

KEY USA NUCLEAR FREE FUTURE EVENTS IN 2013

Ongoing: Project for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty is the organizing center for those seeking U.S. ratification. Many of our partners already belong to this group including WAND, Peace Action and Alliance for Nuclear Accountability. WILPF may want to join also. The US is one of the nine nations that must ratify the CTBT before it can come into effect. All but one of the other eight say they will ratify once the United States does so. See <http://www.projectforthechtbt.org>

MARCH 8 – International Women’s Day. We expect to have programs and materials on nuclear weapons abolition and on radiation effects on women’s bodies.

MARCH 11-12 2013 Symposium: The Medical and Ecological Consequences of the Fukushima Nuclear Accident at the New York Academy of Medicine, New York City, NY. A unique, two-day symposium at which an international panel of leading medical and biological scientists, nuclear engineers, and policy experts will make presentations on and discuss the bio-medical and ecological consequences of the Fukushima disaster. It will be held at The New York Academy of Medicine on March 11-12, 2013, the second anniversary of the accident. The public is welcome.
Sponsored by the Helen Caldicott Foundation. (Helen Caldicott has just joined WILPF). Over two dozen presenters, including Kevin Kamps and Robert Alvarez, well known to some on our committee. Can any DISARMers go and report back?

See <http://nuclearfreeplanet.org/symposium.html>

April 15 and Global Day against Military Spending. See <http://demilitarize.org>. WILPF around the world will be involved in this day and we plan to provide materials for USA Tax Day including fact sheets on government spending for USA nuclear weapons, delivery systems and the related nuclear industries.

April 14-17 Alliance for Nuclear Accountability D.C. Days Training and visits to Congress, the Administration and the Pentagon Sunday through Wednesday. We learn much from these sessions but also have potential for positive contributions and especially re need for nuclear weapons abolition treaty. ANA is an important partner in our work for a nuclear free future.

April 18-19 ANA spring planning meeting. One or two WILPFers who attended D.C. days – often the co-chairs – stay on for the spring planning meetings. This is a good opportunity to contribute Reaching Critical Will resources. At least a half dozen ANA watch dogs have attended NPT sessions with WILPF, and have contributed positively in workshops we presented. It is also time to start thinking about the NPT Prep Com in New York in 2014 and the Review Session in New York in 2015. Can we again organize Practica for WILPFers and students?

Additional days that can be important in our campaign.

MAY 24: International Women's Day for Disarmament has been celebrated around the world since 1984. Other WILPF Sections participate on this day. What about U.S. WILPF?

AUGUST 1 TO 31: Nuclear Free Future Month. Planning begins in January with Jackie Cabasso’s United for Peace and Justice working group. Monthly phone calls are the second Tuesday of every month. Cooperation with Mayors for Peace in the USA, Japan and world-wide is especially important at this time.

AUGUST 6: Hiroshima Day (wide Branch participation)

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SEPTEMBER 21: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE. UN Secretary General asks the world to focus on abolishing nuclear weapons as a necessary step toward general and complete disarmament and putting an end to wars.(Major international event for WILPF.)

October: UN General Assembly First Committee 2013

OCTOBER 3 to 10: WILPF co-sponsors [Keep Space for Peace Week](#) with Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. (Wide Branch participation). (Major WILPF international event).

OCTOBER 24: United Nations Day

OCTOBER 24-30: [United Nations Disarmament Week](#)(Major international event.)

NOVEMBER 11: Ring bells for peace on Armistice Day with Veterans for Peace and other organizations. Revive the Kellogg Briand Pact which outlaws war and is still international law.

DECEMBER 10: Human Rights Day and celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the resulting Human Rights Treaties.(Major international event.) Also Illinois Jane Addams Day.