**COMING EVENTS + ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES  
on MANY ISSUES**

* **See below for events occurring every MONTH, and EVERY WEEK, and EVERY DAY.**
* **Events occurring on SPECIFIC DATES are LISTED AFTER the monthly, weekly, daily ones.**
* **Occasionally I’ll post new lists to my blog’s “COMING EVENTS” category in the right column.**In the future I might also start posting a few calendar items to the horizontal bar near the top of my blog’s home page, [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org).
* **Also, I keep posting new information and resources at the various issue categories of my blog,** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)

**EVERY MONTH:**

**Climate: Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) has active committees that meet monthly**: See their calendar at this link: [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/calendar/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/calendar/)

**Climate: Carbon Free Thurston (Thurston County WA) meets every third Wednesday of the month,** alternating between 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm. For more information and Zoom link please email [**info@thurstonclimateaction.org**](mailto:info@thurstonclimateaction.org)

**Climate: Climate** **Lobby’s Olympia group invites you to their monthly meeting on the second Saturday** from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Citizens’ Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to relieve the climate crisis, especially by putting a price on carbon-based fuels. [**http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution**](http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution) Info: [**www.citizensclimatelobby.org**](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)

**Health care reform: Interesting speakers on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm:**  A savvy statewide organization working for Universal Single-Payer (“Medicare for All” without insurance companies) hosts speakers every month on Zoom. (See WED JAN 11 below about Norway’s health care system.) Contact Health Care for All-WA at [**http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/**](http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/)

**Immigrants’ rights:** The Olympia area’s Strengthening Sanctuary Alliance meets on the first Monday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom. (When that Monday is a holiday, the meeting is moved one week later to the second Monday.) New members and ideas welcome. Contact**:** [**olympia.sanctuary@gmail.com**](mailto:olympia.sanctuary@gmail.com) or email direct to [**zeiglerbob@msn.com**](mailto:zeiglerbob@msn.com) or call (360) 570-0848

**Nuclear weapons: Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** meets on the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 sharp to 7:00 pm by Zoom video. Info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net)

**Nuclear weapons: Washington Against Nuclear Weapons – Our statewide coalition** meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm by Zoom video. (The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is an active member.) Info: [**www.wanwcoalition.org**](http://www.wanwcoalition.org) or (206) 547-2360

**Ranked-Choice Voting – Meeting of Thurston County’s chapter of statewide organization FairVote:** 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. online. Info:[**Thurston County Chapter Meeting**](https://email.mg.mobilize.us/c/eJxNTrtuxCAQ_BpTWjzW2C4o0txvRNi7-JAwWJgcSr7-VldlNNI8itGgCx4koIhOS60-sHJWZkSjVwC9GwSp7BwGkOcxnmWLKf7R-HOLp1v2ZZp3QKtwC2Y2OCmpbdhhMdsEPojknq1d92C-Bv1g9t7_T3ATfKyv0qh7DvSi3FiNtetq2YjqjkTZZ6R6l8wfYm50VD9maqK5XmpCXr9qQY50-pi-2-9F3MHyBvPMRKI)

**Veterans for Peace Chapter 109 (the Rachel Corrie Chapter) meets on the first Sunday of each month** from 12 noon to 2 pm. Info about the meetings – or about joining the local mailing list: Mark Fleming [**vfp109@protonmail.com**](mailto:vfp109@protonmail.com) or (360) 357-1060. Their website is [**www.vfp109.com**](http://www.vfp109.com)

**EVERY WEEK:**

**Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (and anytime online): “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” – Each month a new TV interview program focuses on an issue related to peace, social justice, environment, economics, or other progressive issue. It airs three times a week on Thurston Community Media (cable channel 22 in Thurston County WA): Mondays at 1:30 pm, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, and Thursdays at 9:00 pm.** **Also, people anywhere can watch at any time through Glen’s blog,** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org).   
Each program is posted to the blog’s “TV Programs” category and also to categories related to the topic (*e.g*., “Peace” or “Economics”). Each blog post includes a link to the video and a link to a thorough summary Glen typed up, so you can read what we said during the interview. The thorough summary also includes links to many sources of information. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net)

