GIVE PEACE A CHANCE!

TOGETHER FOR PEACE,
ENVIRONMENT– & CLIMATE PROTECTION!
ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

Event accompanying the first UN conference of the partner states of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

JUNE 19, 2022 | 5 TO 10 pm
WILHELMINE MOIK HALL | ÖGB CATAMARAN
1020 VIENNA | JOHANN-BÖHM-PLATZ 1
Give Peace a Chance! sang John Lennon and Yoko Ono more than 50 years ago. Today this call for peace is more urgent than ever. The climate and environmental crisis, increasing inequality, the intensified global military and armed drone operations, the militarization of the EU, and the multiple regional wars require one joint effort of peace, environmental, and climate movements for peace and the renunciation of violence and to save our planet. The entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in January 2021 is a beacon of hope for all people in actual conflicts and crises.

Disarmament and arms conversion are essential elements of the necessary transformation into one eco-social, fit for the future development of society.

Only if we succeed in transferring the massive funds for the military and armaments – $5 billion are wasted on this worldwide every day – to education, health, technological transformation, and social balance is a future worth living for humans and nature possible. Most important is the definitive ban on nuclear weapons.

PROGRAM

5:00 pm OPENING OF EXHIBITION & WELCOME
Moderator: Katerina Anastasiou (Austria) transform!Europe, AbFaNG

6:30 pm LECTURES
The Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty: Opportunities and Next Step
Rebecca Johnson (UK)
Peace activist, co-founder of ICAN, Director and Founder of the Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy

Nuclear weapons and health, viewed globally – Prevention of medical and humanitarian dangers
Klaus Renoldner (Austria) Physician, President of IPPNW Austria

Fighting for Peace in the Global South
Vanessa Griffin (Fidji Islands) Pacific ICAN activist, coordinator of APDC (Asia Pacific Development Centre).

Peace, Security and Climate & Environmental Crisis
Michael Müller (Germany) Federal Chairman of the Friends of Nature in Germany, retired State Secretary

The international trade union movement and peace
Philip Jennings (UK)
former General Secretary of UNI Global Union/ ITUC, Co-President of the IPB

8:00 pm PANEL DISCUSSION
Cooperation of peace and environmental movements – Way to an eco-social society?
Representative of the Austrian Ministry BMEIA
Helga Kromp-Kolb, environmental meteorologist, fwu
Phill Gittins, Education Director WBW(World beyond War)
Sharan Burrow, ITUC General Secretary
Alessandro Capuzzo, Trieste Non-Nuclear Movement
Heinz Gärtner, political scientist, IIP

9:00 pm OPEN DISCUSSION

9:30 pm BUFFET (end of event 10:00 pm)
Agenda is subject to change without notice
Voices for Peace from Ukraine and Russia
Video message from Yurii Sheliazhenko, Executive Secretary, Ukrainian Pacifist Movement, Ukraine, and Oleg Bodrov, ecologist, chairman of the Public Council of the Southern Shore of the Gulf of Finland, Russia

Accompanying Exhibition by peace and environmental organisations
After the opening and the lectures, peace songs will be performed by Reinhart Sellner and Timo Brunnbauer.

The conference will be held in German and English.
Two qualified translators from WILPF (Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom) will provide simultaneous translation: Helena Nyberg, WILPF Switzerland and Michaela Leithner, WILPF Austria

Directions to the ÖGB catamaran:
Subway line U2 in the direction Seestadt to the Donaumarina station.

We look forward to your attendance – by participating in the event at the ÖGB catamaran or watching the livestream on your computer.

Registration is requested: contact@abfang.org
Livestream link will be published on the website www.abfang.org at the appropriate time.

ICAN – International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
IIP – International Institute for Peace, Vienna
IPB – International Peace Bureau
IPPNW – IPPNW Österreich (OMEGA) Internat. Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
ITUC – International Trade Union Confederation
WILPF - Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom

The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons heralded a paradigm shift in thinking about security. The TPNW came into force on January 22, 2021 and prohibits the development, testing, production, owning, and deployment of nuclear weapons and the threat of these. In contrast to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), where the participating “nuclear powers” have blocked each other for more than a decade with nothing happening towards the disarmament and destruction of the 13,400 nuclear warheads worldwide, the TPNW is based on a democratic development process.

It thus opens a door to a possible nuclear weapons-free future. UN Secretary-General António Guterres welcomed the entry into force of the agreement. The first multilateral nuclear disarmament treaty in more than two decades is “an important step towards a world without nuclear weapons and a strong demonstration of support for a multilateral approach to nuclear disarmament”.