

Campaign



Changing party policies on Trident

When it comes to scrapping Trident, one of our priorities has to be changing party policies, writes CND General Secretary **Kate Hudson**.

With Labour in with a good chance of forming a government after the next election, how can we help make this change? Having a CND member in the top Labour job hasn't yet broken the pattern of Labour backing nuclear weapons. The idea that Labour has to look strong on defence still holds sway with some, while others think that nuclear weapons enhance Britain's 'status' as a nation: this was Tony Blair's view. Some trade unionists argue we need to keep nuclear weapons to save the jobs involved in their production.

All these arguments need to be challenged: nuclear weapons put us at greater risk, cost crazy amounts of money and don't meet the threats we actually face.

And many times more skilled sustainable jobs could be created with the money wasted on nuclear weapons systems.

It's this jobs question that we are particularly addressing at this year's Labour Party conference. Contemporary motions are being submitted in support of the TUC's call for a shadow Defence Diversification Agency to get Trident jobs onto the industrial policy agenda. At the time of writing we don't know if these will be debated by conference or not. But we are raising the debate at The World Transformed, the radical festival which takes place in Liverpool alongside the Labour Conference. We are pleased to host the following event:

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**Labour and Trident:
do jobs justify making nuclear weapons?**

Speakers:

Fabian Hamilton MP, Shadow Minister for Peace and Disarmament; Sam Mason, Policy Officer, PCS; Paul Nowak, Deputy General Secretary, TUC; Ann Feltham, Parliamentary Officer, CAAT; Kate Hudson, General Secretary, CND

Monday 24th September, 1pm to 2.30pm
Hinterlands Theatre, 7 Mann Street, Liverpool L8 5AF

We're also hosting a fringe meeting at the conference itself, alongside Labour CND and Labour Action for Peace on Sunday 23rd September at

6pm at the Quaker Meeting House in Liverpool; the theme is Nuclear Disarmament in the Age of Trump. Come if you can – all are welcome!

LIB DEM CONFERENCE FRINGE 2018

**Time to support the UN nuclear ban treaty:
joining the global majority**

Speakers:

Baroness Sue Miller,

Lib Dem peer and co-President of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament

Dr Kate Hudson,

General Secretary CND

Chair: **Kevin White,** Lib Dems against Trident

12.30–1.30pm, Monday 17th Sept 2018
St Paul's Parish Church, West Street, BN1 2RQ

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Meanwhile, debate at the Liberal Democrat conference has a different focus: activists are pressing for their party to back the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We're working together on a fringe meeting on the issue. Please join us if you can.

**Groups
Spotlight**

**This month:
CND Cymru**



Amongst its many activities, CND Cymru is a strong campaigner against nuclear power. And earlier this summer, CND Cymru and People Against Wylfa B members travelled to Japan as guests of Friends of the Earth. The group met with politicians, including former Premier Kan and saw the continuing impact of the Fukushima disaster.

If you're a CND member in Wales, why not get in touch? There are supporters arranging campaigns all over the country.

Contact: heddwach@cndcymru.org or phone 01792 830330

Nae Nukes Anywhere!

Scottish CND Vice-Chair **Janet Fenton** explains why the upcoming rally at Faslane is so important

THE WORLD sees that the UK's nuclear weapons programme depends on maintaining control over Scotland. International campaigners support opposition to Trident in Scotland, and to nuclear weapons anywhere. This is a great chance to meet them.

With space to sleep in Glasgow, food and drink at the Nae Nukes event at Faslane, and stalls and singers, here's a chance to indulge our sixty-year-old habit of decorating fences and sharing disarmament ideas. You might even meet Nessie. Livestreaming will happen all day, with celebrities, politicians and other interesting folk beamed out to Norwich, New York or Nikko. The Scottish CND's Welcomer is Kathy Galloway, peace woman and poet, broadcaster, author and the first woman to lead the Iona Community. Like many of us at Faslane, she has experienced arrest. Yet one of the police liaison team recently said to us, 'Nowadays there are not many who would disagree', when we keep saying that what goes on at Faslane is illegitimate.

