Abolition 2000 AGM 2021

Youth Fusion - Abolition 2000 Youth Network

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2020

Global Youth Voices
To celebrate the International Youth Day (August 12) 2020, the Abolition 2000 Youth Network produced the “Youth Voices” video compilation of young people discussing the issues of climate, nuclear weapons and peace.

Participation in #WeThePeoples2020
In September 2020, Abolition 2000 Youth Network members were instrumental in the facilitation of events organized by the #WeThePeoples2020 coalition (events running from International Day of Peace (Sep 21) until International Day for Non-violence (Oct 2)). The Abolition 2000 Youth Network coordinated the project together with Basel Peace Office, PNND, UNFOLD ZERO and the World Future Council.

Launch of Youth Fusion
On December 10-11, 2020, Abolition 2000 Youth Network organized a two-session launch event of their “rebranded” platform. In the two sessions (each suitable for a different world region), the group introduced all new programs, projects, newsletter and website.

Report and recordings of both sessions are available here.

Thanks to our new programs, social media and plans to add resources in more languages, the network continues to grow. To stay updated on our activities, follow our social media pages or join our mailing list (both available here).

2021

Intergenerational Forum on Peace, the Climate, Nuclear Disarmament and the Pandemic
In January 2021, Youth Fusion, together with Basel Peace Office and the Office of Cantonal and Urban Development, Department of Presidential Affairs, Canton of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland, organized a virtual event with an emphasis on intergenerational dialogue.
The Forum consisted of three sessions; one where youth activists had a chance to present their work and reflections, and a second session where more experienced leaders presented their work and sentiments on peace, the climate, nuclear disarmament and the pandemic. The third session hosted the PACEY Plus Award.

Event report along with all session recordings can be found here.

Submission for periodic review of Denmark’s nuclear weapons policy and the Rights of Women under the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women
Youth Fusion joined Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace, Basel Peace Office and World Future Council in submitting the list of issues to the UN Committee.

The full document is available here.

Youth Fusion Elders launch
Youth Fusion has officially launched its newest program, Youth Fusion Elders, at an inter-generational webinar on March 1, 2021. Throughout the event, four Youth Fusion Elders (Mr. Bruce Kent, Ms. Uta Zapf, Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, Ms. Ana María Cetto) held dialogues with our young members as well as participated in Q&A sessions with the audience.

Event report can be found here.

Submissions for periodic review of Canadian and French nuclear weapons policies under the ICCPR
Youth Fusion joined Basel Peace Office, World Future Council and other civil society organizations in submitting reports and recommendations to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The summary of the submission is available here.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Youth Fusion Elders
Youth Fusion Elders continues to grow. New articles and podcasts are being produced on a regular basis and there are plans to expand our production to other languages (and thus be able to reach even larger audiences). Finally, after a successful program launch, a second round of our Youth Fusion Elders webinar is planned for the second half of 2021.

Article series
Youth Fusion members are encouraged to submit their articles, or article series on various nuclear-disarmament related topics. All articles published can be found here.
Nuclear Games
Nuclear Games is a new and innovative educational platform about the risks and human impact of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy. It is developed by Docmine, a Swiss-based creative studio and produced in the English and German languages. Youth Fusion, along with Physicians for Social Responsibility Switzerland and the Basel Peace Office will facilitate its distribution and promotion, including the organization of virtual screening events and other activities.

Youth Fusion and Basel Peace Office representatives are further proposing the creation of “Team to Advance Nuclear Games” (TANG), which would use the Abolition 2000 network to distribute the Nuclear Games platform globally. Details for that can be found in our written proposal.

UPCOMING PROJECTS
Youth Fusion is scheduled to attend or co-organize the following:
- **September 2021**: Youth Fusion, together with PNND and the Kazakh Embassy in London, will organize an international hybrid event “Nuclear Weapons & Climate Change: Intergenerational dialogue on nuclear-climate impacts & avenues for action.”

- **October 2021**: Youth Fusion together with Youth Leadership Network will participate in the IPB World Peace Congress in Barcelona by creating a joint side event/panel.