HOW CAN I OPPOSE THE NUCLEAR THREAT?

There are numerous ways for you to actively demonstrate your concern and opposition to the nuclear industry and make a positive contribution to the anti-nuclear movement. It doesn’t need expertise — just a little of your time and concern.

Some of these ways are:

1. Informing Yourself on Nuclear Issues

There are a considerable number of excellent books and leaflets which discuss nuclear issues in clear, simple terms. These can be bought at:

- International Book Shop, 17 Elizabeth Street, MELBOURNE. or
- Friends of the Earth, 366 Smith Street, COLLINGWOOD. 3066.

They can also be borrowed from M.A.U.M.’s library at the Resource Centre, 250 George Street, Fitzroy. 3065.

Below is a list of some of the books available:

- Uranium, The Law and You, a comment on the Individual, the State and Nuclear Power. Michael Flood, Robin Grove-White, Keith Suter.
- Fuel for Urest, Brown Coal Study Group, People, Power & Planning in the Latrobe Valley.
- No Nukes — Everyone’s Guide to Nuclear Power. Anna Gyorgy. Up to date information on all nuclear issues, including information on renewable energy sources.

Does your local library have the above publications? If not, you could request that they purchase them.

2. Informing Others on Nuclear Issues Through Films and Talks

Talk to all your friends, family and people you meet about these crucial issues. Try and link these energy issues to other which concern people e.g. unemployment.

One way of getting people to start thinking about the issues is by holding a film night followed by a discussion/talk. The group of people may be large or small; it could be a
3. Joining Movement Against Uranium Mining

a) MOVEMENT AGAINST URANIUM MINING is the co-ordinating body of the anti-nuclear movement in Victoria committed to creating a world free from the nuclear menace. MAUM works closely with bodies concerned about peace, in opposing the nuclear arms race and to free our country from foreign military bases.

MAUM is working at:

- Stopping uranium mining and supporting Aboriginal Land Rights.
- Making municipalities, Victoria and Australian nuclear-free.
- Keeping our ports free from nuclear vessels.
- Changing the S.E.C. Act to prevent it investigating or using nuclear power.
- Boycotting the ANZ Bank because of its major involvement with uranium mining.
- Calling a halt to oil-from-coal projects and rapid expansion of aluminium smelting as steps to nuclear power for Victoria.
- Supporting trade union policy and action against uranium mining.
- Keeping our civil rights and freedoms.
- Calling for full public participation in energy policy-making.

Join us — $10/year, $4/year pensioners, unemployed, students.

b) Local Groups The strength of MAUM lies in its local MAUM Groups. These are spread throughout Victoria, where energy issues are discussed and activities promoted, to educate the local community to the dangers of nuclear power and the need for energy conservation. Telephone contacts available at the Resource Centre Ph 499 1457.

c) The M.A.U.M. Office Voluntary Staff People are needed to give a few hours regularly each week to help answer telephones, collate and staple leaflets, type, file and answer enquiries etc.
4. Becoming involved in the Various MAUM Campaigns and Working Groups

Campaigns vary over time according to the issues. Also there are various events to help organise e.g. rallies, fairs etc.

Current Working Groups are:

i) Nuclear Free Victoria Committee

ii) Women for a Nuclear Free World
Women’s collective attempting to relate the nuclear issues and reach out to women in the community. Support group for women in the anti-nuclear movement.

iii) Resources Collective
Planning and producing resources, promoting educational materials, organising workshops for the development of communication skills, review films, books, kits etc.

iv) School Educational Programme
An environmental working group liaising with schools relating to the introduction of nuclear energy issues into the curriculum.

v) Musicians United For Sale Energy Options (MUSEO)
Musicians willing to entertain and express their feelings about nuclear power and weapons to members of the Movement. Contact Pat Lowther/John Ellis through FOE or MAUM.

vi) Artists for a Nuclear Free Australia
Exhibiting work in MAUM art shows, designing and producing posters, cards, leaflets, stickers, badges and graphics on all anti-nuclear themes.

vii) Resources distribution
A wide range of material is available on nuclear issues which needs to be distributed throughout the community in a way that people take note.

viii) Raising Funds
Encouraging others to financially support MAUM. Helping organise fund raising activities e.g. fetes, book fairs, stalls, film nights, musical evenings, buying and selling books, posters, badges etc. and numerous other ideas.

5. Participating in the Nuclear Free Zone Campaign

The Nuclear Free Zones (NFZ) Campaign is an excellent way of building anti-nuclear awareness on a community level. The campaign consists of having a particular area – your home or workplace or local council area – declared Nuclear Free, meaning that no nuclear industries or transport of nuclear materials may take place in that area.

A large number of Victorian councils have declared their areas nuclear free and this is continually growing following campaigns from councillors and citizens within the community.
6. Following Media Coverage

Newspapers, radio and television often have items on the nuclear issue: news, current affairs, documentary features (e.g. Science Show). Follow these and respond positively by:

* ringing talkback and current affairs departments of radio and television stations
* ringing Access Age
* writing letters to editors of daily and ocal newspapers
* contacting documentary departments with congratulations or positive suggestions

Working journalists and programmers want to know that people are interested in the issues they cover.

Some helpful hints on media contacts

* do not be abusive — be positive wherever possible — constructive criticism gets a better hearing.
* provide as full information as possible when suggesting stories etc. for them to follow up.
* keep letters short and on one or two topics — two short letters are better than one long one.
* keep to the point.
* back up your argument with facts wherever possible.
* write soon after the event being commented on.
* indicate clearly your name, address and telephone number if you have one.

WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER

THE MOVEMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP TOO!

☐ I wish to become a member of M.A.U.M. ☐ I wish to join a local group

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