

Geachte burgemeester van Driel,
Geachte leden van de gemeenteraad,

Namens de stad Ieper (Lead City voor Mayors for Peace België) en Mayors for Peace Nederland nodigen wij u uit om deel te nemen aan Mayors for Peace, een wereldwijd netwerk van burgemeesters dat zich inzet voor nucleaire ontwapening. In een tijd waarin conflict alomtegenwoordig lijkt en de dreiging van nucleaire wapens nog altijd bestaat en verder escaleert, is het van essentieel belang dat lokale leiders zich verenigen om de boodschap van vrede en veiligheid uit te dragen.

Mayors for Peace, opgericht in 1982 door de burgemeesters van Hiroshima en Nagasaki als een reactie op de verschrikkelijke gevolgen van nucleaire wapens, heeft zich ontwikkeld tot een wereldwijd netwerk van meer dan achtduizend steden die zich sterk maken voor nucleaire ontwapening en wereldvrede. Als lid van Mayors for Peace zult u deel uitmaken van een wereldwijde beweging die zich inzet voor het voorkomen van nucleaire catastrofes en het bevorderen van internationale samenwerking voor vrede en veiligheid.

Door lid te worden van Mayors for Peace kunt u:

- Uw gemeente verbinden met een wereldwijd netwerk van steden die dezelfde **waarden van vrede en veiligheid** delen.
- Deel uitmaken van een **krachtige lobby** voor nucleaire ontwapening op internationaal niveau.

Bijgevoegd vindt u de uitnodigingsbrief van de burgemeester van Hiroshima, waarin ook het registratieformulier te vinden is. Voor meer informatie over Mayors for Peace kunt u terecht op www.mayorsforpeace.org. Ook bijgevoegd de lijst van de Nederlandse leden van Mayors for Peace.

Daarnaast moedigen wij u aan om het ICAN Cities Appeal te ondertekenen, een initiatief dat wereldwijd steden en gemeenten oproept om zich uit te spreken tegen nucleaire wapens en zich te verbinden aan het Verdrag inzake het Verbod op Kernwapens. Door het ICAN Cities Appeal te ondertekenen kunnen steden een sterk signaal sturen naar nationale en internationale beleidsmakers over de urgentie van nucleaire ontwapening. Als vertegenwoordiger van de lokale gemeenschap is uw betrokkenheid van grote waarde voor het bevorderen van vrede en veiligheid op lokaal en mondiaal niveau.

Bijgevoegd vindt u het ICAN Cities Appeal, dat u kunt ondertekenen om deel uit te maken van de steden die zich inzetten voor nucleaire ontwapening. Gelieve het document in te vullen en terug te sturen naar nukes@paxforpeace.nl om uw ondertekening te bevestigen.

Voor meer informatie over het ICAN Cities Appeal kunt u terecht op <https://cities.icanw.org/>. Voor algemene informatie over de missie van ICAN kunt u terecht op <https://www.icanw.org/>.

Gelieve bij deelname aan zowel Mayors for Peace als het ICAN Cities Appeal burgemeestersvoorvrede@gmail.com in de CC te zetten voor administratieve doeleinden. Wij kijken ernaar uit om u te verwelkomen als lid van Mayors for Peace en als ondersteuner van het ICAN Cities Appeal en samen te werken aan een vreedzamere toekomst voor ons allemaal.

Met vriendelijke groet,

Net Köhlen,
stagiair Vrede en internationale solidariteit stad Ieper
stad Ieper/Mayors for Peace Nederland



