

Forum & Bike the Bomb Program

70 Years after Hiroshima & Nagasaki: Risks & Opportunities for Peace

Rationale: It has been 70 years since the first and only military use of a nuclear weapon. Yet, the nine nuclear armed nations have spent and continue to spend trillions of dollars to maintain their nuclear arsenals which could destroy the world many times over. Efforts to eliminate these doomsday threats under the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty agreement have failed. Tensions between and about potentially nuclear armed nations are increasing. Efforts by terrorists and rogue elements to destabilize the entire nuclear security apparatus are also increasing. No longer comfortable being held hostage to this catastrophic risk, the world is coming together to say enough. If the nine nuclear armed nations will not relinquish their weapons, the world's people are taking action. On this auspicious anniversary, it is time that we in the U.S. learn more about these risks and opportunities.

WHAT: 70th Anniversary, Multi-media/educational/sharing Event

WHY: To Inform and Activate Iowans to join global efforts to abolish nuclear weapons

WHEN: Aug. 9 9:30-3:30, followed by Bike the Around the Bomb 4-6 PM (Bikers will note the physical space annihilated by the bomb—a bomb that was small compared to many of those today)

WHERE: At the lovely Ashton House on the Iowa River. 820 Park St, Iowa City.

Organized by Iowa PSR and Global Zero with Assistance from local peace activist partners

PROGRAM

9:30 AM **Opening and Welcome.** Tables, Displays re. Nuclear Legacy

9:45 - 10:00 AM **Visualizing** the Power of a Nuclear Explosion (short video Dr. Ira Helfand, PSR, IPPNW)

10:00-11:15 AM **Featured Speakers:**

Paul K. Chappell, Army Captain, Peace Activist, Writer, Peace Leadership Director for the
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation in Santa Barbara, CA

Why World Peace Is Possible: Exploring the Anatomy of Violence and War

Steven Starr, Senior Scientist PSR, Internationally known Analyst US Russia relations. Author of numerous articles and publications on the nuclear threat.

Converging on the Russian Border: Hot Spots & Nuclear Risks

11:15-11:45 AM **Audience Interaction.** **Dr. David Drake** to lead discussion: Moving away from the Brink

12:00-12:45 PM **Lunch.** Brown Bag. Bring your own, or purchase (\$10) on site. Visit the grounds and displays.

12:45 – 1:15 PM **Engage & Vote: Best of Nuke Busters Short Film Contest**

1:15 – 1:45 PM **Ending the Nuclear Threat.** Update on Global Efforts for Abolition:

Dr. John Rachow introduces/reviews Austria Pledge, IPPNW, International Rotary, Faith & global medical communities

1:45-2:30 PM **Skill Building** Breakouts/ Workshops/Actions Session #1—Choose One:

1. Building Interest: Art & Advocacy/Learning More/Information Sharing. Kelsey Kramer, UICHR
2. Partnering, Brainstorming with the speakers
3. Using Social Media — Make a Tweet, Write a Letter—Brittany Kimzey, PSR Iowa and Global Zero
4. Effective Lobbying – Local & National Offices—Korey Schnieder, Global Zero

- 2:30-3:15 PM** **Skill Building** Breakouts/ Workshops/Actions Session #2— Above Repeated, Choose One
- 3:15-3:30 PM** **Brief Reports** from Workshops, Wrap-up and Directions for **Bike Around the Bomb**.
- 3:30-5:30 PM** **Bike around the Bomb**. A 7 mile trail.

Bike Around the Bomb

Rationale: Global Zero chapters across the world will organize their communities to bike the radius of a small nuclear blast. BAB represents the devastation caused 70 years ago in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. Participants will take a moment to remember the past and look forward to the future of nuclear disarmament. Participants in cities around the world will set precedence for the movement to eliminate nuclear weapons by taking action to demand zero, following the ride.

Route: <http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/765004235>

Where: Ashton House on the Iowa River. 820 Park St. Iowa City

When: 3:30 back of Ashton House

- 3:45-4:00 PM** **Pep Rally & Introduction** Brittany Kimzey & Korey talk about GZ, what BAB means, lead audience in a few “call & response” cheers to engage bikers & then off to follow the trail: Remember What Happened, Imagine: What’s at Stake.
- 4:45 - 5:15 PM** **Biking End. Thank you & Actions:** Brittany or Korey will give a final speech thanking everyone and reminding them why they showed up, talk about taking actions either tweets & sign-up sheets or petitions & hand out stickers.