

How to organize a Citizen Signing Ceremony: The objective of the project is to highlight the fact that Prime Minister Trudeau’s government will not sign the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty (officially called the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons), while many Canadians will.

The project gives the opportunity for the individual person to “sign the treaty.” Of course, the real treaty can only be signed by member states of the United Nations, but the Citizen Signing Ceremony is a metaphor of Canadians’ support for the treaty, in contrast to the shameful position of the government.

The date of September 20, 2017, was chosen for the day of action because this is the day the official treaty will open for signature at the United Nations. It’s hoped that many countries will sign the treaty on the opening day, especially considering that 122 countries voted for the text during the negotiations in July.

How does it work?: The Citizen Signing Ceremony is simple – it has two steps.

Step 1. We print an over-sized mock-up of the treaty and the invite people to sign, or autograph, the banner with a black felt-tip marker.

Step 2. To spread awareness, we hope that the person will take a picture of themselves in front of the banner and share it on social media. The banner says, “I just signed the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty,” and this should appear in the photo. For those using Twitter or Instagram, we hope they will include the hashtag #bannukes.

What props do you need?

Print the banner. Linked is a high resolution digital copy of the giant treaty everyone is using for people to sign (PDF – large file for printing). It’s a 30” x 48” Vertical Banner that you can have printed locally at any printing shop. It can also be downloaded here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/i3796xbqjm2bgul/treaty-poster_for_signing_high.pdf?dl=0

Pick up a few Sharpie-style back tip markers for people to sign the banner.

That’s all! For questions, contact ssstaples@publicresponse.ca