**Watch Glen’s JANUARY 2023 TV program through his blog or on TV:**

**"Three Steps to Nuclear Disarmament”** **The January 2023 program on “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV series provides fresh information and insights toward abolishing nuclear weapons. Besides facts, we provide a positive “can-do” attitude with practical strategies.  We explain things clearly enough so people who do not already know much about nuclear weapons will easily understand and become enthusiastic about abolishing them.**

One truly expert guest – Tom Rogers – helps us explore this topic.  Tom Rogers retired from the U.S. Navy in 1998 after a 32-year career as a submarine officer.  He commanded a nuclear attack submarine during the Cold War.  When the Cold War ended in 1991, he recognized the opportunity – and the need – to abolish nuclear weapons.  Since 2004, he has been an active member of an organization working to abolish nuclear weapons.  The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action is located immediately next to the Trident nuclear submarine base in Kitsap County, Washington.  Tom and other Ground Zero peace activists have always worked to create mutually respectful human relations with Navy personnel. **Our interview lays out an easy-to-understand three-step plan toward nuclear disarmament.  Our interview includes Tom’s visuals.  We explain the plan clearly.**

[**CLICK THIS LINK TO WATCH THE INTERVIEW VIDEO.**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nm_pgS4j-ts)

**Besides watching the interview video, I hope you will also read the thorough summary document I wrote because it provides some additional information and links.  CLICK THE NEXT LINK TO READ THE THOROUGH SUMMARY:**

[**2023.01. Three Steps To Nuclear Disarmament**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023.01.-Three-Steps-To-Nuclear-Disarmament.docx)[**2023.01 Three Steps to Nuclear Disarmament — SUMMARY and MORE INFORMATION**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023.01-Three-Steps-to-Nuclear-Disarmament-SUMMARY-and-MORE-INFORMATION.docx)

Our guest, Tom Rogers also provided a .pdf version of the images we showed on the screen and some more information to explain them.  See that  here:  [**From Opposition to Abolition Presentation Handout**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/From-Opposition-to-Abolition-Presentation-Handout.pdf)

Questions?  Contact Glen Anderson (producer and host) at (360) 491-9093 or [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net)

**Watch Glen’s DECEMBER 2022 TV program through his blog:**

**“Change to a Truly Peaceful Foreign Policy” The December 2022 program on “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV series provides smart information and insights to empower you to push for a truly peaceful, just and sustainable world. The peace movement knows that the U.S.’s foreign policy is stupid and cruel in many ways.  This interview with peace expert David Swanson fleshes out the problems — and ALSO PROMOTES SMART, COMPASSIONATE, EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS.**

Glen Anderson introduced a very savvy guest – David Swanson – to join him in identifying problems and proposing solutions.  David Swanson is an author, activist, journalist, and radio host.  He is executive director of [**World BEYOND War**](http://WorldBeyondWar.org) and campaign coordinator for [**RootsAction.org**](http://RootsAction.org).  We identified the main characteristics of U.S. foreign policy over the past 80 years and some of the ways they have hurt other nations and the U.S. too.  We explained how nuclear weapons and “American Exceptionalism” are parts of the problem. We identified some values and practical aspects of the foreign policy we want instead.  **We discussed how to actually ABOLISH WAR.  Since the problems were created from the top-down, the solutions must come from the bottom-up through a strategically savvy nonviolent grassroots movement.** Glen also proposed a profoundly more wise and effective model of “TRUE Security” to replace the violent, cruel “national security” status quo that has hurt the entire world so badly.

**Glen typed up a very thorough summary of what we said during the interview — and included much additional information, including a list of some good organizations and websites working for peace.**

**When you click the video link, fast-forward through the first 30 seconds of black screen before the music and video begin:**

[**CLICK THIS LINK TO WATCH THE INTERVIEW VIDEO.**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBitQ4wVZOc)

**Besides watching the interview video, I hope you will also read the thorough summary document I wrote because it provides a HUGE amount of ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, LINKS, etc.  CLICK THE NEXT LINK TO READ THE THOROUGH SUMMARY:**

[**2022.12 PEACEFUL FOREIGN POLICY — SUMMARY and MORE INFORMATION**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022.12-PEACEFUL-FOREIGN-POLICY-SUMMARY-and-MORE-INFORMATION.docx)

Questions?  Contact Glen Anderson (producer and host) at (360) 491-9093 or [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net)

