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Thinkers Lodge Discusses Existential Threats: Nuclear Weapons and Climate Crises

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At no time in human history has the world faced two self-generated and perilous dangers to life as we know it. As the threat of nuclear weapons continues to overshadow a peaceful earth and climate change continues to shift weather patterns and reconfigure the earth itself, humankind and all living creatures stand on a precipice, with few answers in sight.

Facing these real and ongoing threats to humanity is critical to understanding our predicament and finding actionable ways forward.

From September 19th to October 3rd, The Centre for Local Prosperity (CLP), in partnership with Thinkers Lodge, Pugwash, Nova Scotia, Canada has invited 24 Thinkers to enter deep and brave conversations on these topics at the **Thinkers Lodge Summit on Nuclear and Climate Crises**. These individuals will gather from across the globe, both in person and virtually. Invitees will represent an inclusive mix of ages, gender, background and experience with these issues as well as leading voices and thought leaders on nuclear non-proliferation and effective adaptive responses to the climate crisis.

The Summit will be a rare occasion when both the threats of nuclear war and the climate crisis will be discussed in one gathering. The intent of the Summit is to investigate, challenge and rethink both issues and solutions, creating a greater awareness, locally, nationally and internationally, that will encourage governments, general populations and community groups to advocate for de-risking our future. The Summit discussions will take place in the spirit of cross-learning between crises areas through intergenerational dialogue. This Summit is part of CLP's ongoing series of gatherings at the historic Thinkers Lodge.

While the summit will be a closed event, the public-at-large will have access to webinars, video interviews and features generated before, during and after the event. Prior to the event, on-line interviews with some of the invited Thinkers and several media features on the topic matters will be released. A public webinar is planned after the Summit. Details are still being confirmed.

More information on the Summit, associated public events and released written or film materials are available on the CLP website at:

<http://centreforlocalprosperity.ca/climate-change/thinkers-lodge-summit-on-nuclear-and-climate-crises/>

About Centre for Local Prosperity: CLP promotes local economic solutions and climate readiness for rural and local communities. CLP organizes conferences and community working sessions, and conducts evidence-based studies that often lead to community implementation. We draw on examples throughout the world and right here at home. Our work builds strength through citizen, business and local government collaboration. We encourage practical, innovative and experimental community development initiatives and sustainable business practices that balance community purpose with business profit.

About Thinkers Lodge: Thinkers Lodge Histories contains oral histories, current projects, and historical documents chronicling those who attended Pugwash Conferences focusing on Nuclear Disarmament, Peace, and Education, as well as the Pugwash villagers whose good will and generosity of spirit created trust. Cyrus and Anne Eaton hosted these conferences. Joseph Rotblat and the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Events received the Nobel Peace in 2005.

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