Dutch Members Mayors for Peace per 1-04-2024

city/community	present mayor	member since	political party
<u>Aa en Hunze</u>	Anno Wietze Hiemstra	2012-03	CDA
<u>Achtkarspelen</u>	Oebele Brouwer	2013-07	partijloos
<u>Alkmaar</u>	Anja Schouten	2019-05	partijloos
<u>Almere</u>	Hein van der Loo	2020-09	partijloos
<u>Alphen aan den Rijn</u>	Liesbeth Spies	2014-04	CDA
<u>Alphen-Chaam</u>	Jan Brenninkmeijer, wnd	2012-10	CDA
<u>Ameland</u>	Leo Pieter Stoel	2007-04	VVD
<u>Amersfoort</u>	Lucas Bolsius	2012-06	CDA
<u>Amstelveen</u>	Tjapko Poppens	2017-05	VVD
<u>Amsterdam</u>	Femke Halsema	1984-08	GroenLinks
<u>Apeldoorn</u>	Ton Heerts	2005-07	PvdA
<u>Arnhem</u>	Ahmed Marcouch	1986-06	PvdA
<u>Assen</u>	Marco Out	2005-09	partijloos
<u>Barendrecht</u>	Govert Veldhuijzen, wnd	2008-08	CDA
<u>Beek</u>	Christine van Basten-Boddin	2005-05	D66
<u>Beekdaelen</u>	Eric Geurts	2005-07	PvdA
<u>Beesel</u>	Bob Vostermans	2022-09	CDA
<u>Berg en Dal</u>	Mark Slinkman	2013-05	CDA
<u>Bergen L</u>	Manon Pelzer	2012-03	CDA
<u>Bergen NH</u>	Lars Voskuil	2012-05	PvdA
<u>Bergen op Zoom</u>	Margo Mulder	2007-10	PvdA
<u>Berkelland</u>	Joost van Oostrum	2006-05	VVD
<u>Beuningen</u>	Daphne Bergman	2015-09	D66
<u>Beverwijk</u>	Martijn Smit	2008-10	PvdA
<u>Bloemendaal</u>	Elbert Roest	2007-12	D66
<u>Borger-Odoorn</u>	Jan Seton	2012-05	CDA
<u>Borne</u>	Jan Pierik	2014-04	PvdA
<u>Boxtel</u>	Ronald van Meygaarden	2013-10	partijloos
<u>Breda</u>	Paul Depla	2012-12	PvdA
<u>Brunssum</u>	Wilma van der Rijt-van der Kruis	2013-10	CDA
<u>Bunnik</u>	Ruud van Bennekom	2010-12	PvdA
<u>Capelle aan den IJssel</u>	Cor Lamers, wnd	2010-09	CDA
<u>Castricum</u>	Ben Tap	2010-09	?
<u>Coevorden</u>	Renze Bergsma	2012-12	CDA
<u>Cranendonck</u>	Roland van Kessel	2023-08	VVD
<u>Culemborg</u>	Gerdo van Grootheest	2020-07	GroenLinks
<u>Delft</u>	Marja van Bijsterveldt-Vliegenthart	2014-03	CDA
<u>Den Haag</u>	Jan van Zanen	1988-02	VVD
<u>Doesburg</u>	Loes Van der Meijs	2012-04	VVD
<u>Doetinchem</u>	Mark Boumans	2014-04	VVD
<u>Drechterland</u>	Pieter Dijkman, wnd	2012-11	VVD
<u>Eemsdelta</u>	Ben Visser	2014-10	CU
<u>Eindhoven</u>	Jeroen Dijsselbloem	2014-04	PvdA
<u>Elburg</u>	Jan Nathan Rozendaal	2020-07	SGP
<u>Enkhuizen</u>	Eduard van Zuylen	2013-10	ongebonden
<u>Enschede</u>	Roelof Bleker	2015-11	partijloos
<u>Etten-Leur</u>	Marina Starman-Gelijns	2015-05	VVD
<u>Geertruidenberg</u>	Jan Luteijin, wnd	2013-10	SGP
<u>Geldrop-Mierlo</u>	Jos van Bree	2013-04	VVD
<u>Gennep</u>	Hans Teunissen	2012-05	D66
<u>Gilze en Rijen</u>	Derk Alsema	2013-02	CDA
<u>Goeree-Overflakkee</u>	Ada Grootenboer-Dubbelman	2022-05	CDA
<u>Goes</u>	Cees van den Bos	2022-03	SGP

