

Nuclear energy is not the solution!

Women's experiences from Chernobyl and beyond:
learning from the past, looking to the future



Come along to an interactive session, where your views will influence how we can take this forward!

When: Friday, 12 May, 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Where: Conference Room 6

Almost exactly 20 years ago, on April 26, 1986, an explosion in block V of the nuclear power plant in Chernobyl, then part of the former Soviet Union, caused a “maximum credible accident”. This catastrophe led to a change in nuclear energy policy and initiated a push towards renewable energy. It was primarily women who had been active in the anti-nuclear movement prior to Chernobyl and who were organising the protests afterwards. And still today, it is women the world over, who argue much more strongly against nuclear energy use than men. But nuclear energy is receiving a boost again. The risks of nuclear technologies, health and environmental impacts, unresolved storage problems, destruction and contamination of whole regions by extracting uranium, linkages between civil and military nuclear energy use are being ignored or shrugged off.

This side event will emphasize women’s precautionary attitudes and will discuss environmentally and socially sustainable solutions to meet the targets of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the Millennium Development Goals by linking them to (gender) equity issues. Special emphasis will be given to the discussion how we can take action and improve our collaboration.

Speakers include:

Ulrike Roehr, genanet & WECF, Germany ■ Anna Golubovska-Onisimova, MAMA86, Ukraine ■ Wahleah Jones, Indigenous Environmental Network, USA (invited) ■ Melinda Kramer, WOGGAN, USA ■ Alice Slater, GRACE, USA ■ Claire Greensfelder, INOCHI/Plutonium Free Future Women’s Network, Japan/USA ■ Ulrich Kelber, member of the German Bundestag

What is the difference about this session? We will have an interactive process / conversation, not a one-way-communication!

Facilitators:

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Alex Villar-Hauser, JARRON

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