**EVERY MONDAY at 12 noon: Action Cafe 2023 helps you work with others for progressive political issues:** Olympia Indivisible’s Action Café is a weekly Monday Zoom noon-hour gathering where OI members meet, make new friends, and take actions together. Every Café comes with a side order of live music and a heapin’ helpin’ of good cheer! Cafe patrons receive an email on Sunday with a sneak-peek at what we'll do at the cafe the next day. On Monday morning, Chef Lisa will send you a pdf “Menu” which has links to the actions we'll take together at the Café. Register here to get the next Zoom link: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdO6vqT8tGdwVZGYv4IjrLQNrivpJ\_eqC**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdO6vqT8tGdwVZGYv4IjrLQNrivpJ_eqC)

**Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday: Olympia’s Veterans for Peace Chapter 109 (the Rachel Corrie Chapter) airs its TV Program (“The Veterans Hour”)** at 5:00 every Monday, 8:00 pm every Thursday, and 2:00 pm every Saturday on Thurston Community Media cable channel 22 in Thurston County WA. Info: Mark Fleming [**vfp109@protonmail.com**](mailto:vfp109@protonmail.com) or (360) 357-1060. The group’s website is [**www.vfp109.com**](http://www.vfp109.com)

**Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Peace Vigil in downtown Olympia WA** in NW corner of Sylvester Park (at Legion & Capitol Way) has persisted every Wednesday since March 5, 1980, regardless of weather or holidays. Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Masks required. Space out 6+ feet apart. Info: [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) (360) 491-9093

**Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm (Pacific Time): Kim Dobson’s “Parallel University”** on KAOS 89.3 FM interviews knowledgeable, interesting experts on peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: Kim Dobson. 951-4382 [**parralleluniversity@yahoo.com**](mailto:parralleluniversity@yahoo.com) Listen locally at 89.3 FM or anywhere at [**www.kaosradio.org**](http://www.kaosradio.org)

**Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in downtown Olympia WA: Peace Vigil** at Percival Landing’s south end and SW corner of 4th& Water. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. The Artesian Rumble Arkestra street band joins us at 5:00 with lively music to support our vigil! The vigil has persisted every Friday regardless of weather or holidays since November 1998. Masks required. Space out 6+ feet apart. Info: 491-9093 Info: [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) (360) 491-9093 and [**www.oly-wa.us/artesianrumble**](http://www.oly-wa.us/artesianrumble)

**Fridays from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in Olympia WA: “Women in Black” Silent Vigil for Peace** on the south side of W 4th Ave near the fountain (across the street from Olympia Oyster House). Women only. Please wear black. They provide signs. Since 1988 “Women in Black” has been a loose network of women worldwide opposed to war and violence. Info: (360) 866-6468 or (360) 866-4768 or [**rosemary.b@comcast.net**](mailto:rosemary.b@comcast.net)

**EVERY DAY:**

**Here is an easy way to learn about important federal legislation and policies about nuclear weapons (including the powerful Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons):** Glen Anderson compiled information and posted it to his blog: [**https://parallaxperspectives.org/nuclear-weapons-legislation-and-policies-need-our-actions-now**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/nuclear-weapons-legislation-and-policies-need-our-actions-now)

**Democracy Now! broadcasts news from a progressive perspective on TV and radio and e-mail.** See [**www.democracynow.org**](http://www.democracynow.org). For example, in Thurston County WA people can watch cable channel 22 every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., and listen to KAOS 89.3 FM from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time (and through [**www.kaosradio.org**](http://www.kaosradio.org), adjusted for your time zone).

**Here are sources of alternative and progressive media covering many issues.  
Visit their websites and/or sign up to receive their frequent e-mails with multi-issue news:**

