

Youth engagement in peace, climate action and nuclear abolition

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Youth engagement in peace, climate action and nuclear abolition – an overview

- **United Nations youth engagement initiatives**

- a) UN Youth Office
- b) UN Youth, Peace and Security
- c) UN Youth for Disarmament
- d) UN Summit of the Future - PACT for the Future

- **Youth-led networks**

- a) Peace
- b) Climate
- c) Nuclear abolition
- d) Parliamentary

- **PACEY Youth Award**

- **Basel Intergenerational Forum**



United Nations and Youth Engagement



“The world is facing multiple and far-reaching crises, including conflicts, climate change, poverty, inequality and discrimination. Nobody has a greater stake – and more bold solutions to offer – than young people.”

UN Secretary General António Guterres

Release of the *UN Report on Youth Participation in the UN*, July, 2023

UN Youth Office



- UN Youth Office established by the UN General Assembly in 2013 (from a proposal of the UNSG)
- Prior to this there was a UN Envoy for Youth
- UN Office has role to build engagement of youth in all aspects of the UN
- Felipe Paullier (Uruguay) is the first UN Under-Secretary-General for Youth Affairs



UN Youth Peace and Security

- 2015: UN Security Council Resolution on Youth, Peace and Security (Res 2250)
- UN Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security
- UN Member States implementation of Res 2250 and the action plan (voluntary);
- UNSGs two follow-up reports on Youth, Peace and Security

www.un.org/peacebuilding/policy-issues-and-partnerships/policy/youth



Nigerian National Action Plan on
Youth, Peace, and Security:
Vision Award,
2024 World Future Policy Awards

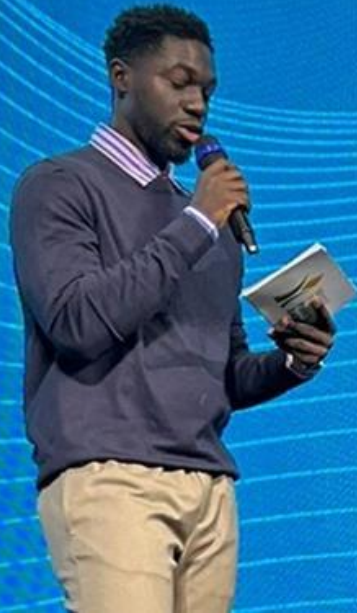
video presentation at
[www.youtube.com/watch?v= dYlVhHQwHY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYlVhHQwHY)

www.worldfuturecouncil.org/p/wfpapeace

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Welcome to the World
Future Policy Award 2024
On Peace and Future Generations



UN Youth for Disarmament

- UN Youth for Disarmament is established by the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs
- Objective to connect geographically diverse young people with experts to learn about security challenges, disarmament issues and the role of the United Nations.
- Provide youth education, organizes youth actions and supports youth engagement in disarmament processes.

www.youth4disarmament.org

UN | YOUTH 4 DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE

EMBRACE A WORLD FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
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To mark the
**International Day
Against Nuclear Tests,**
young people are called upon to
#StepUp4Disarmament!

**#StepUp4Disarmament
Youth Campaign**
29 August 2021
International Day Against Nuclear Tests

YOUTH FUSION
ABOLITION 2000
YOUTH NETWORK

UN Summit of the Future

- **PACT for the Future**

Action 20: We will accelerate the implementation of our commitments on youth, peace and security

Actions 34-37 on Youth and Future Generations

- **Declaration on Future Generations**

Follow-up: Establishment of a UN Envoy for Future Generations

www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future

- **Peoples Pact for the Future.**

Includes concrete proposals on youth, peace, environment and disarmament.

www.c4unwn.org/the-peoples-pact-for-the-future





Youth-led Networks: Peace

- **Youth Peace Ambassadors**
www.ypa.network
 - **Coalition of Youth Ambassadors for the Right to Peace**
www.peacehumanity.org
 - **Young World Federalists** and **Young European Federalists**
www.ywf.world www.jef.eu
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- **African Youth Action Network**
www.ayanafrica.org
 - **Children for Peace**
www.children4peacec4p.org
 - **Youth, Peace and Security Network**
www.youthpeaceandsecuritynetwork.org
 - **African Network of Young Leaders for Peace and Sustainable Development**
www.anyl4psd.org
- International Children's Peace Prize**
www.kidsrights.org/advocacy

