



Peace Movement Aotearoa

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Hiroshima / Nagasaki commemorations and Peace Sunday 2013



Events in Aotearoa New Zealand commemorating the 68th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima (6 August) and Nagasaki (9 August), and Peace Sunday 2013.

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- **Peace Sunday resources** - from Christian World Service are available at <http://www.cws.org.nz/newsroom/media-releases/peace-sunday-4-august>
- **From nuclear weapons-free Aotearoa New Zealand to a nuclear weapons-free world** - join the call for action to abolish nuclear weapons. Information about iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand is available at <http://www.icanw.org.nz>

* Waiheke Island *

- **Tuesday, 6 August** - 'Hiroshima remembered': screening of Vibrant Video's short film featuring Hiroshima bomb survivor Shigeo Sasamori speaking about the posters from the Hiroshima Peace Museum at Devonport on Hiroshima Day 2012. Starts at 7.30pm, at the Waiheke Community Cinema, followed by refreshments provided at Adjaz. Organised by the Waiheke Peace Group. The poster for this event is available at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/waiheke-hiroshima2013.pdf>

* Auckland *

- **Sunday, 11 August** - Hiroshima Day Commemoration: you are warmly invited to attend a Candle Floating Ceremony to remember those who died at Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a result of the atomic bombs dropped on their cities at the end of the Second World War. The programme includes crane-making, music and candle-floating (candles will be supplied), WILPF members will be speaking about the present situation regarding nuclear testing and particularly about what is happening in the Pacific, and there will also be an opportunity for others to speak. From 5pm to 7pm at the Auckland Domain Wintergarden; organised by WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom) Tamaki Makaurau. RSVP on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1388288251394363>

* Wellington *

- **Sunday, 4 August** - Celebrating 30 years as a peace church, service at 10am, St Andrew's on The Terrace, 30 The Terrace.

• **Sunday, 4 August** - 'Peace, Love and all the Jazz – a jazz service for Peace Sunday', with a focus on becoming peacemakers. At 10am, St Peter's on Willis, 211 Willis Street. The poster for this event is at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/peace-jazz2013.pdf> and you can RSVP on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/483689308385642>

• **Sunday, 4 August** - Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration, from 2pm to 4pm, at the Peace Flame, beside the Rose Garden, Wellington Botanic Garden (in the Begonia House if wet). Organised by The City Is Ours, more information is available at <http://hdwn.webs.com/cndsmessagpostertocopy.htm>

*** Christchurch ***

• **Friday, 9 August** - Hiroshima / Nagasaki commemoration. Speakers, music and candles at 5.30pm, at the Peace Bell in the Botanical Gardens, followed by soup at the YMCA. Organised by WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom) Otautahi and Christchurch Quakers.

*** Oamaru ***

• **Tuesday, 6 August** - Hiroshima / World Peace Day gathering, from 12.30pm to 12.50pm at the Woodland Garden, Oamaru Public Gardens (access through Oamaru Top 10 Holiday Park off Chelmer Street). The gathering will take place if it is raining, and is organised by the Anglican Parish of Oamaru-Maheno.

*** Dunedin ***

• **Monday, 5 to Friday, 9 August** - 'Everything You Treasure: For a World Free from Nuclear Weapons', an exhibition consisting of 40 panels covering nuclear weapons issues from 12 perspectives: humanitarian, environmental, medical, economic, human rights, energy, scientific, political, spiritual, gender, generational and security, will be on display at Otago University Library LINK.

• **Tuesday, 6 August** - Peace Vigil to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, beginning with a performance by the Dunedin O-Taiko Drummers followed by silent prayers at the moment the bomb was dropped (8.15am in Hiroshima, 11:15 in NZ). From 11am to 11.30am at the Peace Pole in front of the Otago Museum. Organised by the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, for more information see the poster at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/cpacs-hiroshima2013.pdf>

• **Tuesday, 6 August** - Hiroshima Day public debate 'That New Zealand is safer out of ANZUS and nuclear free', with Kevin Clements, Director of the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, and Gerald Hensley, a former New Zealand diplomat who served under Rob Muldoon and David Lange as Head of the Prime Minister's department. Starts at 5.15pm, in Archway 3 Lecture Theatre, Otago University. Organised by the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, for more information see the poster at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/cpacs-hiroshima2013.pdf>