**Alternet:** [**www.alternet.org**](http://www.alternet.org)

**Common Dreams:** [**www.commondreams.org**](http://www.commondreams.org)

**CounterPunch:** [**www.counterpunch.org**](http://www.counterpunch.org)

**Democracy Now!** [**www.democracynow.org**](http://www.democracynow.org)

**Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR):** [**www.fair.org**](http://www.fair.org)

**Mother Jones:** [**www.motherjones.com**](http://www.motherjones.com)

**Nation of Change:** [**www.nationofchange.org**](http://www.nationofchange.org)

**Op Ed News:** [**www.opednews.com**](http://www.opednews.com)

**Parallax Perspectives (Glen Anderson’s multi-issue blog):** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)

**Popular Resistance:** [**www.popularresistance.org**](http://www.popularresistance.org)

**Progressive Populist:** [**www.populist.com**](http://www.populist.com)

**Public Citizen:** [**www.citizen.org**](http://www.citizen.org)

**The Intercept:** [**www.theintercept.com**](http://www.theintercept.com)

**The Nation:** [**www.thenation.com**](http://www.thenation.com)

**The Progressive Magazine:** [**www.progressive.org**](http://www.progressive.org)

**The Young Turks:** [**www.tytnetwork.com**](http://www.tytnetwork.com) **and** [**www.tyt.com**](http://www.tyt.com)

**TomDispatch:** [**www.tomdispatch.com**](http://www.tomdispatch.com)

**Truthout:** [**www.truthout.org**](http://www.truthout.org)

**Waging Nonviolence:** [**www.wagingnonviolence.org**](http://www.wagingnonviolence.org)

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) has a calendar listing many climate-related and environmental activities throughout the month.** See their calendar at this link: [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/calendar/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/calendar/)

**See many events on a variety of peace-related issues and other issues at this list:** [**https://worldbeyondwar.org/events/?link\_id=15&can\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-wbw-news-action-new-anti-war-pro-peace-resources-database&email\_referrer=email\_1341959&email\_subject=wbw-news-action-nowarnowarming**](https://worldbeyondwar.org/events/?link_id=15&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-wbw-news-action-new-anti-war-pro-peace-resources-database&email_referrer=email_1341959&email_subject=wbw-news-action-nowarnowarming)

**SOON I’LL BE SCHEDULING six FREE online workshops that will help you strengthen your skills and strategies in organizing grassroots movements for the issues you care about. I’ll schedule a MULTI-ISSUE series and also a series FOCUSING ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS and also a series FOCUSING ON ANOTHER IMPORTANT ISSUE. Yes, we really can MAKE PROGRESS ON THE ISSUES YOU CARE ABOUT!** I invite you – and other people who care – to sign up for **FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS** to help you **significantly increase your skills and strategies**. Governments will not give us what we want as a gift from the top down.  **We must build savvy grassroots movements from the bottom up!**  These workshops are **FREE** and user-friendly.  They are good for people of ALL ages and ALL levels of experience. People who have taken these workshops have found them informative, inspiring, and practical. I’ll post the dates and times to my blog, so you can contact me to sign up for whichever series of workshops you want. **To sign up, simply e-mail me at** [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) **or call me at (360) 491-9093.  Please provide your name, e-mail address and phone number.** I’ll add you to the list.  Each week I’ll e-mail you the Zoom link and some readings relevant for that week’s workshop.

**WED JAN 4: Get ready to advocate for the climate and related issues when the Washington State Legislature convenes next Monday the 9th:**  Scientists say we must keep the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere below 350 parts per million, so some climate advocacy organizations use 350 in their names. Here in Washington State, 350 WA Civic Action Team will hold its 2023 legislative campaign kickoff TODAY from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Invite a friend, and learn how we can make our voices heard on sound and just climate policy together. We did good work in 2022, and this year we’ll build even more grassroots pressure to pass the climate policies we need here in Washington, including Housing, the Growth Management Act, Recycling and Waste Reduction, Building Electrification, Forestry, Salmon, Police Accountability, Transportation, and more. The 350 WA Civic Action Team works to make grassroots legislative advocacy easy and accessible for everyone. Register for TODAY’s 6:00 Zoom meeting here: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpce6oqzMrH9dTbLVjXllrD-soVOhlYnop?link\_id=0&can\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-pssst-calling-all-cats&email\_referrer=email\_1768531&email\_subject=pssst-calling-all-cats**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpce6oqzMrH9dTbLVjXllrD-soVOhlYnop?link_id=0&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-pssst-calling-all-cats&email_referrer=email_1768531&email_subject=pssst-calling-all-cats)