<u>Gooise Meren</u>	Han ter Heegde	2007-12	VVD
<u>Gorinchem</u>	Reinie Melissant-Briene	2012-05	CDA
<u>Groningen</u>	Koen Schuiling	2005-02	VVD
<u>Gulpen-Wittem</u>	Nicole Ramaekers-Rutjens	2020-07	partijloos
<u>Halderberge</u>	Bernd Roks	2020-07	VVD
<u>Harderwijk</u>	Harm-Jan van Schaik	2015-09	CDA
<u>Hardinxveld-Giessendam</u>	Dirk Heijkoop	2020-07	CDA
<u>Harlingen</u>	Ina Sjerps	2013-10	PvdA
<u>Heemskerk</u>	Alexander Luijten	2008-09	VVD
<u>Heemstede</u>	Falgun Binnendijk	2012-04	CDA
<u>Heerenveen</u>	Avine Fokkens-Kelder	2012-10	VVD
<u>Heerlen</u>	Roel Wever	2012-05	VVD
<u>Heeze-Leende</u>	Teun Heldens	2008-08	VVD
<u>Heiloo</u>	Mascha ten Bruggencate	2013-02	D66
<u>Hendrik-Ido-Ambacht</u>	Jan Heijkoop	2007-10	CDA
<u>Het Hogeland</u>	Henk Jan Bolding	2010-11	CDA
<u>Heusden</u>	Willemijn van Hees	2012-07	VVD
<u>Hilversum</u>	Gerhard van den Top	2012-10	partijloos
<u>Hollands Kroon</u>	Rian van Dam	2013-10	PvdA
<u>Horst aan de Maas</u>	Ryan Palmen	2012-10	VVD
<u>Hulst</u>	Ilona Jense-van Haarst	2023-10	VVD
<u>IJsselstein</u>	Patrick van Domburg	2014-02	VVD
<u>Kaag en Braassem</u>	Astrid Heijstee-Bolt	2012-11	D66
<u>Kampen</u>	Sander de Rouwe	2017-03	CDA
<u>Kerkrade</u>	Petra Dassen	2013-10	CDA
<u>Koggenland</u>	Monique Bonsen-Lemmers	2017-09	D66
<u>Land van Cuijk</u>	Marieke Moorman	2012-08	CDA
<u>Landgraaf</u>	Richard de Boer	2008-01	VVD
<u>Lansingerland</u>	Pieter van de Stadt	2005-11	VVD
<u>Laren</u>	Nanning Mol	2016-03	VVD
<u>Leiden</u>	Peter van der Velden, wnd	2008-02	PvdA
<u>Leidschendam-Voorburg</u>	Jules Bijl, wnd	2005-02	D66
<u>Leudal</u>	Désirée H. Schmalschläger	2012-06	GroenLinks
<u>Leusden</u>	Gerolf Bouwmeester	2005-09	D66
<u>Maashorst</u>	Hans van der Pas	2006-04	PvdA
<u>Maassluis</u>	Gregor Rensen, wnd	2012-07	PvdA
<u>Maastricht</u>	Wim Hillenaar	2007-10	CDA
<u>Medemblik</u>	Michiel Pijl	2012-08	CDA
<u>Meerssen</u>	Mirjam Clermonts-Aretz	2022-03	VVD
<u>Meerijstad</u>	Kees van Rooij	2019-10	CDA
<u>Middelburg</u>	Marcel Fränzel, wnd	1984-10	D66
<u>Midden-Delfland</u>	Fenna Noordermeer	2015-09	?
<u>Midden-Groningen</u>	Adriaan Hoogendoorn	2019-06	CU
<u>Moerdijk</u>	Aart-Jan Moerkerke	2014-03	VVD
<u>Molenlanden</u>	Theo Segers	2014-04	CU
<u>Montfoort</u>	Petra van Hartskamp-de Jong	2014-02	VVD
<u>Nieuwegein</u>	Marijke van Beukering	2006-05	D66
<u>Nijmegen</u>	Hubert Bruls	2010-03	CDA
<u>Noardeast-Fryslân</u>	Johannes Kramer	2012-06	FNP
<u>Noordenveld</u>	Klaas Smid	2007-07	PvdA
<u>Noordwijk</u>	Wendy Verkleij-Eimers	2020-08	VVD
<u>Oegstgeest</u>	Emile Jaensch	2012-08	VVD
<u>Oisterwijk</u>	Hans Janssen	2008-02	CDA
<u>Oldambt</u>	Cora-Yfke Sikkema	2012-07	GroenLinks
<u>Oldenzaal</u>	Patrick Welman	2016-09	CDA
<u>Oosterhout</u>	Mark Buijs	2023-08	VVD

