

# Learning Tools

- **Learn** the facts
- **Reflect** on what we learn
- **Empower** ourselves and others to take action

## People's Decade for Nuclear Abolition

[www.peoplesdecade.org](http://www.peoplesdecade.org)

### Exhibition

From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace: Transforming the Human Spirit

### DVD

"Testimonies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Women Speak Out for Peace" (in 5 languages: English, Spanish, French, Japanese and Chinese)

### Magazine

"Toward a World Free of Nuclear Weapons"  
(SGI Quarterly, July 2007 issue)

[www.sgiquarterly.org](http://www.sgiquarterly.org)

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# Background

Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is a Buddhist association with 12 million members in 192 countries and territories dedicated to promoting peace. SGI's nuclear abolition efforts began in 1957, when second Soka Gakkai president Josei Toda (1900–58) made a public declaration demanding the elimination of nuclear weapons which he called an absolute evil and a threat to humanity's collective right to exist. Since then SGI has been working for peace through grassroots educational activities including petition drives, the publication of nuclear survivors' testimonies, and public exhibitions and seminars.

For more information see: [www.sgi.org](http://www.sgi.org)



Daisaku Ikeda is a peacebuilder and Buddhist philosopher who has been active in the cause of nuclear abolition for many decades. He is president of the SGI and founder of the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research.

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## Why Now?

The world is at increased risk of nuclear terrorism and proliferation, while efforts toward nuclear disarmament have been deadlocked.

Even one nuclear weapon causes appalling devastation, death and lifelong suffering for survivors. And yet today, thousands of nuclear weapons remain on hair-trigger alert, aimed and poised.

Recent advocacy from influential world leaders lays out the steps that must be taken to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons. Now is the time to strengthen the grassroots momentum toward this goal. We must seize the moment and raise our voices against these monuments to human hatred and fear. Their time is gone.

## What is the People's Decade?

The aim of the People's Decade is to increase the number of people who reject nuclear weapons. Ordinary citizens and civil society must be the protagonists, creating a groundswell of demand for nuclear abolition that will influence decision makers.

In August 2006, in a proposal for reform of the United Nations, Soka Gakkai International (SGI) President Daisaku Ikeda put forward the idea of a UN decade of action by the world's people for nuclear abolition. In line with his idea, SGI launched the People's Decade in September 2007, collaborating with international antinuclear movements such as the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) initiated by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW).

Comprising a wide variety of individuals throughout the world, SGI's own network can help connect a diverse group of people around the globe. SGI has promoted numerous activities aimed at nuclear abolition, creating forums in which people of all ages are able to exchange views freely, share ideas and experiences and inspire one another. Each small step helps drive a process of transformation, ultimately changing the course of history.



## ADD YOUR VOICE!

Why are the most iniquitous weapons of all **STILL** not banned?

### Weapons that have already been banned:

- Dum-dum bullets
- Biological weapons
- Chemical weapons
- Blinding laser weapons
- Anti-personnel (land) mines
- Cluster munitions\*
- Nuclear weapons

\* awaiting ratification  
Based on materials from ICAN

