

# Be a part of ICAN

## What is ICAN?

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) aims to galvanize public and government support for a comprehensive, verifiable treaty to outlaw and eliminate nuclear weapons. The increasing risks of nuclear weapons proliferation and use mean there has never been a more important time for united global action for nuclear disarmament.

## The nuclear problem

There are still more than 20,000 nuclear weapons across the globe, posing the greatest immediate threat to the future of civilization. A single nuclear warhead, if detonated on a large city, could kill millions of people. The failure of the nuclear powers to disarm has heightened the risk that other countries or terrorists will acquire nuclear weapons. The more fingers on the trigger, the more dangerous the world will become.

## Advocating for a ban

The only guarantee against the spread and future use of nuclear weapons is to eliminate them now. The most realistic path to a nuclear-weapon-free world is a nuclear weapons convention. More than two-thirds of all nations have called for such a treaty at the United Nations. The main impediment to disarmament is a lack of political will from nuclear-armed nations and their allies. But that can change if people stand up and demand action.

## ICAN's action plan

ICAN aims to bring together a broad range of humanitarian, environmental and human rights organizations to seize the historic opportunity that exists to eliminate nuclear weapons. ICAN believes that a nuclear weapons convention should be the next big negotiating objective of the international community. With concerted action globally, we can build the momentum for change.

## Your role in ICAN

Everyone has a role to play in ICAN, wherever in the world you live and whatever you do for a living. Our work ranges from lobbying governments to taking action in the streets, educating schoolchildren and getting the word out through the media. By working effectively together and unifying our message, we can build an irresistible groundswell of public support for nuclear weapons abolition.

## How to get involved

If there is an ICAN group in your country, please contact the national coordinator. Details are online at [www.icanw.org/contact](http://www.icanw.org/contact). If you would like to start up a national campaign, please send an email to [info@icanw.org](mailto:info@icanw.org).

## Our goal: a treaty to outlaw and eliminate nuclear weapons