<u>Opsterland</u>	Andries Bouwman	2017-04	CU
<u>Overbetuwe</u>	Patricia Hoytink-Roubos	2012-05	CDA
<u>Peel en Maas</u>	Wilma Delissen-van Tongerlo	2015-09	VVD
<u>Pekela</u>	Jaap Kuin	2006-04	PvdA
<u>Raalte</u>	Arco Hofland, wnd	2020-09	CDA
<u>Reusel-De Mierden</u>	Annemieke van de Ven	2017-04	CDA
<u>Rheden</u>	Carol van Eert	2023-01	PvdA
<u>Rhenen</u>	Corry van Rhee-Oud Ammerveld	2011-02	PvdA
<u>Rijssen-Holten</u>	Arco Hofland	2013-01	CDA
<u>Rijswijk</u>	Huri Sahin	2006-04	GroenLinks
<u>Roermond</u>	Yolanda Hoogtanders	2013-04	VVD
<u>Roosendaal</u>	Han van Midden	2020-07	VVD
<u>Rotterdam</u>	Ahmed Aboutaleb	1986-05	PvdA
<u>Rucphen</u>	Marjolein van der Meer Mohr	2012-05	VVD
<u>Sittard-Geleen</u>	Hans Verheijen	2014-04	CDA
<u>Sliedrecht</u>	Jan de Vries	2020-07	CDA
<u>Sluis</u>	Marga Vermue	2017-04	CDA
<u>Son en Breugel</u>	Hans Gaillard	2008-08	VVD
<u>Stadskanaal</u>	Klaas Sloots	2012-06	GroenLinks
<u>Steenbergen</u>	Ruud van den Belt	2012-10	VVD
<u>Stein</u>	Marion Leurs-Mordang	2012-10	PvdA
<u>Stichtse Vecht</u>	Ap Reinders	2016-02	partijloos
<u>Súdwest-Fryslân</u>	Jannevietske de Vries	2023-09	PvdA
<u>Terneuzen</u>	Jan Lonink	2012-07	PvdA
<u>Texel</u>	Mark Pol	2012-05	VVD
<u>Teylingen</u>	Carla Breuer	2022-04	CDA
<u>Tilburg</u>	Theo Weterings	1988-02	VVD
<u>Tubbergen</u>	Anko Postma	2022-03	?
<u>Uitgeest</u>	Sebastiaan Nieuwland	2008-11	D66
<u>Uithoorn</u>	Pieter Heiliegiers	2019-09	VVD
<u>Urk</u>	Jan Westmaas, wnd	2016-03	CDA
<u>Utrecht</u>	Sharon Dijksma	2004-05	PvdA
<u>Utrechtse Heuvelrug</u>	Frits Naafs	2012-06	VVD
<u>Valkenburg a/d Geul</u>	Daan Prevoo	2017-03	SP
<u>Veendam</u>	Sandra Korthuis, wnd	2007-10	VVD
<u>Veenendaal</u>	Gert-Jan Kats	2014-03	SGP
<u>Veere</u>	Jon Hermans-Vloedveld, wnd	2023-11	VVD
<u>Velsen</u>	Frank Dales	2009-04	D66
<u>Venray</u>	Michiel Uitdehaag	2013-03	D66
<u>Vijfheerenlanden</u>	Sjors Fröhlich	2008-08	partijloos
<u>Vlaardingen</u>	Bert Wijbenga	2008-08	VVD
<u>Vlieland</u>	Michiel Schrier	2013-03	SP
<u>Vlissingen</u>	Bas van den Tillaar	2017-04	CDA
<u>Voerendaal</u>	Wil Houben	2015-09	VVD
<u>Voorne aan Zee</u>	Peter Rehwinkel, wnd	2021-02	PvdA
<u>Voorst</u>	Jan-Willem Wiggers	2023-09	CDA
<u>Waadhoeke</u>	Marga Waanders	2007-12	PvdA
<u>Waalwijk</u>	Sacha Ausems	1987-04	partijloos
<u>Wageningen</u>	Floor Vermeulen	2012-10	VVD
<u>Wassenaar</u>	Leendert de Lange	2009-08	VVD
<u>West Betuwe</u>	Servaas Stoop	2019-06	SGP
<u>Westland</u>	Bouke Arends	2020-03	PvdA
<u>Wijk bij Duurstede</u>	Iris Meerts	2022-03	PvdA
<u>Winterswijk</u>	Joris Bengevoerd	2012-06	GroenLinks
<u>Wormerland</u>	Judith Michel - De Jong	2005-09	PvdA
<u>Zaanstad</u>	Jan Hamming	2011-09	PvdA