Youth-led Networks: Climate Action



- **Fridays for Future**
www.fridaysforfuture.org
- **World's Youth 4 Climate Justice**
www.wy4cj.org
- **YOUNGO**
www.youngoclimate.org
- **Youth Negotiators Academy**
www.youthnegotiators.org

Youth-led Networks: Nuclear Abolition

- **Youth Fusion**

www.youth-fusion.org

- **International Student /Young Pugwash**

www.isyp.org

- **CTBTO Youth**

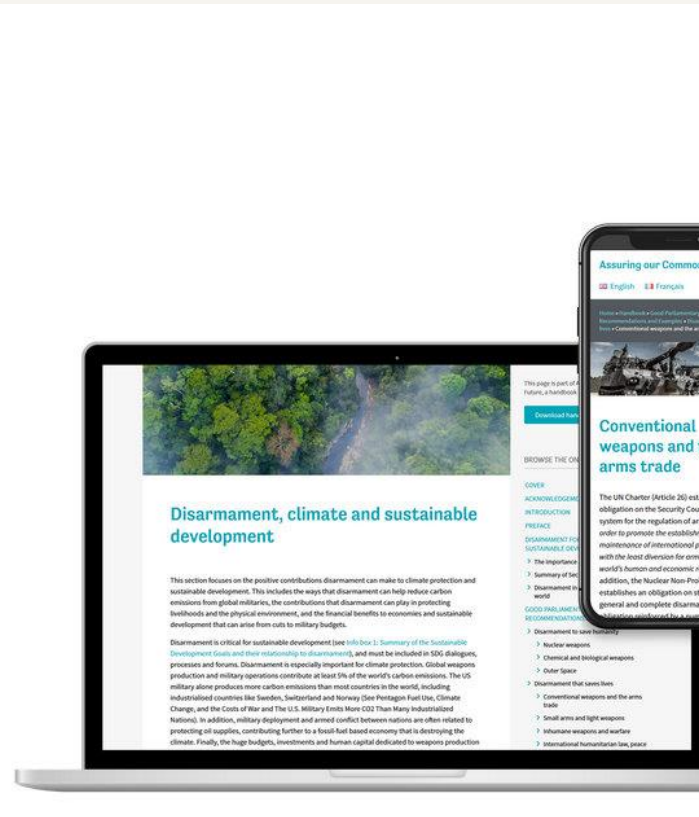
www.youthgroup.ctbto.org

- **Youth for TPNW**

www.youthfortpnw.net



Youth-led Parliamentary networks and programs



- **Inter-Parliamentary Union Forum of Young Parliamentarians**

www.ipu.org

- **Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament intergenerational program**

www.pnnd.org

- **Parliamentary Handbook on Disarmament for Security and Sustainable Development**

www.disarmamenthandbook.org



Intergenerational Forum on Peace, Climate Action and Nuclear Disarmament

- Held annually in conjunction with the Basel Peace Forum and PACEY Award Ceremony.
- Brings youth together with policy makers (parliamentarians, mayors/city councilors, government officials) to advance youth engagement in policy making.
- Next one is January 22, 2025.

www.baselpeaceoffice.org

PACEY Award

PEACE, NUCLEAR ABOLITION AND CLIMATE ENGAGED YOUTH

The PACEY Award provides three annual awards of €5000 each for youth projects relating to international peace, nuclear abolition and/or climate protection. The winners are decided and the awards given at the annual *Intergenerational Forum on Climate, Peace and Nuclear Abolition* which Basel Peace Office and Youth Fusion organise as part of the Basel Peace Forum.



- Nominations for 2025 PACEY Award due January 5.
- Anyone can submit a nomination, including youth involved in the project.
- PACEY Award winners have used the award to help build project success

www.paceyaward.org



Thank you

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