

# Campaign

## UN adopts global nuclear ban

CND General Secretary **Kate Hudson** writes about the historical disarmament development to take place at the UN last month.

**G**OOD NEWS! The UN has concluded its negotiations on a global nuclear weapons ban treaty! On 7th July, 122 states voted in favour, one against and one abstention. The treaty was the result of weeks of talks in New York and the culmination of a much longer process. This is a remarkable victory for all those states and campaigners that put massive effort into this path-breaking achievement - the first treaty which contains a set of comprehensive prohibitions on nuclear weapons.

I can highly recommend reading the Treaty text – but if you don't have time, here's a thumbnail guide:

Article 1 is a comprehensive ban on nuclear weapons and other related activity. The list of prohibitions includes the use, stockpiling, testing, production, manufacture, stationing and installation. It also bans assisting with the prohibited acts, such as the United States leasing the Trident missiles to the UK to carry nuclear warheads. It will also be illegal to allow nuclear weapons to travel through territorial waters or airspace.

Articles 3 and 4 set out how the obligations are met, including the verification of the irreversible destruction of nuclear weapons and the programmes to develop them.

While states will be encouraged to join



the treaty at the first opportunity, in September, there are provisions in Article 4 for states to join at a later date. The nuclear weapons states would have to remove their weapons from operational status and eventually destroy them. This would have to be done through plans which would need to be submitted for approval.

Articles 6, 7, and 8 require states to provide assistance to victims of nuclear weapons, either through their use or through testing. It is also a requirement that action is taken in contaminated areas. There is also a requirement to encourage other states to join the treaty, and for regular meetings to review the progress being made.

So what happens next? The treaty will be open for signature on 20 September at the United Nations in New York. Once states have signed they have to ratify through their domestic processes; after 50 states have completed the ratification process the treaty

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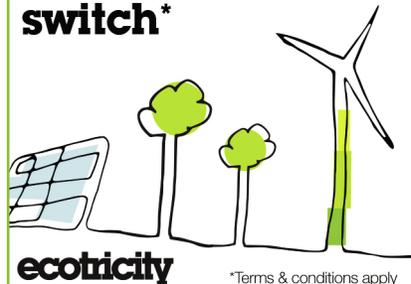


will come into force 90 days later. As with other treaties there will be review conferences to gauge progress in the future.

But if we want the UK on board, clearly we have our work cut out. The UK government has consistently boycotted this process and after the treaty was finalised the government stated that it *“does not believe that this treaty will bring us closer to a world without nuclear weapons”*. Since then, Defence Secretary Michael Fallon has hardened the rhetoric even further, stating that the UK *“will never sign, ratify or become party to the treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons”*. Of course this is nonsense, because he can't bind future governments!

Our task now is to build the pressure on government to get them to sign up, whatever Fallon may say. Starting work on their disarmament plan would be a good first step and we will be encouraging all parties to begin that process.

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# No Nuclear Day



This year CND is working with Campaign Against Arms Trade and Trident Ploughshares to organise a No Nuclear Day at the DSEI arms fair in London.

**Matt Fawcett** from Yorkshire CND explains.

**T**HE Defence & Security Equipment International (DSEI) is the world's largest arms fair, held in London every two years. The fair is heavily sponsored by the UK government to promote arms sales abroad and each year hosts representatives from countries with grave human rights records.

In successive years the fair has been found to be selling weapons that are banned from sale in the UK (such as electroshock, torture equipment and cluster bombs), but of particular interest to us is the vast array of nuclear weapons companies attending.

The exhibitor list this year

includes those responsible for every link of the nuclear chain from nuclear test sites and fuel rod production to the delivery and guidance systems for land, sea and air based nuclear weapons systems. The companies attending the arms fair include BAE Systems (who build the Trident submarines) and Lockheed Martin (who build the warheads).

Our plan is to disrupt the fair to show that it's not acceptable that companies building a new nuclear weapons system are welcomed by the government. The 'No Nuclear day' will take place on Wednesday, 6th September, following 'Stop Arming Israel' and 'No Faith in

War' events on the Monday and Tuesday respectively.

We need as many people as possible to come along on the day to make sure we get the no nuclear message across, as well as the companies itself. There will be speakers, creative stunts and food alongside non-violent direct action to stop deliveries of weapons to the exhibition centre.

**London CND** members and other **southern CND** groups are asked to join Trident Ploughshares on the western entrance of the Excel Centre by Custom House station. **Northern CND groups** will be joining with 'Arms to Renewables' on the eastern entrance by Prince Regent station, where we'll be transforming our model Trident missiles into wind turbines! **Youth and Student CND** will also be present.

Transport has been arranged by CND groups in Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield and Manchester and there will be limited accommodation for those travelling from afar. For more info on this please contact [info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk](mailto:info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk).