**THURS JAN 5: Prepare for Washington State’s 2023 Legislative Session:** Many organizations working for social and economic justice, human rights, etc., will be active during Washington State’s 2023 legislative session, which will begin on Monday January 9. One great organization is Faith Action Network, [**www.fanwa.org**](http://www.fanwa.org). This interfaith organization does good work. They’re providing a Zoom session from 6 to 7 pm today – and a different one from 2 to 3 pm on **SUN JAN 8**. Today’s “Legislative Preview” provides an overview of what to expect this session and FAN’s legislative agenda. Register here to get the Zoom link: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkf-6sqD0uGNfac-a2xDsXGxNe3sn6971M**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkf-6sqD0uGNfac-a2xDsXGxNe3sn6971M) Next Sunday’s “Advocacy 101” provides advocacy tools to use during the session. Register here to get Sunday’s Zoom link: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduCgqz8iHdRoGHDHhc3oTEfJLp64bfJG**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduCgqz8iHdRoGHDHhc3oTEfJLp64bfJG)

**FRI JAN 6: From 5 to 6 pm on Zoom, observe the second anniversary of Trump’s coup attempt by connecting with progressives**, including Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Washington State Deputy Majority Leader Senator Manka Dhingra, and Indivisible members and allies across Washington State for an uplifting, action-focused event that not only remembers the 2021 insurrection but also activates people to shape federal Congressional and Washington Legislative actions and promote democracy and good issues. It’s sponsored by Indivisible, the progressive advocacy organization. See the nationwide organization at [**www.indivisible.org**](http://www.indivisible.org) Register for today’s event here: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpcuitqj0vGNOtP\_KS6I\_02kD1bPRiWPro**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpcuitqj0vGNOtP_KS6I_02kD1bPRiWPro)

**SUN JAN 8: “Advocacy 101” helps you take action during Washington State’s 2023 Legislative Session:** See the **THURS JAN 5** calendar item above. Today’s calendar item is related but different. This afternoon’s “Advocacy 101” provides advocacy tools to use during the session. Register here to get Sunday’s Zoom link: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduCgqz8iHdRoGHDHhc3oTEfJLp64bfJG**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduCgqz8iHdRoGHDHhc3oTEfJLp64bfJG)

**MON JAN 9: Immigrants’ rights:** The Olympia area’s Strengthening Sanctuary Alliance meets from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom. New members and ideas welcome. Contact**:** [**olympia.sanctuary@gmail.com**](mailto:olympia.sanctuary@gmail.com) or email direct to [**zeiglerbob@msn.com**](mailto:zeiglerbob@msn.com) or call (360) 570-0848

**MON JAN 9: Reduce gun violence:** Since 2016, our local Thurston Gun Sense has been meeting and taking smart actions. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm through Zoom. Info: Stacy Steck [**steckstacy@gmail.com**](mailto:steckstacy@gmail.com)

**WED JAN 11: "Nonviolent National Defense -- A Practical Way to Be More Secure" -- Glen Anderson speaks on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. to a nationwide audience – making a serious case for replacing our military with Nonviolent National Defense:** E-mail Glen at [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) and he will send you the Zoom link so you can watch and hear. We’ll have Q&A too. His May 2022 TV episode in his “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV series had a full hour to provide powerful information and inspiration to significantly improve the U.S.’s “national security” by – *ironically* -- de-militarizing our “national defense.”  Instead of military violence, we could defend our nation better through carefully planned strategies of nonviolent resistance. This actually would be very practical – and we could save hundreds of billions of dollars every year so we could solve our nation’s ral problems (health, poverty, environment, etc.). You can watch the TV program through Glen’s blog: [**CLICK THIS LINK TO WATCH THE TV PROGRAM, which starts with music and a black screen for about 30 seconds before the visual image appears.**](https://youtu.be/wnypE6rWfGk)The TV program is a shortened version of a much more thorough article he wrote, which includes links to many more sources of information. I strongly encourage people to read this article here:[**Nonviolent National Defense Would Be Better in Every Way**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Nonviolent-National-Defense-Would-Be-Better-in-Every-Way-3.docx)