<u>Zeewolde</u>	Gerrit Jan Gorter	2022-03	partijloos
<u>Zeist</u>	Joyce Langenacker	2012-12	PvdA
<u>Zevenaar</u>	Luciën van Riswijk	2015-09	CDA
<u>Zundert</u>	Joyce Vermue	2012-08	PvdA
<u>Zutphen</u>	Annemieke Vermeulen	2012-10	VVD



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Een wereldwijde oproep van steden en gemeenten ter ondersteuning van het VN-Kernwapenverbod

Over het Appel

Kernwapens vormen een onacceptabele dreiging voor iedereen wereldwijd. Dit is waarom op 7 juli 2017, 122 landen voor aanneming van het VN-kernwapenverbod hebben gestemd. Alle nationale overheden worden uitgenodigd om dit verdrag te ondertekenen en te ratificeren. Het verbiedt het gebruik, productie en opslag van nucleaire wapens en legt een stevig fundament voor de totale eliminatie van deze wapens. Steden en gemeenten kunnen meehelpen de steun voor het VN-kernwapenverbod te vergroten door het ICAN Cities Appeal te ondertekenen.

Tekst van het Cities Appeal

"Onze stad/gemeente heeft grote zorgen over de ernstige bedreiging die kernwapens vormen voor mensen wereldwijd. We geloven dat onze inwoners het recht hebben om te leven in een wereld zonder deze dreiging. Ieder gebruik van kernwapens, opzettelijk of per ongeluk, zou catastrofale, wijdverbreide en langdurige gevolgen hebben voor zowel mensen als het milieu. Daarom verwelkomen we het VN-Kernwapenverbod dat in 2017 door de Verenigde Naties is aangenomen en roepen we onze regering op dit Verdrag zo snel mogelijk te ondertekenen en te ratificeren."

Hoe het Appel te ondertekenen

De burgemeester, griffier of een andere vertegenwoordiger van de gemeente kan laten weten dat zijn of haar gemeente het Cities Appeal ondersteunt door een mail sturen naar nukes@paxforpeace.nl. Deze oproep is in het bijzonder gericht aan steden en gemeenten in landen, zoals Nederland, die het VN-kernwapenverbod nog niet hebben ondertekend.

Suggesties voor verdere actie

- 1. Laat het de Nederlandse overheid weten:** informeer de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken of een andere relevante vertegenwoordiger dat uw gemeente het ICAN Cities Appeal heeft ondertekend.
- 2. Informeer de media:** stuur een persbericht uit waarin wordt aangekondigd dat uw gemeente het Cities Appeal heeft ondertekend en daarmee de Nederlandse overheid oproept het VN-kernwapenverbod te ondertekenen en te ratificeren.
- 3. Informeer de inwoners:** verspreid informatie of organiseer een tentoonstelling over de dreiging van nucleaire wapens en de wereldwijde spanningen om deze dreiging weg te nemen.
- 4. Desinvesteer publieke gelden:** neem maatregelen om ervoor te zorgen dat fondsen die door uw gemeente worden beheerd, niet worden geïnvesteerd in kernwapenproducenten. Zie voor meer informatie: www.dontbankonthebomb.com.

Ondertekend door:

Namens:

Naam & functie

Stad / Gemeente



Mayors for Peace

Secretariat

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April 2024

Dear Fellow Mayor,

I trust this letter finds you well.

In August 1945, two atomic bombs instantly reduced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble, taking more than 210,000 precious lives by the end of the year. The *hibakusha*—those who barely survived—still suffer from the harmful aftereffects, notably of radiation. While their minds and bodies are in pain, they continue to make their appeal that “no one else should suffer as we have.”

