Summer 2017 in Geneva, Denise Garcia's UN Dialogue met Beatrice Fihn. She was recently announced that the Nobel Peace Prize this year went to the efforts she spearheads.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons executive director, Beatrice Fihn has met with Northeastern students for the last ten years as part of the United Nations dialogue in Geneva. She has always been one of the most inspiring and impressive speakers in the program and has shared insight throughout every stage of the campaign that led this year towards a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons. During this year's dialogue, the Treaty had not yet been concluded. However, she shared her optimism and reflected back on many years of hard work leading to this very historic accomplishment. She was energized to go to the UN in NY after meeting us, to assist member states to negotiate the treaty.

Beatrice Fihn has always recognized the skepticism directed at the ideal for a world without nuclear weapons, but that has never deterred her or the Campaign's efforts towards achieving it. On the matter, she shared that nuclear weapons must seize to be seen as an instrument of power in international relations, but rather must be faced for what they truly are: an indiscriminate and inhumane weapon of mass destruction that has no place in today's world or the future. They are not a weapon to be proud of, one that carries truly horrifying consequences for humans, the planet and future generations and whose use cannot be legally justified under principles of international law.

Her and her colleagues' hard work and resolve paid off this past summer when the Treaty negotiations were concluded and now more than 50 countries already signed it...and now the Nobel Peace Prize!