**WED JAN 11: “Building our Power to Close Guantánamo: 21st Anniversary Virtual Rally”** -- Join advocates, organizers, artists, and Guantánamo survivors at 1:00 pm Pacific Time on January 11, 2023, for [**a virtual rally**](https://ccrjustice.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=17469&qid=26590387) to mark 21 years since the Guantánamo Bay prison was opened as part of the so-called global “War on Terror.” Thirty-five Muslim men remain after decades of detention and abuse. More than 700 men and boys have been released, but there has been no measure of justice or accountability. Most of the men still at Guantánamo have been cleared for release – and only a handful have been charged with a crime in the unjust military commissions system. They are aging, and they are hoping to be reunited with their families before they die. This anniversary calls on us to mobilize and build our power to collectively close and abolish Guantánamo. We will share actions you can take and other ways to get involved. We know a future without Guantánamo and all that it represents is possible. Join us in making it so. Today’s event is organized by the Center for Constitutional Rights ([**www.ccrjustice.org**](http://www.ccrjustice.org)), which conducts bold activities (especially litigation) for racial justice and other kinds of social justice. Register [**here**](https://ccrjustice.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=17469&qid=26590387). For more information, visit their website, [**www.ccrjustice.org**](http://www.ccrjustice.org)

**WED JAN 11: Why do Norwegians LOVE their healthcare system?** Ruth Knagenhjelm, who worked as a medical professional in Norway and used to serve on the board of Health Care for All-WA, will answer that question WED JAN 11 at 7:00 p.m. Three other Norwegian medical professionals will join her in discussing everything from financing to administration to application in a country with universal healthcare coverage. This is January’s interesting experience in the monthly series organized by HCFA-WA’s monthly series. Info: [**http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/**](http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/) [**RSVP here!**](https://www.healthcareforallwa.org/2nd_wednesday_speaker_seriesjan23?e=5cbb070275b0fa590cdb07f656ca8d6a&utm_source=healthcareforallwa&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=jan_23_2wss_s_2&n=2)

**THURS JAN 12: STATEWIDE meeting: Abolish nuclear weapons! Join today’s online meeting of Washington Against Nuclear Weapons:** This statewide coalition meets from 6:00 pm on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. Participants are well informed and keep pushing ahead toward abolishing nuclear weapons. Info: [**www.wanwcoalition.org**](http://www.wanwcoalition.org)

**THURS JAN 12: Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) Volunteer Party** will celebrate all the work we’ve done in 2022 and share with you where we’re headed in 2023! Enjoy community, food, and good company. This will be an opportunity to learn more about TCAT’s various activities and how you can help. Share your ideas and visions for where we are headed as an organization and a local movement for Climate Justice in Thurston County. We’re having a party to celebrate all the work we’ve done in 2022 and share with you where we’re headed in 2023! We will gather at Olympia Friends Meeting House, 3201 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia on January 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please bring some food to share. See more information here: [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/https:/thurstonclimateaction.org/events/tcat-volunteer-party/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/https:/thurstonclimateaction.org/events/tcat-volunteer-party/) TCAT’s website has information about its many committees, when they meet, and much more: [**www.thurstonclimateaction.org**](http://www.thurstonclimateaction.org)

**FRI JAN 13: WA Youth Climate and Conservation Summit goes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Olympia’s Marathon Park (west side of Capitol Lake near the railroad tracks):** Northwest salmon and orca conservation is intrinsically tied to a need for increased prioritization of renewable energy investments in the Columbia Basin. With youth and supporters from around the state, from Bellingham to Walla Walla, we intend to kick off the 2023 Washington legislative session with the message that climate investments in the Columbia Basin are a statewide priority, to prevent salmon and orca extinction via Snake River dam replacement, uphold Columbia Basin Indigenous sovereignty, and protect the right to an ecologically-sound future for all Washington youth. Today’s event will consist of a youth-led rally with speakers at Marathon Park, Olympia, followed by an impassioned march to the State Capitol Building, where closing speeches will be given and a high-visibility demonstration (TBD) will be held. Today includes speeches from 10:00 to 10:45, a march to the Capitol from 10:45 to 12 noon, and final speeches and photo opportunities from 12 noon to 1 pm. Several organizations are supporting this.

**FRI JAN 13: Heartsparkle Players present “Stories of Everyday Kindness ~ A Playback Theatre Performance for Children of All Ages”** at Traditions, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. Today’s performance is in collaboration with Olympia School District’s Resource Center at Garfield Elementary School. That’s a welcoming place for families to receive community gifts of food, clothing and household items. Heartsparkle Players’ performance will accept donations of $10-$20, but nobody will be turned away for lack of donation. Info: Debe Edden (360) 402-4602

**SUN JAN 15 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm: Annual silent meditative walk around Capitol Lake to honor Martin Luther King:** Start the new year by being in community, in silence, while stepping towards and re-pledging allegiance towards both inner and outer peace. Meet at Marathon Park (west side of capitol Lake near the railroad tracks) at 11:45 a.m. for some introductory comments before the walk starts at 12:00 noon. Once again, Koro Kaisan Miles of Open Gate Zendo (walk founder/leader) will be there to lead us. Over the years, we have found this to be a very inspiring event. All are welcome. Please tell or bring your friends.

