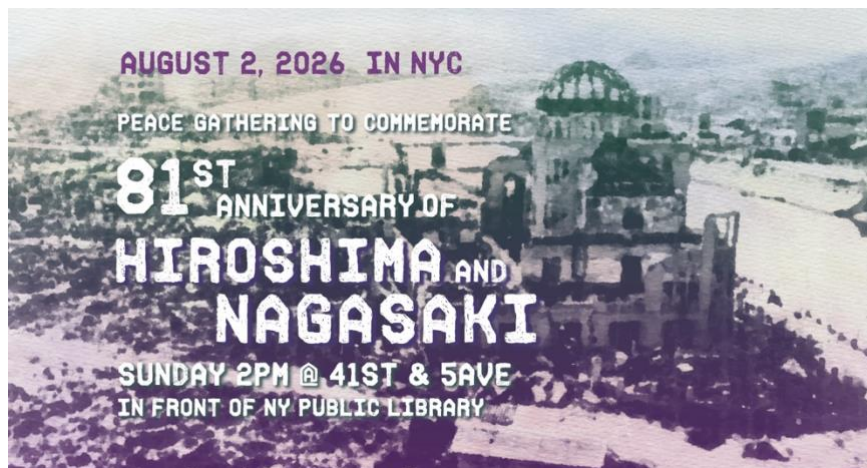


Peace Gathering on the 81st Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki



Eighty-one years ago, on the mornings of August 6 and 9, 1945, the U.S. detonated atomic bombs over two Japanese cities: Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The nuclear bombs killed nearly 210,000 citizens by the end of 1945 and, over the years, have maimed and ruined the health of many survivors. The average age of hibakusha, or atomic bomb survivors, is now 87 years old; many still suffer from terrible health issues.

Today, to honor the memory of those who lost their lives to the atomic bombs, a coalition of citizens and peace activists gather at the New York Public Library to express our sincere regrets and apologies for our nation's atomic bombings over Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A claim that doing so ended World War II, thus saving untold lives, has since been disproven by extensive U.S. documents. True reasons for dropping the bombs had more to do with politics and scientific experimentation than with ending the war or saving lives.

We are also here to express our solidarity with all peoples

and nations across the globe who reject all nuclear and related aspects: storage, manufacturing or upgrading them, mining for fuel. Rather, we simply demand Abolition, as well as respect for International Law, which, through the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), calls on both the U.S. and Japan to join the 100 nations and states that have already signed it and the 75 that have ratified it.

Our message is urgent: 81 years since Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we are closer to nuclear annihilation than ever before. Wars between Russia and Ukraine and in Iran are being conducted by nuclear weapon states. Treaties to contain nuclear weapons proliferation are on life-support or have expired completely. The demand for more energy to run AI is encouraging a surge in new nuclear power plants which are their own risk to safety, the economy, and the environment.

Consequently, we insistently call for the abolition of all nuclear weapons, the restoration and strengthening of all treaties that prohibit them, a transition from nuclear energy to renewable energy, and support for all nuclear victims whether from war, mining, manufacture, transport, or accidents. The future of our world is at stake! Please add your voice to ours.

**Contact your Senators and Representatives.
Call 202-224-3121, and ask for them by name.**

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.” *(Albert Einstein)*
ABOLISH ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS !

Co-hosted by Veterans for Peace – NYC Chapter 34, the Manhattan Project for a Nuclear-Free World, Pax Christi New York State, Peace Action New York State, NYC War Resisters League, the NYC Metro Raging Grannies, and allies.