



# REACHING ZERO

## STUDENT SUMMIT AT YALE 2012

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NEW HAVEN, CT — On the heels of the Global Zero Summits in London and Los Angeles, Global Zero will bring together more than 100 outstanding students from around the world for the Global Zero Student Summit at Yale University, February 18-19, 2012. The event will serve as a springboard for a new group of Global Zero student leaders and will mark the launch of the 2012 campaign. Featured speakers include former IAEA Director-General Dr. Hans Blix, Amb. Richard Burt, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander Gen. (Ret.) Jack Sheehan, former Asst. Secretary of Defense Lawrence Korb, Amb. Seyed Hossein Mousavian, former CIA operative Valerie Plame Wilson and Amb. Steven Pifer, among many others.

The program, hosted in partnership with President Ernesto Zedillo and the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, will include sessions with leaders and experts on key steps to initiating the first in history multilateral nuclear arms negotiations; the \$1 trillion per decade cost of nuclear weapons globally; reduction of US and Russian tactical nuclear weapons in the European theater; nuclear weapons issues in the context of presidential elections in the US, France and Russia; movement building and civic engagement in the 21st century; and online and offline strategies to galvanize the campaign.



Student leaders are a powerful force in the Global Zero movement and have been an essential ingredient of Global Zero's successes over the last three years.

In February 2010, 31 Global Zero student leaders from Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Pakistan, Russia, Spain, the UK and the US presented plans at the Global Zero Summit in Paris to launch grassroots campaigns in their countries. Since that time, young people from around the world have joined the movement – taking Global Zero to their classrooms, to their kitchen tables and to the streets. Students have launched more than 90 campus chapters worldwide, and they've gathered thousands of petition signatures, hosted hundreds of film screenings, fundraised on their campuses and volunteered at Global Zero events. They've even met privately with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and world leaders to advance our goals.

These young leaders of tomorrow are making tremendous impact – leaders like Yustiniya Khokhlova, a Russian student at Moscow State Institute of International Relations, who has been involved with Global Zero since the 2010 Summit and recently spoke about the role of today's youth in a video commemorating the historic Reykjavik Summit.

Like Samuel Brinton, an American student at MIT who recently led efforts on his campus to gather more than 5,000 signatures in support of Global Zero's Cut Nukes campaign.

And Beenish Pervaiz, a Pakistani student at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), who is organizing a special Global Zero committee at the 8th annual LUMS Model UN Conference, which last year hosted more than 800 students from 80 universities across Pakistan.

Join Yustiniya, Samuel, Beenish and hundreds of others like them by registering today for the Global Zero Student Summit at Yale:

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