

Events welcoming the first anniversary of the entry into force of the TPNW

January 22 marked the first anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). On this occasion, President of Mayors for Peace Mayor Matsui of Hiroshima released a comment expressing our determination: “together with Mayors for Peace member cities, (we will) work to create consensus in civil society that a world free from nuclear weapons is the only world that humanity should strive for, and create an environment that encourages policymakers to take radical shifts in policy toward nuclear abolition, liberated from the nuclear deterrence theory.”



The full text of the comment is available at the link below.

 Comment by President Regarding the First Anniversary of the TPNW:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statements/calling/data/2022/E_220121_Mayor_Matsuis_comment_TPNW1year.pdf

Marking and celebrating this anniversary, events, including ones reported on below, have been held in member cities around the world.

● UK & Ireland Chapter

UK / Ireland Peace Councils celebrate first ‘banniversary’

Report by Mr. Richard Outram, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary

Local authorities working for peace as members of the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter and Nuclear Free Local Authorities network (NFLA) celebrated the first ‘banniversary’ of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (22 Jan) and vowed to continue the fight to put pressure on the UK Government to sign.

Manchester Councillor Eddy Newman, speaking for the Chapter, said:

“Despite world opinion favouring nuclear disarmament, nuclear weapon states, like the United Kingdom, continue to refuse to engage with this Treaty and refuse to honour their solemn promise made over 50 years ago as signatories to the Non-Proliferation Treaty to disarm.”

Leeds Councillor David Blackburn, who is the Chair of NFLA, said:

“One of our priorities as Mayors for Peace or NFLA Councils in the UK is to continue to put pressure on the UK Government to engage with the treaty. We are asking our member Councils to pass resolutions calling on the government to do so. This will be a priority for us over the coming year. Leeds and Manchester Councils have both done this, and we would like to see many more do so in 2022.”

● Catalan Chapter

Catalan Chapter supports a nationwide appeal for Spanish government to join TPNW

Report by Mr. Jaume Puigpinós, the City of Granollers, Spain

On January 20, the Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace joined more than thirty Spanish organizations supporting the campaign “[10 Reasons to Sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#)” in the launch of a public appeal asking the Spanish government to adopt the TPNW. This initiative was held on the 1st anniversary of the treaty’s entry into force. The campaign also called for Spain’s participation as an observer state in the first meeting of States Parties to the TPNW (MSP1), which is to be held in Vienna this year.

Key supporters of the “10 Reasons” campaign took part in the press conference which introduced the TPNW initiative to the general public; among them was Vice President of Mayors for Peace and Mayor of Granollers, Josep Mayoral.

Throughout his appearance at the press conference, Mayor Mayoral highlighted the work done by Mayors for Peace and its allies in terms of advocacy of the TPNW and raising public awareness. He also emphasized how, in the coming months, these same efforts will focus on expanding the number of cities supporting the anti-nuclear weapons cause while strengthening alliances with other key players and networks, all of which are in the run-up to the MSP1.

ICAN’s Digital Campaign Coordinator, Lucero Oyarzún was also present at the meeting. He stressed the already visible outcomes of the TPNW’s effect, which include financial divestment trends in the nuclear weapons sector ([\\$63 billion fall since 2019](#)).

Representatives of other key Spanish organizations supporting the “10 Reasons” campaign were also present at the meeting, including AIPAZ, Centre Delàs and Fundipau.

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