



New Zealand kicks off a 24-Hour Round-the-World Conversation for World Futures Day

World Futures Day, March 1, 2021

A [global 24-hour conversation](#) commemorating World Futures Day [begins in Aotearoa-New Zealand](#) at 12 noon March 1 hosted by [Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace](#), *World Beyond War NZ* and [Youth Fusion](#), and then travels westward with a new host each hour as people join and leave the conversation.

Youth, elders, policymakers, visionaries, artists, academics, future thinkers and ordinary people interested the future, are coming together in a free-flowing dialogue designed to stimulate ideas and inspire hope for the future. Most people will join the conversation at 12 noon in their time zone, but are also welcome to join at other times.

The opening session will also commemorate [Nuclear Remembrance Day](#), the anniversary of the Bravo-Castle nuclear weapons test, the most destructive nuclear test explosion ever carried out in the Pacific region. *"It is fitting that the global conversation begins in Aotearoa-New Zealand, a country that has banned nuclear weapons"* says **Alyn Ware**, International Representative for Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace and one of the co-hosts of the conversation. *"We recall the horrific and ongoing health and environmental impacts of nuclear tests in the Pacific and other regions in the world. We must continue to champion the cause of a nuclear-weapon-free, peaceful and sustainable world."*

This will be the eighth year that futurists and the general public will conduct a 24-hour, round-the-world conversation on World Futures Day, a project initiated and organized by [The Millennium Project](#), in collaboration with the [Association of Professional Futurists](#), [Humanity+](#), [UNESCO's Global Futures Literacy Network](#), the [World Academy of Art and Science](#), and the [World Futures Studies Federation](#).

"Anybody can pull up a cyber-chair at this global table and join the discussion on zoom," says **Jerome Glenn**, CEO of The Millennium Project. *"People drop in and out as they like. If they can't come online at 12 noon their time, they are welcome at any time over the 24 hours. Topics discussed have included pandemics, artificial intelligence, future concepts of work, building space elevators to orbital cities, reducing climate change, guaranteeing safe water and energy, fighting transnational organized crime, developing future forms of democracy, countering information warfare, incorporating global ethics in decision-making, enforcing safety standards for synthetic biology, and the future of humanity."*

There will also be a [parallel youth program](#) and a [special inter-generational event](#) that will launch the [Youth Fusion Elders](#) initiative

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