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# Ploughshares Fund to mark ‘A New Moment’ for nuclear policy and national security

*Annual ‘Chain Reaction’ gala to feature keynote speaker Beatrice Fihn  
of Nobel Peace Prize-winning anti-nuclear weapons campaign*

**WHO:** Ploughshares Fund, the largest US philanthropic foundation dedicated exclusively to nuclear policy.

**WHAT:** Chain Reaction 2019: A New Moment. Featuring Beatrice Fihn, author Eric Schlosser, Obama staffer Ben Rhodes and nuclear historian Alex Wellerstein.

**WHEN:** 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Monday, June 10.

**WHERE:** SFJAZZ Center, 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

**WHY:** Ploughshares Fund to highlight why now is the time for an urgent need to reshape the national debate on nuclear strategy.

**COST:** Tickets start at \$250. Available at [ploughshares.org/chainreaction2019](http://ploughshares.org/chainreaction2019)

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** – Join global security foundation Ploughshares Fund on Monday June 10 at the SFJAZZ Center for an evening of conversation about “A New Moment” to reshape the national debate on nuclear strategy. Leading the discussion will be keynote speaker **Beatrice Fihn**, executive director of Nobel Peace Prize-winning campaign coalition **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** (ICAN). Additional guest speakers include former Deputy National Security Advisor for Obama and **Pod Save The World** co-host **Ben Rhodes**, journalist and author **Eric Schlosser** and nuclear historian **Alex Wellerstein**.

“As Bertrand Russell said at the dawn of the nuclear age, ‘You may reasonably expect a man to walk a tightrope safely for ten minutes...’ We are at over seven decades and the US has contracts to maintain nuclear weapons through 2075. Our luck will run out and any security system based on luck is not a sustainable one,” said Fihn, who accepted the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize and delivered the Nobel Lecture in Oslo on behalf of International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

**Limited interview opportunities are available with Beatrice Fihn for this rare West Coast public engagement.**

While nearly every nuclear challenge is getting worse, “A New Moment” will highlight why now is the time create new momentum for saner nuclear policy.

“With new congressional leadership, the dynamic start of the presidential campaigns and a new wave of citizen activism, we see hope amassed in a new strategic moment for our country,” said Ploughshares Fund President **Joe Cirincione**, one of America’s leading experts on nuclear weapons policy.

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*Ploughshares Fund is a global security foundation based in San Francisco, with an office in Washington, DC. Founded in 1981, Ploughshares Fund supports initiatives to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons. It is the largest US philanthropic organization focused exclusively on nuclear security. Visit [ploughshares.org](https://ploughshares.org)*

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