



Move the Nuclear Weapons Money

Report to the Abolition 2000 Annual Meeting

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About Move the Nuclear Weapons Money

[Move the Nuclear Weapons Money](#) is a global coalition and campaign to cut nuclear weapons budgets, end investments in the nuclear weapons industry and re-allocate these budgets and investments to support peace, climate stabilization and sustainable development.

Move the Nuclear Weapons Money was established by the *Abolition 2000 Working Group on Economic Dimensions of Nuclearism* in cooperation with the *Basel Peace Office, Global Security Institute, International Peace Bureau, Peace Accelerators, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, UNFOLD ZERO, World Federalist Movement* and the *World Future Council*. It has since then taken on the work of the Abolition 2000 working group.

Activities

Nuclear weapons budgets

The campaign has been particularly active in the United States, where PNND members Ed Markey and Eleanor Holmes-Norton have introduced measures into the Senate and House to cut nuclear weapons budgets and reallocate these to better purposes. These include the [Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditures \(SANE\) Act](#), [Invest in Cures Before Missiles \(ICBM\) Act](#) and the [Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act](#).

The campaign has also been active in the UK, where PNND members Jeremy Corbyn (former Leader of the Labour Party) and Fabian Hamilton (Shadow Minister for Peace and Disarmament) have led initiatives to cut the nuclear weapons budget and to protect workers in the nuclear weapons industry through Defense Diversification.

An outline of this issue and examples of policy action, are included in the [Parliamentary Handbook on Disarmament for Security and Sustainable Development](#), which was launched in November 2020 and has been the subject of a number of parliamentary events in follow-up (see the [PNND Report](#)).

Nuclear weapons divestment

Move the Nuclear Weapons Money maintains a [list of corporations](#) involved in the nuclear weapons industry and a [database of legislative measures for nuclear weapons divestment](#) at city, state and federal levels. The campaign also organizes events on nuclear weapons divestment including an international webinar in 2020 in two sessions (one for Asia/Pacific and one for Americas/Europe/Africa) on [Move the Nuclear Weapons \(and fossil fuel\) Money](#).

Nuclear weapons budgets and the pandemic

In 2020-2021, the campaign included a focus on nuclear weapons budgets and the pandemic. See, for example, [African youth call for a ceasefire and nuclear weapons cuts to help address Covid-19 pandemic](#) and [Former UK Royal Navy Commanders call for nuclear cuts to help address Covid-19](#) and [To address the corona virus: Shift resources from nukes and the military to public health and the economy!](#)

Social media promotion

Move the Nuclear Weapons Money has initiated a [social media campaign](#). We invite you to [submit a short quote](#) with your thoughts on the possibilities and/or benefits of 'moving the nuclear weapons money', plus a photo of yourself, and we will turn this into an infographic/meme for social media posting. [Below](#) are a few examples.

Global appeal

Move the Nuclear Weapons Money cooperates with UNFOLD ZERO and #WeThePeoples2020 on [Protect People and the Planet: Appeal for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World](#). This is an ongoing appeal which we encourage you to endorse. It calls for the immediate implementation of nuclear risk-reduction measures, as well as a commitment to the elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified time-frame, cuts in nuclear weapons budgets and an end to nuclear weapons divestments.

Relationship with related initiatives/campaigns

Move the Nuclear Weapons Money engages and builds cooperation with related initiatives and campaigns including the [Global Campaign on Military Spending](#), [Go Fossil Free Divestment Campaign](#), [Divest from the War Machine](#), [Divest/Invest](#) and [Don't Bank on the Bomb](#).

Abolition 2000 campaigners and organizations

Abolition 2000 campaigners and organizations are invited to use *Move the Nuclear Weapons Money* resources ([handbook](#), [graphics](#), [legislation](#), [blogs](#) etc...) to assist your campaigns and events. We also invite you to submit relevant blog articles for publishing on the *Move the Nuclear Weapons Money* website, endorse the global appeal, and join the *Move the Nuclear Weapons Money* social media campaign.

Examples of social media campaign quotes:



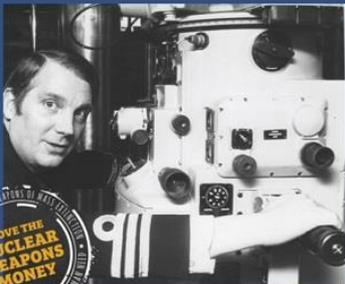
"While the youth of today struggle with climate anxiety and suffer growing economic insecurity, nuclear disarmament is one of the few issues that offers answers to our growing questions on how we are going to be able to fund the necessary supports to improve human security. Our global online connections make unleashing a nuclear weapon on people in other countries unimaginable and in direct contravention of what we see as the necessity to work together to mitigate the climate crisis and work to lift people out of poverty in a world free from the threat of war."

- Vanessa Lanteigne, National Coordinator, Canadian Voice of Women



"The coronavirus pandemic is sweeping around the world undermining public health, curtailing personal freedoms and causing havoc on countries economies. The future of millions children and their family is in danger. Government must shift the resources from the nukes and military to public health and economy."

- Emmanuelle Foyet, Deputy Coordinator Children for Peace
www.children4peace4p.org



"Nuclear-armed States continue to modernise and in some cases expand, their nuclear weapon capabilities, costing trillions, while the world is struggling to afford the necessary measures to counter the worldwide threat to health, climate change and world economies that Coronavirus poses. This is unacceptable. Nuclear weapons powers should focus instead on human security for a safe, healthy and sustainable world."

- Commander Robert Forsyth RN (Ret'd) Former Submarine Commanding Officer