

Youth, peace, disarmament and sustainable development

*A forum in conjunction with the International Day for Peace (Sep 21)
and the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (Sep 26)*

Monday 24 September, 11:00 – 12:30
Maxwell Hall, LIM College, 216 East 45th Street, NYC

Featuring

Kehkashan Basu

United Arab Emirates/Canada



Youth Ambassador, World Future Council.
Winner of the 2016 *International Children's Peace Prize*. Named in Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence 2018.

Christopher Salata

United States of America



Co-founder of *Peace Accelerators*, a youth-led initiative to make the UN Day for Peace (Sep 21) an international holiday.

Dr. Mónica Rouco

Spain/USA



Assistant Director, *K=1 Project*,
Centre for Nuclear Studies,
Columbia University, New York.

About the event

Achieving the sustainable development goals is vital in order to protect current and future generations. How best to inspire and engage youth in this process?

Peace and disarmament are critical to achieving the SDGs. How can we build cooperation between the peace/disarmament communities and the sustainable development communities in order to ensure success?

This forum will address these questions and provide an opportunity for all participants to share ideas, initiatives and actions on engaging youth and advancing disarmament and sustainable development.

Co-sponsored by Abolition 2000 Youth Network, Global Security Institute, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, Peace Accelerators, Religions for Peace, Rotaract Club at the UN, UNFOLD ZERO, World Future Council, and We, the World.

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About the speakers

Kehkashan Basu (United Arab Emirates/Canada).

Kehkashan Basu is a young (18 year-old) advocate for peace and sustainable development. She is the winner of the [2016 Children's Peace Prize](#), a former United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Coordinator for Children & Youth, Youth Director for the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and a United Nations Human Rights Champion for her work on protecting children's rights. In UAE she founded HOPE, a children's environmental organisation which is now active across the Middle East and internationally. She moved to Canada in 2017, and last month was named as one of [Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence](#) for 2018.

Ms Basu has been invited by the President of the UN General Assembly to come to New York City to be one of the two representatives from civil society to address the *UN High Level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament* on September 26. She is also a participant in the [Global Goals World Cup](#) in NYC on September 25.

Christopher Salata (USA)

Christopher is co-founder of [Peace Accelerators](#), a youth-led initiative dedicated to accelerate the culture of peace worldwide through nonviolence education and connecting diversity and cultures across the Earth. One of their main projects is to make the International Day for Peace an international holiday. Peace accelerators also has a project to support farms not arms.

Mónica Rouco (Spain/USA)

Mónica Rouco, PhD, is the Assistant Director of the K=1 Project, a center based at Columbia University with the mission of engaging undergraduate students, and ultimately the public, in informed, scientifically-guided discussion of the issues surrounding nuclear technologies, with a special emphasis in nuclear weapons and disarmament. Mónica's professional career has focused on global issues such as climate change research in the ocean and now nuclear technologies. Mónica has a strong commitment to education. In all her projects she has taught and worked closely with undergraduate students and in an international setting. At the K=1 Project, Mónica manages research and educational projects that aim at increasing awareness about nuclear issues among the youth in NYC and around the globe.

Chair:

Alyn Ware (New Zealand/Czech Republic)

Alyn is Global Coordinator of [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament](#) (PNND), Co-founder of [Move the Nuclear Weapons Money](#) and Chair of the [World Future Council Peace and Disarmament Commission](#). Mr Ware is also co-founder of [Abolition 2000](#) - the global civil society network for the elimination of nuclear weapons, and Consultant for the *International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms*. He is a winner of the [Right Livelihood Award](#) and has been three times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.