

# Who We Are

*Upper Hudson Peace Action* works to **end wars and prevent new wars through education and public witness.**

We seek to abolish nuclear weapons. We support human rights, economic justice and international cooperation. We sponsor speakers, organize demonstrations, pass out leaflets, and address elected officials.

*Upper Hudson Peace Action* works in the New York Capital District (Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Saratoga and surrounding areas).

We are an affiliate of *Peace Action*, the largest membership peace group in the United States. We work in cooperation with other peace and justice groups in our area.

## Our Branches

- **Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace**
- **Chatham Neighbors for Peace**
- **Guilderland Neighbors for Peace**
- **Pine Hills Neighbors for Peace**
- **Saratoga Peace Alliance**
- **Schenectady Neighbors for Peace**
- **Southern Rensselaer Neighbors for Peace**

Each branch functions as an independent peace group. Each has its own leaders and decision making process. Periodically representatives of the branches come together for mutual support and sharing.

## Campaigning to End the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars

Every week we hold six vigils in different locations in the Capital District. We sponsor films series and circulate petitions. We talk with elected officials and participate in regional and national peace rallies.



## Nuclear Disarmament

We carry out community education about ways to reduce the spread of nuclear weapons and the need for complete nuclear abolition. Our Hiroshima/Nagasaki poster display is being shown at locations throughout the Capital District.

## Palestinian Rights Committee

Our affiliate, the Palestinian Rights Committee, works for a just peace between Palestinians and Israelis based on equality, human rights, and international law. The committee supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists working for reconciliation through nonviolent means.

# Peace Is Possible

Advancing technology makes it possible to kill and maim more people in less time than ever before. War in developing nations is increasingly bloody, while war between technologically advanced nations would lead to mutual assured destruction.

Human beings can learn to settle differences without threatening to slaughter each other. **Moving beyond war is now a necessity for survival.**

We can strengthen the UN's international peacekeeping capability and work to shift resources from military purposes to meet real human needs. A reduced level of armaments worldwide would free up hundreds of billions of dollars to reduce hunger, disease, illiteracy, pollution, insecurity and resentment.

## What You Can Do

Militarism can only thrive while people are willing to tolerate its excesses. The military industrial complex Eisenhower warned us against benefits only a small fraction of the public. Military spending produces fewer jobs per dollar spent than any other public program and diverts scarce research and development skills from constructive work.

Active citizenship can overcome the special pleading of the weapons lobby, but only if people are effectively organized. By joining *Upper Hudson Peace Action* you can make your voice heard.

## Join Us

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Contribution

- \$30 individual
- \$50 family
- \$10 (limited income)
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### Contact me. I'm interested in:

- Neighborhood Group
- Legislative Work
- Nuclear Disarmament
- Office Work
- Fund Raising
- Palestinian Rights Committee
- Peace Vigils

Please send to:  
**Peace Action**  
33 Central Avenue  
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## We Advocate

### Abolishing Weapons of Mass Destruction

The only way to ensure that genocidal weapons are never used by terrorists or nations is to abolish them under an effective verification system. The US needs to take the diplomatic lead to end this threat.

The US should act on its own to get rid of its own weapons of mass destruction. We urge the US to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, halt its Star Wars plans, reaffirm the anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and support the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions.

### Stopping the Export of Arms and Support of Juntas

We support an Arms Transfer Code of Conduct to bar all states from sending weapons and military aid to countries that violate human rights or engage in armed aggression.

We call for an end to US military training programs for foreign nationals. Graduates of the Army's "School of the Americas" have been infamous human rights abusers.

### Using the Force of Law, Not the Law of Force

The international rule of law is the best way to prevent war and resolve conflicts. The US should stop blocking international disarmament and human rights treaties.

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## Working to:

- **End the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq**
- **Prevent Future Wars**
- **Abolish Nuclear Weapons**
- **Support Human Rights, Economic Justice and International Cooperation**

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