Who should come?

New to nuclear weapons? The conference is a great place to start learning. Been here since the Freeze days? Come share your experience and learn about great new tools that have been developed for educating and organizing for nuclear abolition in conjunction with the Ban Treaty.

We invite everyone who wants to be part of a coherent movement blending multiple strategies to get rid of nuclear weapons. Whether your strategy is resistance, divestment, direct action, education, local organizing, or political action—we are stronger when we understand and collaborate with each other.

Why Tennessee?

Maryville, TN, is 20 miles from the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex in Oak Ridge, TN. Y-12 is an active nuclear weapons manufacturing facility. Today, Y-12 makes highly enriched uranium cores for W76-2 warheads and is currently building a new bomb plant, the Uranium Processing Facility, to continue production for decades.

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Latest US Bomb Plant, the UPF, under construction, at the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex, Oak Ridge, TN

Stop the New Nuclear Arms Race

May 22-25, 2020
Maryville, Tennessee

An international conference on working globally to abolish nuclear weapons

75 Years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki
SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS after Trinity, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, nuclear weapons are still an existential threat; the Doomsday clock is set at 100 seconds til midnight; and nuclear weapons states are investing trillions of dollars to upgrade their weapons systems.

At the same time, peace movements around the world are gaining strength, bolstered by the compelling authority of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

The problem of nuclear weapons will not be solved by non-nuclear nations alone—those of us living in nuclear weapons states and under the nuclear umbrella have a primary obligation not just to work for, but to achieve abolition.

STOP THE NEW NUCLEAR ARMS RACE will bring together activists from around the world to talk about how we can use the tools available to us in collaborations that are mutually supportive and effective.

SAVE ME A SPACE!
Registration is now open! Space is limited. Go to orepa.org/registration-form for detailed information about housing and costs and to reserve your space. April 24 is the hard deadline for registrations.

SCHEDULE
Friday evening the conference opens with a chance to hear about work being done around the globe.
Saturday is for in-depth workshops focusing on many of the efforts happening in the US, Europe and elsewhere—and a party Saturday night!
Sunday will include time to share ideas and develop collaborative strategies.
Monday morning, we’ll go to Oak Ridge for a nonviolent demonstration at the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex.

LOGISTICS?
Knoxville’s McGhee Tyson airport is 10 minutes from Maryville College. We will provide ground transportation for participants. There will be childcare during day sessions for kids 2-12. Rooms at Maryville College are en suite—two to a room, two rooms share a bathroom. More answers can be found at: nukewatchinfo.org/stop_new_nuclear_arms_race.

NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Next Generation scholarships (under-30) are available. Please contact OREPA at orep@earthlink.net for information.

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OTHER SPEAKERS
John Schuchardt, Plowshares Eight
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ONE MORE THING...
Cake, music and fun to celebrate the 40th anniversaries of The Nuclear Resister, Nukewatch, and the Plowshares movement!