With our *hibakusha* aging, we are determined to have their experiences and strong desire for peace shared and wholeheartedly accepted by future generations, and to have those commitments spread throughout the world. I am convinced that spreading their message will eventually lead to the realization of their most cherished will, the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In 1982, Hiroshima and Nagasaki established Mayors for Peace to achieve this goal. It is a non-partisan, global network of municipalities that is registered at the UN with ECOSOC. Since its establishment, Mayors for Peace has expanded its membership and worked in solidarity with its member cities to call for the realization of a world free from nuclear weapons and lasting world peace. Presided by the Mayor of Hiroshima and vice presided by the Mayor of Nagasaki along with 10 other mayors of cities from across the world, as of April 1st of this year, Mayors for Peace has grown to 8,378 member cities from 166 countries and regions.

In January 2021, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force, which is the first multilateral treaty to clearly and fundamentally define that nuclear weapons are subjected to total prohibition. This is a proof that voices of *hibakusha* and those who share their fervent wish for the total elimination of nuclear weapons pushed international society forward. In this context, Mayors for Peace adopted the Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision) and Action Plan (2021-2025) in July of the same year. The Vision sets forth three objectives: “Realize a world without nuclear weapons,” “Realize safe and resilient cities,” and “Promote a culture of peace.” In order to pursue these objectives, we have decided to put a greater emphasis on the expansion of our membership.

The growing number of Mayors for Peace member cities is a powerful force building real momentum toward peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. To this end, I humbly ask that you share in our sincere message from the atomic bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and join Mayors for Peace to support our initiatives toward genuine and lasting world peace.

Sincerely yours,

MATSUI Kazumi
President of Mayors for Peace
Mayor of Hiroshima



Mayors for Peace Registration Form

To Mr. MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace

I hereby express my city/municipality's support for the abolition of nuclear weapons and desire to join Mayors for Peace.*

Name of the city/municipality**: _____

***This is the name we will use to refer to your city/municipality in our database.*

Name of country: _____

Mayor's name: _____

Title: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mayor's office address: _____

TEL: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Municipal Population: _____ (as of _____)

Contact person

Name: _____

Title: _____

Position: _____

E-mail: _____

Questionnaire

How did you find out about Mayors for Peace?

- Member City: (Name) _____ Ministry of Foreign Affairs of your country
- NGO/Organization: (Name) _____ Meeting with Mayor of Hiroshima
- Other: (please specify) _____

Please send this form to:
Mayors for Peace Secretariat
FAX : +81-82-242-7452
E-mail : mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

Note

*This registration form implies your city/municipality's decision to join Mayors for Peace. If your city/municipality requires specific procedures, including approval from your city/municipal council, please submit this form after such procedures are completed.

*Mayors for Peace runs several social media sites (Twitter @Mayors4Peace, Facebook @mayorsforpeace) where we would like to introduce our new member cities. We ask your permission to share information about your new membership with our followers. If you agree to the above, we ask that you please provide (1) a photo of the current mayor and (2) a photo that represents your city (landmark, landscape, etc.). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Mayors for Peace

1. Outline

In August 1945, atomic bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki instantly reduced them to rubble, taking more than 210,000 precious lives. With more than 75 years since the bombings, many survivors (*hibakusha*) still suffer from the physical and emotional aftereffects of radiation. To spread throughout the world the *hibakusha*'s ardent wish symbolized in the message that "no one should suffer as we have," and to ensure it is passed on to future generations, Hiroshima and Nagasaki remain steadfast in our assertion to the world that nuclear weapons are inhumane and continue to call for their abolition.

On June 24, 1982, at the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament held at the UN Headquarters in New York, then Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima called for cities throughout the world to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to work together to press for nuclear abolition. Subsequently, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki established "The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity" (now, Mayors for Peace), composed of mayors around the world who formally expressed support for this call. In 1991, the organization was registered as an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

*On August 5, 2001, the organization changed its name from "The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity" to "Mayors for Peace."

