

# Campaign

## Labour must change

CND General Secretary **Kate Hudson** urges Labour to change policy on Trident.



CND hand-in to no 10: The government must do all it can to prevent nuclear war

**I**N MY YEARS with CND I've been to numerous party conferences – across the political spectrum. Sometimes they are very much business as usual, and sometimes there are great hopes and expectations. The biggest challenge we have faced over the past years is to change Labour and Conservative policies on Trident and this year was no different. There was a great atmosphere at the conference and there have been big changes in the Labour Party but this has not yet worked through into policy on Trident. Despite the fact that hundreds of thousands of newly joined Labour members oppose Trident replacement, the leadership is still supporting it and once again contemporary motions on Trident were ruled out of order. I was

dismayed to hear shadow Foreign Secretary Emily Thornberry speak proudly of Britain under Labour playing a strong leadership role in NATO. That will be a major block on a future Labour government developing a new role for Britain in the world, based on values of peace and justice.

Of course many Labour party members will be working to change party policy – it's urgently needed if Labour is to save £205 billion to spend on our health service, jobs and education. We will work together to help bring about that essential change and bring an end to austerity.

Of course it was great to hear CND vice-president Jeremy Corbyn urging a negotiated solution to the crisis in the Korean peninsula. The Prime Minister would do

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## Book Review

by Kate Hudson

*The Internationalists and their Plan to Outlaw War*  
Oona Hathaway and Scott J. Shapiro  
Allen Lane, £25

**AS THE UN's** nuclear ban treaty opens for signature, many commentators consider the treaty's goal of nuclear abolition to be utopian. Others consider it a game changer which will fundamentally – if gradually – alter attitudes and norms towards these ultimate weapons of mass destruction.

This timely book looks at another great attempt to change behaviour through a shift in the legal terrain, the Paris Peace Pact of 1928, which renounced war as a means of international policy. Although it was very

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well to heed this advice. Anti-war and anti-nuclear sentiment was strong amongst the delegates and we had a great turn out for our fringe meeting, with shadow home secretary Diane Abbott speaking as well as shadow minister for peace and disarmament Fabian Hamilton. Our cause has much support within the Labour Party and it's time for it to break with Tory pro-Trident policies and false notions of what our real security is based on. We know it can happen!

widely ratified, as we know with hindsight, within years virtually all signatories were at war. Not surprisingly the treaty has been widely derided and generally forgotten.

But the authors of this new, detailed and fascinating book argue that actually the Pact helped shape a new world order. They argue that the world has moved from an international system in which war was legal and accepted as the ultimate arbiter of disputes between nations, to one in which it is not. While people would generally associate that change with the UN charter and post-war legal and treaty framework, the authors find the root of the change in the treaty of 1928.

They make a good case but at the end of the day we also have to consider contemporary reality too. War may be generally illegal and be widely seen as a tragedy, but that doesn't stop it happening. Can treaties really bring change or is more fundamental change needed to bring about a real shift in behaviour? Important questions, especially in terms of our ban treaty work today!

## Groups Spotlight

This month:  
**Greater  
Manchester  
and District CND**



There is always a friendly welcome for CND in Manchester, not least because of our brilliant group based there! GMDCND is an incredibly active CND group that arranges fantastic events and campaigns. Just this week, the group has been making sure the Tory party conference delegates were greeted with a loud Stop Trident message and putting on a fascinating fringe meeting.

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

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# Power of youth

CND Campaigns Assistant **Laurence Gerhardt** writes about the upcoming CND event focussed on youth and student campaigners.

**M**OST of the world is currently concerned with the possibility of Kim Jong-un and Donald Trump goading each other to the brink of nuclear annihilation. Youth and Student CND firmly believes a crucial response is to ensure that the next generation is as well-informed and passionate as possible about building a better, more peaceful world.

The younger generation is central to the campaign against nuclear weapons. A poll by WMD Awareness found that only 18% of 18 to 35 year old wanted to replace Trident. That means 81% of young people understand how dangerous and wasteful it is to spend billions on nuclear weapons. And those 81% are



a powerful force for getting rid of Trident!

That's why Youth and Student CND has organised an event to give young people the tools and experience they need to challenge the nuclear-armed world. 'Scrapping Trident: A New Generation of Anti-Nuclear Activists' is an

opportunity for young people to come together to plan opposition to Britain's nuclear weapons.

The day will feature a variety of workshops and speeches from inspiring figures. SNP Youth will be organising a workshop entitled 'How Scotland could disarm the world', Campaign Against Arms Trade will have a workshop about the DSEI Arms Fair, and a representative from the *New Internationalist* will be presenting a workshop on activism in the media.

Other sessions will focus on how to develop crucial direct action skills, effectively campaign, and how to use research to lobby the government. Later in the day, the fantastic Natalie Bennett, former leader of the Green Party, will be giving a talk and CND's General Secretary, Kate Hudson, will also be speaking.

With the right expertise and education, the next generation will be able to reject the rhetoric that we need nuclear weapons – and instead help to create a new narrative of a world with real international security, one free from the threat of instant global annihilation.

So please join us on October 21st for the next step in building a world free from nuclear weapons!



## Scrapping Trident:

A new generation of anti-nuclear activists  
**21 October 2017 9:45am-4.30pm**  
 Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Rd, London SE1 7AA  
 ■ Contact [yscnd@riseup.net](mailto:yscnd@riseup.net) or 020 7700 2393  
 with any questions.

**Musicians for Peace & Disarmament Autumn Concert for Peace**

**October 6th**, 7pm. Hinde St Methodist Church, 19 Thayer Street, London W1U 2QJ  
■ Contact: info.mpdconcerts@gmail.com to get your ticket.

**Keep Space for Peace march and rally**

**October 7th**, 12 noon – 4pm RAF Croughton main gate, Brackley, Northamptonshire NN13 5XP. As part of Keep Space for Peace Week, join the national march and rally.  
■ Contact 01865 248357 or oxonpeace@yahoo.co.uk.

**A Minister for Peace and Disarmament – London CND meeting**

**October 11th**, 6:30pm-8pm Wilson Room, Portcullis House, Westminster, London SW1A 2JR.  
■ Contact 020 7607 2302 or info@londoncnd.org.

**Oxford CND meeting**

**October 12th**, 6:45pm Oxford Town Hall, Oxford.



**Confrontation or cooperation?**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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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**Christian CND AGM and conference**

**November 25th**, 11am-4pm, St Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol.  
■ Register for a free ticket: <https://christiancndagm2017.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Yorkshire CND Peace & Craft Fair**

**November 25th**  
Save the date!  
■ Contact 01274 730795 or [info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk](mailto:info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk) to book a stall or for more information.

**Peace Camps Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp**

Second weekend of every month.  
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**Menwith Hill vigil**  
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