Kathy will welcome Israeli Sharon Dolev who worked on

nuclear disarmament with ICAN for a decade, using direct action as readily as high-level diplomacy, and Ekatrina Earsalovna, an inspiring and charismatic Russian academic committed to peace education as the route to international security. Emad Kiyaei is an Iranian with a passion for peace, an entertaining raconteur as well as an articulate advocate for the TPNW. Reaching Critical Will, the WILPF programme that organised the civil society input at the UN, is sending manager Allison Pytlak to ensure that the gendered aspects of the impact of weapons and disarmament processes are in the mix. Maaïke Beenes worked with PAX in the Netherlands on an amazing campaign that successfully forced the NATO host Netherlands Government to participate in TPNW negotiations despite enormous pressure from the US.

The Pax campaign showed the powerful part that civil

society will play in nuclear abolition. Where there is devolved power, we can now use the TPNW to put effective pressure on the previously powerful minority that maintain the deterrence myth.

The TPNW is having an unprecedented effect wherever civil society can speak out. In the US this week the California State Legislature passed a resolution in support of the TPNW, calling on the federal government to follow its example. Across Europe, 75 per cent of citizens in four NATO member states expressed support for their governments signing the treaty. Even more significantly Scotland is the UK nuclear weapons base against its conscience and will. This is why everyone should be there with Scottish CND on 22nd September.

■ For details of the Nae Nukes Rally, and the extensive programme of meetings see: www.nuclearban.scot/sep-rally/

**NAE NUKES
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For a full, updated list of events, see cnduk.org/events/

Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty lobby training day
September 8th, 10:30am-4pm, Bridge 5 Mill, 22A Beswick Street, Manchester M4 7HR.
Contact: gmdcnd@gn.apc.org

Oxford CND meeting
September 13th, 6:45pm
Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford OX1 1BX.
Contact: 01865 248357 or oxfordcnd@phonecoop.coop

CND symbol tour: Nottingham
September 16th, 12 noon-6pm
Nottingham Greenfest, The Arboretum, Waverley Street
Contact: barbaracoulson@btinternet.com

Abingdon Peace Group meeting
September 18th, 8pm
The Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon.
Contact: 01235 526265 or sallyreynolds@btinternet.com

Bromley Peace Council Peace Day event
September 21st, 7:30pm
Bromley Parish Church Rooms, Bromley.
Contact 020 8460 1295

Norwich Peace Camp
September 22nd, 9am-4pm, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich.
Contact: www.norwichpeace.org

West Midlands CND meeting
September 22nd, 10:30am-12:30pm, Café on top of House of Fraser, Birmingham
Contact wmcndall@gmail.com

CND AGM & Policy Conference

Saturday October 20th

10am-5pm
Wills Memorial Building, University of Bristol
Registration is open until October 12th, see cnduk.org/about/cnd-conference

Towards a nuclear-free future: building change from the grass roots

Sunday October 21st

10am-4pm, Wills Memorial Building, University of Bristol. For more details see: cnduk.org/about/cnd-conference

Nae Nukes Anywhere: Demo at Faslane
September 22nd, Assemble 12 noon, Faslane nuclear base, Helensburgh G84 0EH.
Contact: hello@nuclearban.scot

Demonstration at USAF Croughton: Keep Space for Peace
October 6th, 12 noon-4pm, RAF Croughton, Brackley NN13 5XP
Contact 01865 248357 or oxonpeace@yahoo.co.uk

Musicians for Peace & Disarmament concert
October 11th, 7:30pm-10pm
St Philip's Church, 96 Earl's Court Road, London.
Contact: info.mpdconcerts@gmail.com

Nuclear Disarmament and the Churches – Reigate public meeting
October 19th, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Friends Meeting House, 47 Reigate Road, Reigate
Contact: reigateandredhillcnd@hotmail.co.uk

Hereford Peace Council peace train to London
October 24th, 8am-4pm
Train journey from North to South Wales.
Contact: kimholroyd@hotmail.com or 07843 105323

Peace Camps

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp
Second weekend of every month.
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Menwith Hill vigil
Every Tuesday 6-7.30pm.
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