Come along to protest against those companies who profit from Trident replacement and so help create a more dangerous and unpredictable world. Contact [nonuclearday@riseup.net](mailto:nonuclearday@riseup.net) with any questions about the arms fair action.

## Groups Sp<sup>☺</sup>tlight

### This month: **Leicester CND**

Are you a CND member in Leicester or interested in getting more involved? Leicester CND would be glad to welcome you.

As well as campaigning against Trident, the group challenges militarisation in schools, protests against war and opposes drone wars.

In the last few weeks they have been busy arranging banner drops in Leicester city centre. The latest one read out 'We need the money to reduce poverty', referring of course to the £205 billion cost of replacing Trident and was

very effective in gaining attention. A bus driver stopped at a red light even asked the group to turn the banner round so the passengers could see the message!

Leicester CND attended the city's Riverside Festival to collect support for a petition to Theresa May asking her to support the ban treaty, which proved very popular, with the recent election a top topic of conversation.

The group has big plans for CND's anniversary next year, and before then a fun, social evening is planned. Why not get involved?

### Peace One Evening

Leicester CND event

**September 22nd, 6pm-9:30pm**

Leicester Secular Hall, 75 Humberstone Gate,  
Leicester LE1 1WB

Come along to Leicester CND's social evening!  
There will be hot food, wine, music, poetry and talks.

Contact: [cndmiduk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cndmiduk@yahoo.co.uk); 0116 225 0133;  
[facebook.com/eastmidlandscnd/](https://www.facebook.com/eastmidlandscnd/);

### **Birkenhead CND meeting August 8th, 8pm**

18 Southdale Road, Tranmere  
CH42 3XW. Are you a CND  
member in Birkenhead or  
interested in finding out more?  
Come to this meeting!

### **Wallasey CND meeting August 14th, 2pm**

4 Taunton Road, Wallasey  
CH45 3JL. Are you a CND  
member in Wallasey or  
interested in finding out more?  
Come to this meeting!

### **Wimbledon Disarmament Coalition/CND AGM**

**August 20th. 2:30pm**  
43 Wilton Grove, Wimbledon  
Are you a CND member in  
Wimbledon or interested in  
finding out more? Come to this  
annual general meeting and  
garden party.

### **Health Through Peace:**

Medact conference

#### **September 4th-6th**

University of York, Heslington,  
York YO10 5DD. CND is co-  
sponsoring this conference to  
discuss nuclear weapons,  
health, peace-building, nuclear  
power and climate change.

■ For more information see  
[www.medact.org/event/forum-2017/](http://www.medact.org/event/forum-2017/)

### **DSEI No Nuclear Day**

#### **September 6th**

DSEI arms fair, Excel Centre,  
London. In preparation:

### **DSEI Arms Fair – Northern Group Prep Day – Peak District**

#### **August 5th**

### **Non-Violent Direct Action training – Manchester**

#### **August 10th**

■ For more information on any

## **Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

Memorial events are planned across the UK for  
Hiroshima Day – visit [www.cnduk.org/HiroshimaDay](http://www.cnduk.org/HiroshimaDay)  
to see where your nearest commemoration is taking place.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## **Confrontation or cooperation?**

Nuclear abolition in dangerous times

### **Saturday 14th October 2017**

10am – 5pm. Admission free.

220 Arlington Road, London NW1 7HE

Register here: [cnduk/register](http://cnduk/register)

## **CND AGM & Policy Conference**

### **Sunday 15th October 2017**

10am – 5pm, 220 Arlington Road,  
Camden, London NW1 7HE

Register here: [cnduk/register](http://cnduk/register)



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### **The Business Plan for Peace: A lecture by Scilla Elworthy.**

#### **October 2nd**

Doors and bar open 7pm  
Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion  
Square, London WC1R.

Tickets £12/£7. Wheelchair  
accessible.

■ For more information see  
[facebook.com/MartinRyleTrust/](https://facebook.com/MartinRyleTrust/)

### **Keep Space for Peace Week October 7th-14th**

Join the Global Network  
Against Weapons and Nuclear  
Power in Space as they  
commemorate Keep Space for  
Peace Week.

## **Peace Camps**

### **Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp**

Second weekend of every  
month.

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[www.aldermaston.net](http://www.aldermaston.net)  
[@Peace\\_women\\_AWE](https://twitter.com/Peace_women_AWE)

### **Faslane Peace Camp**

Permanent. A814,  
Shandon, Helensburgh,  
Dumbartonshire G84 8NT.

■ Tel 01436 820901  
[faslanepeacecamp@hotmail.com](mailto:faslanepeacecamp@hotmail.com)

### **Menwith Hill vigil**

Every Tuesday 6-7.30pm.

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