

Science for Peace

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President's Column



Dear Members,

Another busy month at Science for Peace. Students Against Nuclear Weapons, supported by SfP and Candian Voice of Women for Peace, mounted a successful webinar on January 22nd, which many of you attended. Please refer to Recent Events for the program and speakers and a link to a 57-minute edited version of the event. The theme was "we've had enough!", a sentiment that many of us will embrace. In my opinion, the four student moderators did a superb job.

The board are delighted, as I'm sure you will be, that Students Against Nuclear Weapons wishes to become a permanent student organization, with support from Science for Peace. The board established this organization as an autonomous "chapter" of Science for Peace on January 26th. We will render whatever assistance to SANW that its leadership requests. The students have become members of our organization, and will be welcomed into our working groups, if they wish to join.

Our Right To Know has rejoined SfP. During the Harper years, ORTK became a separate organization to protect SfP from the charge that we had a political agenda and therefore did not qualify as a charitable organization. It was lead by our dear late colleague Margrit Eichler. But times have changed (it seems), so Our Right To Know has rejoined us. Their timelines of infringements on free scientific exchange at the provincial, national; and international levels may now be found under Resources on our website. It is an important resource for researchers, and the Timelines will continue to be updated by former executive members of ORTK.

We now, finally, have a Program on NATO and a working group to push forward our critiques of that alliance and of Canada's membership in it. NATO has benefitted from a pro-NATO slant in most reportage on the current Ukraine standoff and its other activities. The SfP program is meant to counter that slant. I'm pleased to report that Tamara Lorincz has agreed to act as the Senior Researcher in this new program.

Finally, the board has now finalized a statement of our position on the NATO-Russia dispute over Ukraine's orientation.

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Upcoming Events

Students Against Nuclear Weapons Group joining Science for Peace

The board enthusiastically passed a motion to adopt SANW as an autonomous "chapter" of Science for Peace.

Our Right To Know: Timelines

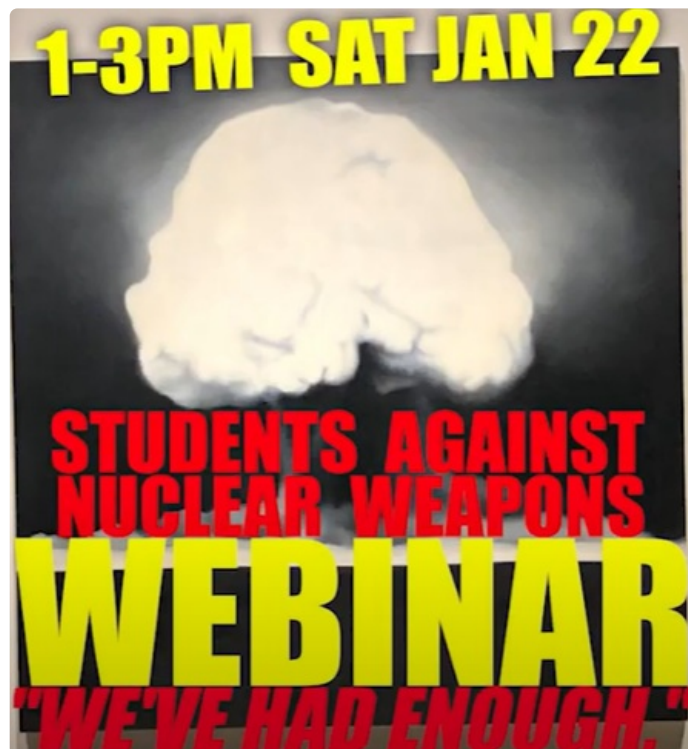
Science for Peace is merging with Our Right to Know. All timelines will be available on our website under Resources. The timelines document obstacles that scientists and scholars face doing their research and sharing their findings.

[Read more.](#)

Working Group on NATO, led by Adnan Zuberi and Tamara Lorincz

Recent Events

Students Against Nuclear Weapons Virtual Forum



The forum focused on the humanitarian implications of the renewed nuclear-arms race and the potential of the United Nations' Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons to build a world free of the menace of nuclear war, with keynote speakers Elizabeth May and Ray Acheson, and an interview with Setsuko Thurlow regarding her experience of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

[VIEW FULL RECORDING HERE.](#)

Recent Articles



Arnd Jurgensen: Will Justin Trudeau respect the will of Canadians on banning nuclear weapons?

According to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists' Doomsday clock, we are 100 seconds from midnight. Midnight signals the end of the world; we have never been closer, according to the acclaimed Bulletin. How could this be? The Cold War that threatened to spill into a nuclear exchange between NATO and the Warsaw Pact is long past.

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