

ican become a partner

Safeguarding our future is everyone's business. That's why a diverse range of groups from across the world have come together under the one banner—the **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)**—to call on political leaders to outlaw the deadliest weapons ever created. By tapping into existing

networks and pooling our resources, we have begun to generate a groundswell of popular support for a **nuclear-weapon-free world**. Every one of the 26,000 nuclear weapons in the world today directly threatens global security and human survival. With your support, we can take the campaign its full distance—all the way to zero.

why support ICAN?

ICAN was initiated in 2007 by the Nobel Peace Prize-winning International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. It already has active **campaign teams** working in more than a dozen countries and is supported by many civil society organisations.

“ I can imagine a world without nuclear weapons, and I support ICAN. ”
— *The Dalai Lama*



what can a partner organisation do?

As an ICAN partner organisation, you can do as little or as much as you like. Your capacity to promote the campaign will depend on the amount of time and resources you're able to devote to it and how much your activities already relate to nuclear weapons abolition. Here are some simple ways you can help:

- Add the ICAN logo to your **website** and provide a link to the ICAN website
- Write about ICAN in your **newsletter** and other publications
- Hold an ICAN event such as a **movie night, public forum or protest**
- Distribute ICAN **materials** or print your own materials with the ICAN logo
- Obtain ICAN **endorsements** from prominent people you're connected to
- Provide financial or **in-kind support** to the campaign

contact us ...

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education groups Education is the single most important way to build momentum for nuclear weapons abolition. Students should be informed of the devastation that nuclear weapons have unleashed and the dangers they continue to pose today. ICAN has developed a range of educational materials for use by education groups.

faith-based groups Many religious leaders, including the Pope and the Dalai Lama, have called for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons. Faith groups recognise that nuclear weapons pose a unique existential threat to all humanity and believe there can be no justification for their continued possession by a small number of states.

peace groups The abolition of nuclear weapons will help to build a culture of peace among nations. A small number of countries still cling to the misguided idea that nuclear weapons enhance global security. Peace groups have an important role to play in convincing these countries that the opposite is in fact true—nuclear weapons threaten security.

medical groups Doctors have long expressed grave concerns about the effects of uranium mining, nuclear energy and nuclear testing on human health. They were instrumental in bridging the Cold War divide between the United States and Soviet Union. Promoting the abolition of nuclear weapons is preventive medicine.

environment groups The use and testing of nuclear weapons, as well as the mining of nuclear bomb fuel, have had long-term adverse environmental effects. A regional nuclear war would bring about extreme climatic change. Environment groups have been, and will continue to be, at the fore of the anti-nuclear movement.

legal groups Lawyers can help to develop an international legal framework which provides nuclear-armed states with the confidence to give up their nuclear weapons. In partnership with other professionals, they have already drafted a Nuclear Weapons Convention—a treaty to outlaw and eliminate these worst weapons of terror.

development groups Nuclear weapons divert resources from health care, education and other vital services. The United States alone spends at least \$40 billion a year maintaining and modernising its nuclear arsenal—enough to end extreme poverty by 2030. Nuclear weapons are therefore an impediment to development.

human rights groups The possession of nuclear weapons is inconsistent with the right of all people to live in freedom from fear. Human rights groups have drawn attention to human rights violations committed against people living near nuclear power plants, nuclear waste dumps and nuclear test sites.

political groups Political parties can promote the abolition of nuclear weapons by incorporating this goal into their policy platforms or making it an election promise. Their parliamentary representatives can promote abolition in national legislatures through speeches, bills, motions and petitions relating to nuclear weapons.

local councils The mayor of Hiroshima has established a large and influential network of mayors across the globe committed to advancing nuclear weapons abolition. Local councils can refuse to allow nuclear weapons to be manufactured on, stationed on, or transported across their jurisdiction. Visit www.mayorsforpeace.org.

workers' unions People employed by the nuclear industry—including uranium miners and those responsible for transporting nuclear weapons—are exposed to unacceptable risks. Workers' unions have a responsibility to protect employees' rights, and historically have been active in peace and disarmament campaigns.