2. Mission

The purposes of "Mayors for Peace" are to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace by arousing concern among citizens of the world for the total abolition of nuclear weapons through close solidarity among member cities as well as by striving to solve vital problems for the human race such as starvation and poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation.

3. Structure

1) Member Cities (as of April 1, 2024)

<p>8,378 cities</p> <p>in 166 countries & regions</p>	Area	Countries & Regions	Member Cities
	Asia	39	3,355
	Oceania	9	137
	Africa	49	438
	Europe	41	3,365
	North America	3	341
	Latin America and the Caribbean	25	742

Regions: Taiwan / Palestine / Northern Cyprus (Asia), Northern Mariana Islands / French Polynesia (Oceania), Somaliland (Africa), Kosovo(Europe), Greenland (North America), Puerto Rico (Latin America and the Caribbean)

2) Executive Cities

The following 21 cities are executive cities (From oldest to newest).

President City:

Hiroshima (Japan)

Vice President Cities:

Nagasaki (Japan)

Hannover (Germany)

Malakoff (France)

Muntinlupa (Philippines)

Manchester (UK)

Ypres (Belgium)

Granollers (Spain)

Halabja (Iraq)

Biograd na Moru (Croatia)

Des Moines (US)

Montreal (Canada)

Executive Cities:

Santos (Brazil)

Wellington (New Zealand)

Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Bangkok (Thailand)

Cartago (Costa Rica)

Tehran (Iran)

Grigny (France)

Cervia (Italy)

Evora (Portugal)

*Underlined are Lead Cities in charge of their regional chapter:

19 cities

3) Secretariat

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4. How to Join

1) Registration Process

- i. If your city/municipality would like to join us, please send a "Registration Form" to the Secretariat.
- ii. The Secretariat registers its new member cities once a month (around the 20th).
- iii. Date of affiliation is the 1st day of the month following the date registration procedures are completed by the Secretariat. "Certification of Membership" will be sent out to newly affiliated cities after the date of affiliation.

2) Membership Fee

2,000 yen/year *However, when deemed appropriate, Member Cities can be exempt from Fee payment.

Member Cities will not lose their membership if they do not pay the Fee.

3) Member Cities' Activities (Examples)

- i. Promote the petition drive calling for all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible
- ii. Hold peace-related events such as the Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition and share reports
- iii. Invite mayors of your sister cities and neighboring cities who are not yet members to join Mayors for Peace
- iv. Attend the General Conference

*Please see "Peace-Related Activities Offered to Members of Mayors for Peace" for more activities that member cities will get the opportunity to participate in.

5. Conferences

1) General Conference

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 adopt agenda items significant to the organization.



10th General Conference
(October 2022, Hiroshima)

2) Executive Conference

Mayors for Peace holds an Executive Conference generally once every two years in one of the executive cities, where executives discuss future initiatives and plans for the next General Conference.

6. Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision)

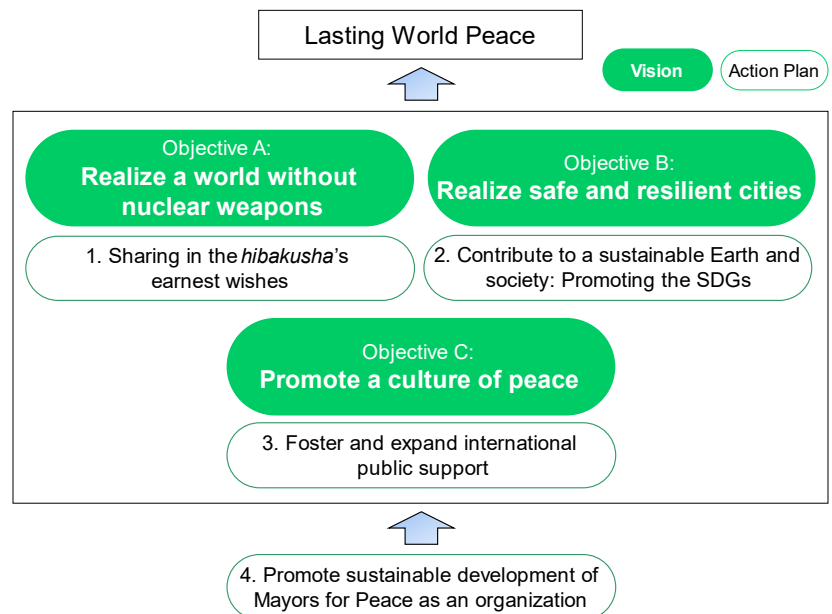
- Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security -

