

A native of Vermont, Jody Williams was awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for her role as founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

As chief strategist and spokesperson for the campaign, Jody oversaw the growth of the ICBL to more than 1,300 non-governmental organizations in over 85 countries.

This worldwide effort resulted in 156 countries signing a treaty to ban the use of anti-personnel landmines. It also launched an international movement to clear these silent killers from minefields around the world, and assist the hundreds of thousands of victims.

Last year, Jody led a UN mission to investigate human right abuses in Darfur. She has just returned from an international negotiating conference New Zealand, where she continued to play an active role in the effort to ban the use of cluster munitions.

International organizer and activist, writer and teacher, Jody Williams continues to be a powerful voice for human security, human rights and international law, the role of civil society in international diplomacy, and the power of individual initiative in bringing about social change.

This public lecture is the official kickoff of the PeaceJam Northeast Youth Conference, which will bring over 250 high school age youth from around the Northeast together with Jody Williams for a weekend of exploring issues of peace, social justice, and activism.

This lecture is offered free of charge.

PeaceJam Northeast,
Elms College, and
the Springfield Public Forum
are proud to present

An Evening With
Jody Williams
1997 Nobel Peace Laureate

Please join us on
April 4, 2008 at 7:00pm at
Springfield Symphony Hall
34 Court Street, Springfield, MA



*"I believe that worrying about
the problems that are
plaguing our planet without
taking steps to confront them
is absolutely irrelevant. The
only thing that changes the
world is taking action."*