

NORDIC PEACE ALLIANCE - A PEACE NETWORK

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The Nordic Peace Alliance – a network of peace organisations

The sixth of November almost 60 members of 40 Nordic peace organizations met online at an exploratory meeting.

As part of the Nordic civil societies, they found that they have sufficient common interest, organizational capacity and core values to work to establish a Nordic Peace Alliance as a network to work for alternatives to armament and militarism.

We agreed that the overall purpose of the Alliance is to increase the contact and cooperation between Nordic peace organizations and thereby develop and promote a Nordic non-military sustainable peace and security policy.

The alliance strives to enable peace organizations to join forces and increase our joint strength and effectiveness concerning peace issues.

The alliance is planning to undertake exchange of analysis and information between member organizations on national initiatives, as well as develop joint projects and initiatives.

The alliance is also planning to formulate joint policy statements and resolutions addressed to organisations, politicians and media in the Nordic countries.

We are planning to have a special focus on relevant decision makers, i.e. the Nordic Council, the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Baltic Sea Council and the Arctic Council, as these institutions represent a joint channel to our Nordic politicians in Parliament and Government.

The meeting appointed an interim coordination committee with representatives for Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

The committee is responsible for arranging a Founding Meeting for the Nordic Peace Alliance and a Nordic Peace seminar in Denmark 14.-16. July 2023.

During the debate on current issues, we decided to develop a joint initiative to avoid foreign bases and nuclear weapons on our territories and to preserve the Nordic and the Arctic as nuclear-weapon-free zones

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