**MON JAN 16: On Martin Luther King’s holiday, do something meaningful.** Take actions for racial and economic justice, nonviolence, peace, or other issues for which King worked. Read a relevant book or relevant articles. See information at this part of Glen’s blog: [**https://parallaxperspectives.org/category/king-martin-luther**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/category/king-martin-luther)

**MON JAN 16: Statewide Poverty Action's MLK Lobby Day starts at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.** Register here:[**https://secure.everyaction.com/AhAbAym9302yQcFt7xI\_uQ2?emci=1dd68af7-766b-ed11-ade6-14cb65342cd2&emdi=6e9382e9-4e6f-ed11-819c-00224825858d&ceid=5511940**](https://secure.everyaction.com/AhAbAym9302yQcFt7xI_uQ2?emci=1dd68af7-766b-ed11-ade6-14cb65342cd2&emdi=6e9382e9-4e6f-ed11-819c-00224825858d&ceid=5511940)

**WED JAN 18: Webinar on U.S.'s SECRET WARS in Mid-East, Africa and Asia:** From 12 noon to 1 pm (Pacific Time), you can learn about the “wars against terrorism” that the U.S. is conducting secretly in many countries. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. has secretly engaged in armed conflict across the Middle East, Africa, and Asia under the guise of combating terrorism. Little-known laws have enabled hostilities in the name of “security cooperation” – authorizing the Pentagon to create and use paramilitaries without notifying key decision-makers in Congress and permitting presidents to counter not just terrorist groups but also states, such as China, Iran, and Russia. Through these laws, a handful of government officials, working with minimal oversight and no notice to the public, could stumble the United States into a major conflict. Expert panelists will take on the question of how Congress should address this danger. To participate in this Zoom webinar, [**RSVP today.**](https://go.brennancenter.org/e/557782/s-479969330187-aff-Insider1215/7pmpbf/1173287922?h=h5QdwX5UnBOZNVE39aul0Jj1fV-112ksSYU8oQFTvnY)

**THURS JAN 19: Learn about the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) when Kim Dobson interviews Glen Anderson on Kim’s radio program at 12 noon on KAOS, 89.3 FM:** Glen will clearly explain the TPNW’s origins stemming from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which went into effect in 1970 – and which the nations that have nuclear weapons have been VIOLATING FOR HALF A CENTURY. Non-nuclear nations – especially those in the Global South – are sick and tired of being held hostage by nine nations with nuclear weapons, so they created the TPNW and a worldwide movement to ABOLISH ALL nuclear weapons. Info: [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) or (360) 491-9093

**THURS JAN 19: OLYMPIA area meeting: Abolish nuclear weapons! Join today’s online meeting of the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons:** The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW) meets on the third Thursday of each month. You may join as early as 4:45 pm to make sure your video, audio, etc., are working OK so we can start promptly at 5:00. I hope you will join us! Our monthly meetings are informative, productive and enjoyable. To join this Zoom meeting, e-mail me so I can send you the Zoom link. If you can’t use video and must call in by telephone, call (253) 215 8782 through Tacoma WA. Info: [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) or (360) 491-9093