1) Outline

In order to achieve a world in which all people can perpetually benefit from peace by realizing the total elimination of nuclear weapons and by attaining and maintaining peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, subsequent to the 2020 Vision, Mayors for Peace adopted the *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision): Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security* at the 12th Executive Conference in July 2021. Based on this, we build cities where citizens act with a strong sense of solidarity for the ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace.

2) Initiatives

For cities to ensure the safety and security of their citizens from the great threat of nuclear weapons and to attain and maintain peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, under three objectives set forth in the Vision, Mayors for Peace member cities implement the initiatives outlined in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021 – 2025) to promote peacebuilding by cities.



[Main Initiatives]

1. Appeal to the UN and national governments
2. Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition
3. Providing opportunities to hear *hibakusha's* testimonies
4. Distribute and nurture seeds from atomic bomb survivor trees (*hibaku trees*)
5. Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns"
6. Peace Education Webinar
7. Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program
8. Collaboration with member cities



Speech by the President
at the first Meeting of States Parties to
the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons
(June 2022, Vienna)



Meeting with Ms. Nakamitsu,
UN Under-Secretary-General and High
Representative for Disarmament Affairs
(June 2022, Vienna)



Meeting with national government
representatives
(June 2022, Vienna)



Presentation by a youth from
a member city at the Mayors for Peace
Youth Forum held in UNOG
(April 2018, Geneva)



Planting ceremony of a second
generation atomic-bombed Ginkgo
seedling by a member city
(April 2018, Guernika-Lumo)



Discussions at the Mayors for Peace
Youth Exchange for Peace: Support
Program for "HIROSHIMA and PEACE"
by youths from member cities
(August 2019, Hiroshima)



Petition Drive by the President
and high school students in the street
(August 2022, Hiroshima)



Presenting signatures to the
representatives of UN by high school
students participating in the petition drive
(April 2019, New York)



Holding the Mayors for Peace
Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition
by a member city
(June 2015, Muntinlupa)



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Peace-Related Activities Offered to Members of Mayors for Peace

Upon joining Mayors for Peace, your city will have the opportunity to participate in activities and programs which reflect the ultimate goal of the Mayors for Peace Action Plan: lasting world peace. We hope you will join us and that together, we will make significant strides towards realizing our goal.

Below please find a list of activities which we offer to our member cities:

1. Seeds from Atomic Bomb Survivor Trees

Mayors for Peace distributes seeds from trees that survived the atomic bombings to all member cities who wish to receive them. It is our hope that by taking care of these trees, which serve as symbols of peace, member cities can foster the ideals of peace amongst their citizens.

Seeds are provided free of charge.



2. Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program

Mayors for Peace provides financial and other support to selected youth from member cities who would like to participate in the “International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future” and “HIROSHIMA and PEACE” programs aimed at fostering a better understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and to inspire proactive contribution to nuclear abolition efforts in their home cities.

Financial support will partially cover expenses associated with the programs, such as travel, accommodation, daily allowances, and other various expenses based on Mayors for Peace guidelines.



3. Children’s Art Competitions

Based on the art prompt “Peaceful Towns”, Mayors for Peace has held an art competition for children ages 6 to 15 in member cities since 2018 with the aim of furthering the promotion of peace education in younger generations around the world.



4. Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions

Mayors for Peace calls on member cities to hold exhibitions of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Posters and other related materials to foster a deepened understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and strengthen the resolve towards nuclear abolition among their citizens.

Posters are available in: Japanese, English, German, French, Russian, Dutch, Spanish, Catalan, and Portuguese

Posters are provided free of charge (files can be downloaded from the Mayors for Peace website).



5. Online *Hibakusha* Testimonies

By request, Mayors for Peace can help connect venues in member cities to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum so they can experience online *hibakusha* testimonies.

Available free of charge.



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