

# Wiener Friedensbewegung - Hiroshima-Gruppe Wien

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Dear friends,

The Viennese Peace Movement together with the Hiroshima Group Vienna will again organise the annual manifestation in commemoration of the victims of the first atomic bombs ever employed on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The well renowned peace institute of Stockholm SIPRI stated in its latest annual report that not only have the costs for armaments worldwide further risen alarmingly (1630 billion Dollar, 43 % by the US alone), but also that the process of nuclear disarmament has come to a halt. The arsenals of the eight nuclear armed nations hold 21.000 warheads, more than 2.000 of them on red alert which means deployable immediately. The 5 acknowledged nuclear armed nations either commission new weapon systems or plan to do so. India, Pakistan and Israel are extending and modernising their carrier systems.

All this shows that the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are still to be learned: The destruction of all nuclear weapons is still a claim not fulfilled, our endeavour for a world free of nuclear weapons and war is more important than ever.

The devastating earthquake and tsunami catastrophe which has cost so many lives in Japan has also been proof of the various dangers of the so called peaceful use of nuclear energy: Fukushima is an urgent warning and a clear reminder for abandoning nuclear energy completely. It clearly showed the high risk potential and the imminent dangers of nuclear energy.

To say NO to the use of nuclear energy is to say NO to nuclear weapons and means to stand up for a world free of nuclear weapons.

War will always be a defeat for all humanity – but it continues to be a means of politics. Rearmament is practised in many countries. Social justice means to save the expenses for weapons so that more means are available for people.

The manifestation will start on the 6 August 2011, 18.00 p.m. in Vienna, at St. Stephan's Square and will be continued with a lantern march to the pond in front of Karlskirche at about 20.30 p.m.

As in the years before we plan to present your messages during the action as a symbol for our common endeavour for a world free of nuclear weapons.

We kindly ask you to send your message of support until the end of July 2011 to the Peace Bureau Vienna  
Mail: [pax.vienna@chello.at](mailto:pax.vienna@chello.at)

We would like to thank you for your valuable contribution,

yours sincerely

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