**SAT JAN 21:** [**Reducing the Threat of Nuclear War**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/55518027/381956137/525826372?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9QRUFDVC9QRUFDVC8xLzcyNTAxIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjRjN2Q1OTU0LWU0NzMtZWQxMS04MTljLTAwMGQzYTllYjQ3NCIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2xlbmFuZGVyc29uQGludGVncmEubmV0Ig0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=o8stVBPruSz1GaQryVLRlD8q83fKWn98gIu2EaaY0y4=&emci=571e31bf-eb70-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=4c7d5954-e473-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=310223) – This online conference will occur from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Pacific Time). The 2023 “Reducing the Threat of Nuclear War” Conference will have the subtheme of “The Social and Economic Costs of the Nuclear Weapons Buildup.” Given the tragic events in Ukraine, tensions with China over Taiwan, and provocations from North Korea, we need to continue every effort toward peaceful resolutions and nuclear disarmament. The 2023 Conference is one such effort. It is sponsored by Massachusetts Peace Action ([**www.passpeaceaction.org**](http://www.passpeaceaction.org)), which is a very savvy and active organization. Info: [**https://masspeaceaction.org/event/reducing-the-threat-of-nuclear-war-conference/?emci=571e31bf-eb70-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=4c7d5954-e473-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=310223**](https://masspeaceaction.org/event/reducing-the-threat-of-nuclear-war-conference/?emci=571e31bf-eb70-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=4c7d5954-e473-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=310223)

**SAT JAN 21 or SAT JAN 28 (*The decision will be made soon*): “What’s Happening with Nuclear Weapons” –** Four members of the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (Mark Fleming, Joanne Dufour, Jim Manista and Glen Anderson) will each present brief information in a Zoom meeting with plenty of Q&A. Look for the exact date and time (possibly 2:00 pm) and other publicity when this event is confirmed. Info: [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) (360) 491-9093 or Joanne Dufour [**jdufour473@gmail.com**](mailto:jdufour473@gmail.com) (206) 550-1841

**SUN JAN 22: Join our street-corner vigil to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons going into effect:** The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW) is one of many organizations worldwide celebrating the 2nd anniversary of when the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons went into effect on Jan. 22, 2021. **We’ll gather at the intersection of West Harrison & Division in Olympia’s west side from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.** We’ll provide signs, or you may bring your own. We invite people to bring bells to ring. The global organization that promoted the Treaty is the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, [**www.icanw.org**](http://www.icanw.org). They won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. See information about the treaty at ICAN’s website and at the “Nuclear Weapons” part of Glen Anderson’s blog, [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org) For information about today’s activities – and other activities about the TPNW’s second anniversary, contact Glen at [**glenanderson@integra.net**](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) (360) 491-9093

**THURS FEB 9: Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia runs from 9 am to 3 pm:** Soon I will post more information, including how to register for this great annual event.

**THURS FEB 16: WAISN Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day in Olympia runs from 9 am to 5 pm.** Please participate, take action, and demand support from our legislators for this year’s immigrant justice campaigns: Health Equity for Immigrants and Unemployment Insurance for Undocumented Workers. REGISTER HERE: [**WAISN's Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/P8Elou2Rvc0qoMPEUZrMXcOpy_XqN4R2ZGjoK-5zZnlAQhih5V14ILpohI3gj4W56LRYNPeYAjdp0gZJWGZLwNi5hur01DrKV6qTPDrbFz_YKLikSfEnKdD6EvbjHLh4CcAm-rtAO-tGdZUh_HlfOFxm-PtgqMUxbuAt-3-WEXdw8KhCmgn07Zi8iHwOcopS6ehENQBijfK3jwF5oJNBVNvsWpjUm4CMf8zoyn84pzfD16I-ZgCpAk4N0oFiD5p_kS5lNYquOCRD7A3Lw13aI0zUDG057fUcnyWYYfrr6jvoGZp7iFe8FofW1JO_J2JD3xK_bkYwHOXe--ZtX9ruwWXbHnYHe6vmgx1MJvgVqE2v1ItHbqu12_-SSbWXIZ7E9PpabgeY2vQDl-gie5AMhRqfShhdkfMYWAbmyX7CSGzfxmohrO8UnkTJkbxKBcdobijL6tluiSQjOF6WI67NuMLQojsxAqHJolf9XRnRKLkXBxrisBm-tOZvJBzhG5pKUp-yk6bsUZqZdV6yUfy8Sh0FZpqirJ_QOuRNCTl8QQ2LJpXbvNYqb2DUrPw3Nj_5PTFf-aHB2D8U2xjyYJrCjbz2FlVn3xmvHubUQ21wGPWces_O7wkzHBkHnfQEuowo/3rm/Dw5eLmKdTtS1Exxbfwf5lQ/h1/9byYJiZTaRpu9GRrDV-7VYyUr27aqZCTkplybqOpZ2U)

**🡪 Look for another calendar several weeks from now for future dates.**