action to cut carbon emissions, enhance the transition to renewable energies, address and resolve international conflicts, abolish nuclear weapons, reduce weapons budgets and investments, and/or support the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The PACEY Award event, attended by approximately 200 participants, included presentations by the finalists, voting to establish the winners and then presentation of the PACEY Awards. The 2022 winners were *Faith for Earth Bosna i Hercegovina*, a youth-led program building cooperation between Catholic and Muslim youth on environmental action, and *Keep it in the Ground for Peace*, a youth-led campaign to stop fossil fuel extraction in Africa.

- Youth initiatives for a sustainable future, November 2022

On November 8, we organized an event [Youth initiatives for a sustainable future](#), an in-person event at K-Haus, Basel which featured updates from the two winning PACEY 2022 projects plus a report on the activities of Youth Fusion. This was followed by a workshop with the two projects to help in building cooperation and success.

- Youth Fusion

[Youth Fusion](#) is a global youth network established by Abolition 2000, the civil society network for the global elimination of nuclear weapons. Youth Fusion has a number of innovative and exciting

programs/initiatives including [Nuclear Games](#), [Space for Peace podcast series](#), [Youth Fusion Peace Out](#), [Youth Fusion Elders](#), [Youth Delegation to the NPT](#) and a podcast series produced in cooperation with PNND and Basel Peace Office. The series includes [Nuclear Collateral Damage: Conversations with Survivors and Experts](#), [Space for Peace](#) and more.

Basel Peace Office provides logistical and program support for Youth Fusion. In addition, Youth Fusion is a principal partner in many of the events we organise. We commend Youth Fusion for being the [2022 Winner of the Gorbachev / Shultz Legacy Youth Award](#).



Marzhan Nurzhan leading a Youth Fusion delegation to a preparatory meeting for the 10th NPT Review Conference at the UN in New York

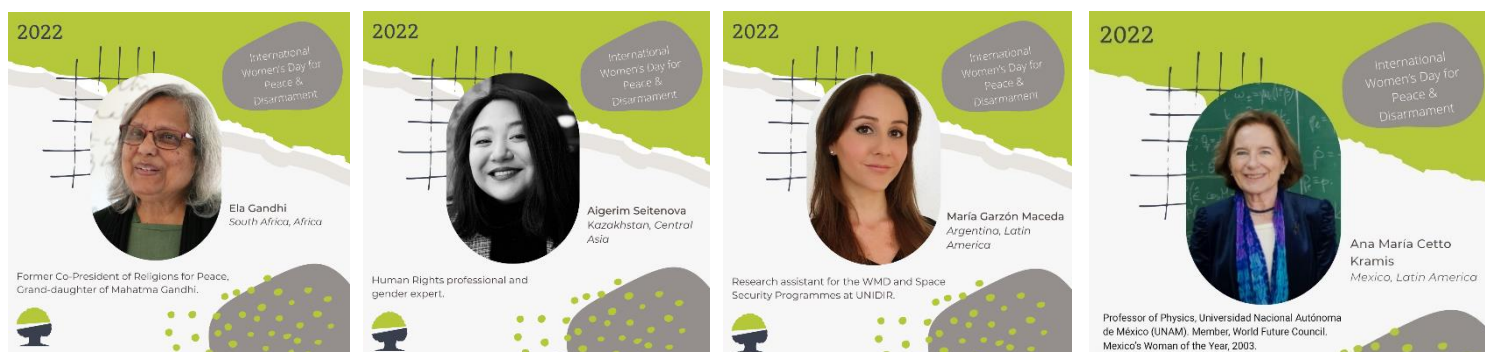
- Other intergenerational events

In conjunction with Youth Fusion, we organized many of our 2022 events as inter-generational events. This meant including young professionals and activists as chairs and/or speakers, consulting with Youth Fusion on the preparations for the events and outreaching to youth to join as participants.

i. Gender, peace and security

Basel Peace Office, PNND and Youth Fusion cooperate on a [Gender, Peace and Security program](#). The program in 2022 included:

- Organising a [special promotion](#) on *International Women's Day* (March 8) through which we publicised actions, events and resources of the Gender, Peace and Security program and the [women's peace and disarmament appeal for human security](#);
- Promoting [Participation of women in peace and disarmament](#), a section of the [Parliamentary Handbook on Disarmament for Security and Sustainable Development](#).
- On May 24, holding a: [Commemoration event for International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament](#).
- Co-organising an event with IPU on December 1 on [Women's Leadership, Gender Perspectives and Gender Approaches in Disarmament Action](#).



