

## **Report by Abolition 2000 Youth Network (full report would be available online)**

The Abolition 2000 Youth Network is a working group which provides a forum for networking and building cooperation between various youth-led nuclear disarmament initiatives, and with youth working on other related issues or peace and sustainable development. The working group also provides a bridge between youth and other Abolition 2000 actions and initiatives.

The working group includes representatives from Amplify, Ban All Nukes generation (BANg), Chain Reaction 2016, CTBTO Youth Group, Global Zero, IPPNW Student Network, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament (youth), Parliament of the World's Religions (youth ambassadors), UNFOLD ZERO, Youth Future Project and others.

**Number of members:** around 150 members from 38 countries – including from all the nuclear-armed States except DPRK

**Social media outreach and representation:** [Facebook page and group](#) have 300 likes

### **Major activity:**

The network organised an [international youth conference](#) in Prague, in 2017, which released [Reach High for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World](#), a youth appeal to world leaders calling for nuclear disarmament.

### **Activities in 2018/2019**

- New organisations joined youth network [IPYG - International Peace Youth Group](#) and Youth4Parliament (an advocacy campaign in Zambia meant on increasing and enhancing meaningful participation of young people in Politics, especially in parliament)
- In July 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, Youth Network in cooperation with Mayors for Peace, German Peace Society and Peace Station Mutlangen commemorated Flag Day in the region Baden-Wuerttemberg together with the mayors in Aalen, Mutlangen & Stuttgart with the use of piece of arts 3D nuke missile to engage and raise awareness amongst public. Additionally, in Buechel airbase youth network participated at the international peace camp and took part in action that included 3d nuke missile arts.
- On August 29<sup>th</sup> – International day against nuclear testing was commemorated in Astana, Kazakhstan by the international youth conference organized by the CTBTO, where youth network took an active part by holding the first screening of the documentary “Where the wind blew” with special guest Karipbek Kuykov being invited to speak at the discussion following the film in the capital and facilitating trip to Semey test site – Semipalatinsk polygon.
- On November 5<sup>th</sup> Youth network takes part in Geneva peace week. During event by Quaker United Nations office on nuclear disarmament or arms race, contribution was made to the discussion highlighting importance of economic aspect of nuclear weapons expenditures and profits made by the corporations.
- Youth network successfully organized youth session on peace, security and nuclear disarmament in South Korea in February 2019 at the PyeongChang Global Peace Forum.
- Youth network is taking active part in the NPT PrepCom 2019 by contributing to the Youth ngo Statement, organizing side-event on “Youth, peace and disarmament education” with the German Peace Society and Pressehuette, promoting the annual general assembly of Abolition 2000.

