

## Abolition 2000 Youth Network report for 2019 – May 2020

### 2019

On **February 10** youth-led workshop engaged youth at the PyeongChang Global Peace Forum where Youth Network participated and convener organized and chaired one of the events. The workshop was entitled as "Youth Speak for Peace: Engaging and amplifying youth voices for nuclear abolition and sustainable development".

From **April 29 to May 10**, the youth network took active part at the 2019 Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference and for the first time formed group/invited international youth delegation (from Kazakhstan, USA, UK, Germany, Russia, Bangladesh) to attend the conference and co-organized side-event with the NGO from Germany – Peaceworkshop Mutlangen.

On **May 3**, Youth network together with Friedenswerkstatt Mutlangen and Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft - Vereinigte KriegsdienstgegnerInnen, organized a side-event under the title: Young people acting together for disarmament and peace education.

On **May 17** convener of the youth network was competitively selected to the 2nd cohort of in-person course on "arms control, disarmament and nonproliferation" amongst 50 young women professionals which took place at the UN in Vienna, Austria. The course was presented by the UNODA/ OSCE and titled Scholarship for Peace and Security.

On **May 19** our youth network Shelby Surdyk member from Alaska, USA is to organize international youth conference for high school students in April 2020 (postponed for 2021) with the aim to promote nuclear disarmament and engage younger generation. Convener of the youth network served as primary advisor for the conference organization, including information on youth organizations and speakers to invite. Convener is also invited as one of the main presenters for the conference.

On **August 3**, Kazygurt District, Kazakhstan, in honor of Youth Peace Week 2019 Kazygurt students had a Skype talk with a co-founder and administrator of NuclearFreeSchools project in the United States Christopher Allan Cruz. Christopher gave general information about his project and activities based in America.

On **August 24**, Abolition 2000 youth Network in cooperation with Youth for CTBT, Y-peer Kazakhstan, UNFPA in Kazakhstan, and the Peace Foundation, in honor of 29th of August International Day against Nuclear testing, Public Association “Zhalynda zhastar” with Access program alumni and Y-peer volunteers held an informative workshop for Kazygurt Districts youth.

### 2020

**January 9**, youth round-table event took place in conjunction with the Basel Peace Forum 2020, where youth network held pavilion and introduced youth voices video project along with the project presentations. The video was a group project where we invited several young researchers

and active members in youth networks on climate and/or nuclear and security issues to speak about their ideas, and then we invited more experienced older practitioners in the field to respond to the youth voices.

The Green Building Municipality project, a multi-ethnic youth gardening initiative from a conflict region in Kosovo, has won the inaugural Peace and Climate action of European Youth (PACEY) Award granted financial support by the President of the Basel Peace Office.

**Mid-March**, second cohort of the group of the international youth delegation is formed to attend the NPT conference from Kazakhstan, Russia, USA, Morocco and Czech Republic.

On **May 14 and 19**, the Youth Network with the help of the secretariat of Abolition 2000 represented by the member of the coordinating committee Tony Robinson organized the webinars (previously planned to be side-events at the NPT conference in NYC) on youth voices for climate, disarmament and peace issues.

## **On-going project**

### Global youth voices

For the 75th anniversary of the United Nations this year, we invite youth, and the not-so-young, around the world to participate in the video project: *UN 2020: Youth voices and inter-generational dialogue on climate, peace and nuclear disarmament*.

Holding the universal peace sign (see below to download), we invite young people to video a short statement with thoughts on peace, climate and nuclear weapons. These statements will be posted Youtube and on Facebook. See sample video at <https://youtu.be/uX0cpWFkefw>.

And we invite people who are not so young - including parliamentarians, mayors, religious leaders and other civil society leaders - to view the youth statements and respond. These videos will also be posted online.

A compilation video will be produced, posted online and shown at various UN events and other events during 2020.