Some of the speakers at the event we organised on May 24, International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament



Some of the speakers at the event we organised on Dec 1 on Women's Leadership and Gender Approaches

5. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SWITZERLAND TO ADVANCE NUCLEAR RISK REDUCTION AND DISARMAMENT IN 2023-2024

On December 12, BPO released a *Food-for-thought* paper entitled [Neutral countries and the Doomsday Clock: Opportunities for Switzerland to advance nuclear risk reduction and disarmament in the period 2023-2024.](#) (German version: [Chancen für die Schweiz, atomare Risikominderung und Abrüstung für den Zeitraum 2023-2024 voranzubringen](#)).

The paper, which was drafted by Prof Andreas Nidecker MD and Alyn Ware, was sent to the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs prior to public release (and was edited slightly based on feedback from FDFA). It explores political opportunities for the Swiss government to further advance nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament over the next 2-3 years.

The paper suggests policy proposals that, if adopted, would have significant impact on the practices of the nuclear armed and allied states and make an important contribute to the global prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons. It focuses on:

- a) multilateral processes and forums including the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, Non-Proliferation Treaty, UN Security Council, Human Rights Council and upcoming UN Summits (Summit on Sustainable Development and Summit for the Future);
- b) specific policy approaches that could be effectively advanced in these forums.

The paper provides background to some of the Basel Peace Office projects for 2022-2023, and a basis for discussion with other Swiss organizations on advocacy for effective Swiss government action on these issues. A summary of the paper has been picked up by some Swiss media outlets for potential publication.

6. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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7. PRAGUE-BASEL-HAMBURG-NEW YORK PARTNERSHIPS

Basel Peace Office partners with the *Global Security Institute* (based in New York), *World Future Council* (based in Hamburg) and *PragueVision Institute for Sustainable Security* (based in Prague) to advance our programs. Due to limited funds for BPO and the much lower cost of living in Prague (less than half the cost of living in Switzerland) most of our interns work primarily from the Prague office on general programs and travel to Basel to assist with the events. Since 2018, BPO Director Alyn Ware has also been living in Prague.

8. PERSONNEL

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A few additional highlights:

Speakers for the Nuclear Weapons and Human Rights event, Feb 28:

In commemoration of Nuclear Remembrance Day and World Futures Day	In commemoration of Nuclear Remembrance Day and World Futures Day	In commemoration of Nuclear Remembrance Day and World Futures Day	In commemoration of Nuclear Remembrance Day and World Futures Day
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Additional quotes for the Appeal: Save the Planet: Protect the Future / No Excuses for Inaction:



Staying within the 1.5C limit is an absolute imperative. We must thus stop expansion of all new coal, oil and gas projects and commit to a global, rapid just and equitable transition out of fossil fuels.

HON SABER CHOWDHURY
Councillor, World Future Council

Saber Chowdhury MP, Honorary President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



There is an urgent need to establish a financial mechanism for loss and damage to allow vulnerable countries in the developing world to cope with the devastating effects of climate change.

MARIA FERNANDA ESPINOSA
Councillor, World Future Council

Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President of the 73rd UN General Assembly

Some quotes for the Protect People and the Planet Appeal

Ela Gandhi

Founder, Gandhi Development Trust. Grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi



"Just over 75 years ago the people of the world, shocked at the devastating effects of nuclear weapons, called for an entity that could intervene in conflict situations to avoid war and settle disputes through nonviolent means.

The abhorrent nuclear weapons should have been dismantled and its manufacture discontinued at that time. So the time is now to dismantle and discontinue its manufacture and work towards provision of SDGs instead."

Endorser of Protect People and the Planet Appeal

Commander Robert Forsyth

Retired Nuclear Submarine Commander, UK Royal Navy



"Deterrence owes more to national egotism than reality.

Far from keeping nations safe, nuclear weapons threaten the continued existence of nations."

Endorser of Protect People and the Planet Appeal

Space for Peace Podcast series: PNND, Youth Fusion and Basel Peace Office



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