

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:

- * Nuclear Madness, Dr. Helen Caldicott. Jacaranda Press. An excellent book on health effects.
- * Uranium, The Law and You, a comment on the Individual, the State and Nuclear Power. Michael Flood, Robin Grove-White, Keith Suter.
- * Red Light for Yellowcake. The Case Against Uranium Mining. Hayes, Jim Falk, Neil Barrett.
- * Global Fission – The Battle Over Nuclear Power. Jim Falk. To be released in Feb. 1982.
- * The Menace of Atomic Energy. Ralph Nader, John Abbotts.
- * Fuel for Unrest, 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 others 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

group of half a dozen friends or acquaintances in someone's home; a school class if you are a teacher or a student; a day-time learning centre if you are a parent, or your local service club, youth or church group.

SPEAKERS: M.A.U.M. has some speakers who are available to come and speak with groups. There is a catalogue of films, videos and audio-visuals available from the M.A.U.M. office. Contact the office and arrange a time and place. Some suggested topics for discussion are: the nuclear arms race; the nuclear fuel cycle with its social, political, economic and environmental ramifications; the connection between nuclear power and the proliferation of nuclear weapons; Victoria's nuclear connection and the government's energy policy; or any other topic relating to nuclear and alternative energy issues.

Arrangements can be made to make available projectors etc. Video screening facilities are available at "Open Channel" in Fitzroy and films can be screened at the State Film Centre by arrangement.

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. M.A.U.M. 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 Australia 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 419 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

Working towards making Victoria Nuclear Free — Resource group for Nuclear Free Zones Campaign, opposing CRA mining in Victoria.

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 Safe 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.

What you can do

- Declare your home or workplace a Nuclear Free Zone. We have NFZ stickers available at the M.A.U.M. Resource Centre, 250 George Street, Fitzroy 3065. Ph. 419 1457.
- Write to your local council informing them that you have declared your home or workplace nuclear free and explain your reasons and why you think this is of concern to the council.
- Work with your local M.A.U.M. Group to get the support of your local council in declaring your area Nuclear Free. It's not as hard as it sounds. There are guidelines provided in a Nuclear Free Zones Kit available from the M.A.U.M. Resources Centre in Fitzroy that will help you on your way.

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 local 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

NAME _____ TEL _____

ADDRESS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (\$ 10 per year, \$ 4 for students/unemployed)