

NPT Review Conference

The Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty (NPT), is the centrepiece for the nuclear weapons non-proliferation, control and disarmament regime, and also addresses the right of states to peacefully use nuclear technology. It was signed in 1968 and it entered into force in 1970. There are currently 189 countries ('states') party to the treaty. Only four recognized sovereign states are not parties to the treaty: India, Israel, North Korea and Pakistan. Every five years an NPT Review Conference is held and the seventh such conference will take place in May 2010, at the United Nations in New York.

Five states are recognized by the NPT as nuclear weapon states (NWS): China (signed 1992), France (1992), the Soviet Union (1968; obligations and rights now assumed by the Russian Federation), the United Kingdom (1968), and the United States (1968) (The U.S., UK, and Soviet Union were the only states openly possessing such weapons among the original ratifiers of the treaty). These five NWS agree not to transfer "nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices" and "not in any way to assist, encourage, or induce" a non-nuclear weapon state (NNWS) to acquire nuclear weapons (Article I). NNWS parties to the NPT agree not to "receive," "manufacture" or "acquire" nuclear weapons or to "seek or receive any assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons" (Article II). NNWS parties also agree to accept safeguards by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to verify that they are not diverting nuclear energy from peaceful uses to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (Article III).

For further information:

UN: www.un.org/disarmament/WMD/Nuclear

Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons:
www.abolishnuclearweapons.ca

Canadian Pugwash: www.pugwashgroup.ca



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The Calgary group was formed in 1982, one of the numerous local groups created to support the work of Project Ploughshares nationally. We are encouraging open and informed dialogue with the public, the media and government on peace and social justice issues. Puppets for Peace, a bully-proofing program, and the Calgary Community Peace Pole are initiatives of Project Ploughshares Calgary.

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Building Momentum toward Zero Nuclear Weapons

A Saturday Morning Mini-Workshop



Bev Delong

**Saturday March 13th, 2010
8:45am - 1pm**

**Parkdale United Church
Conference Room, Lower Level
2919 8th Ave NW Calgary**

Program

Saturday March 13th 8:45am - 1pm

8:00am Doors Open

8:30am Registration/Coffee

8:45am with Bev Delong

The workshop includes a presentation, discussion, Q & A, group work, an action component and short videos. Bev will inspire us with news of recent progress toward abolition. We will then take time to consider steps we as individuals and groups can take to support the international calls for action.

12pm End of program, continued discussion over light lunch

Speaker

Bev Delong, B.A.LLB is one of the founders of Project Ploughshares Calgary and the recipient of an Alberta Millennium Award. She has served as President of Lawyers for Social Responsibility. She is currently the Chairperson of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and a member of the Canadian Pugwash Group.

Background

We are in extraordinary times. Great opportunity lies before us with such thinking and planning as:

- Renewed commitment by leaders of the United States and Russia
- The spring Non-proliferation Treaty Review Conference
- A breakthrough in the ongoing Conference on Disarmament in Geneva
- A 'historic' Security Council summit in September '09
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon laying out a five-point plan and calling for complementary measures for other weapons of mass destruction
- The proposal by Costa Rica and Malaysia for a nuclear weapon convention.
- The on-going review of NATO's strategic concept
- The upcoming G8 Conference in Canada
- European Parliament recommending complete nuclear disarmament by 2020
- Germany and other NATO states calling for the removal of US warheads from their territory.

Come hear details of the many fronts on which nuclear weapon disarmament is moving forward. Hear too, how YOU are still needed in reinforcing this momentum. Citizens of the world need to continue to voice their support! Bev Delong can tell us precisely how to do so.

Registration

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Affiliation (if applicable):

Workshop Fee:

Regular: \$15

Student / Low Income: \$8

Refreshments and light lunch included.

Payment is enclosed:

I will pay at the door:

Please confirm your attendance **before March 9** by mail, email or phone:

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Last minute registrations for the workshop and lunch will be considered. Please contact us.