

Campaign

Surround Springfields



Chris Bluemel from Stop New Nuclear calls on all CND supporters to join the protest at Springfields this month.

WE will be gathering at the dark heart of the nuclear industry, the Springfields nuclear site in Lancashire on April 27th, to highlight the need for action on the twin fronts of new nuclear generation and radioactive waste disposal.

Nuclear power has never lived up to the promise of cheap energy for all, but the costs have been heavy for local communities. The effects of nuclear power developments internationally have included displacement, health effects, contamination of land and water resources, and a build-up of 70 years' worth of nuclear waste.

In the UK, the costs of nuclear developments have been borne by the taxpayer. Under the 'Contracts for Difference' scheme, bills for electricity from the new plant at Hinkley C will be twice what we currently pay. This does not cover

the costs of accidents, which are underwritten by the government. Nuclear plants typically run overtime and over-budget.

The Government's consultation about burying nuclear waste is about to end, kicking off a five-year search for a willing host community with 'suitable' ground conditions. We are presented with two options: leave the waste in crumbling storage facilities like Sellafield; or bury it and let it contaminate the environment. In Scotland, new surface-level management facilities are being built but in England this is deemed too expensive. It is clear that we need a solution to managing the waste before we create more of it.

Springfields is where nuclear fuel is produced for both civil and military use, and waste processed from both the UK and

abroad. ‘Surround Springfields’ is an opportunity to follow the route of radioactive waste and to understand how this issue affects everyone, everywhere.

We will even be dressing as barrels of waste in an attempt to break a world record for surrounding a nuclear site. We will also be having a live conversation with indigenous people in other countries via a webinar about the impacts of uranium mining and nuclear waste. You can join this remotely if you cannot get there – check our Facebook page for details.

Do we choose a long term, socially responsible and ethical energy supply, with a moral commitment to the wellbeing of future generations? We need to come together and make the government approach these challenges with vision and creativity, not with the poverty of ambition, opacity and lack of foresight that characterises the nuclear solution.

■ Surround Springfields will take place on Saturday 27 April. For more information, contact springaction2019@stopnewnuclear.org.uk or see stopnewnuclear.org.uk

Congratulations to our very own Bruce Kent on receiving the 2019 Ron Todd Award for Peace!

Bruce is one of Britain’s most prominent and internationally acknowledged peace campaigners. He served as chair of CND from 1977-79 and 1987-90, and General Secretary of CND from 1979-85 and is now a vice-president of the organisation. The Ron Todd awards celebrate the people in our communities who support and further social justice.

Bruce commented it was ‘an honour’ to receive this acknowledgment of his tireless work for peace.

Stop press:

CND is horrified at Royal Navy plans to host a National Service of Thanksgiving to mark 50 years of the so-called ‘Continuous At Sea Deterrent’ (CASD) in Westminster Abbey on the 3rd of May.

We are currently putting pressure on the Church of England, politicians and the Ministry of Defence to cancel the service. If it does go ahead, we will be holding protests outside the Abbey on the day.

Please keep the day free and if the service goes ahead, come and join us if you can.

Groups Spotlight

This month: **Merseyside CND**

Merseyside CND can always be relied on to use creative methods to spread the anti-nuclear message. The group currently has an exhibition at Bebington Library. The display gives information on major events such as Hiroshima and Nagasaki, important treaties and major protests.



Schools are now being offered the exhibition, along with a school speaker from our Peace Education programme.

■ For more info, contact 0151 229 5282 or mcnd@care4free.net.

CND welcomes Korean peace activist

CND General Secretary **Kate Hudson** outlines an upcoming visit to Britain by a prominent South Korean activist.

THE world's eyes were on Hanoi recently, when President Trump and Chairman Kim met for their second summit to discuss the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula. The summit ended prematurely, without agreement; it's not really clear why that happened, or what the implications are for world peace, but the situation remains a dangerous one.

What we can be sure about though, is that the peace movement in South Korea will continue with its massive tasks: formally ending the war between the two Koreas, denuclearising and demilitarising the peninsula, and ensuring that all Korean people can live free from the fear of nuclear war.

Here in Britain we have followed their campaigns closely, sometimes working together, as in the case of World Heritage Site Jeju Island where residents fought – with international support – to prevent a naval base being built. We also have links with the movement in South Korea against the US missile 'defence' system, and will continue to

work together, alongside other international partners.

In this context, we are delighted to welcome one of the leaders of South Korean civil society to launch our forthcoming Global Dangers tour. Ms Park Jung Eun will visit London, Scotland and Yorkshire for week in May, undertaking a range of political and campaigning engagements.

Park Jung Eun is Secretary General of People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD) and has worked at its Peace and Disarmament Centre for 15 years, dealing with denuclearization and military alliance issues. One of PSPD's most recent actions was to send an Open Letter to the UN Security Council signed by 55 South Korean civil society organisations. Here is an extract:

"There is no other way to achieve peace but through peaceful means. Achieving peace on the Korean Peninsula will serve as a test case for whether humanity will be able to peacefully resolve the accumulated conflicts of today's world, or not. In Korea, we have recently witnessed that peace can be achieved through peaceful means and problems can be solved



through dialogue and negotiation. Since the inter-Korean summit last year, the two Koreas have ceased all hostile activities, cherishing the most peaceful time ever since the armistice began. We should never return to the repeated threats of nuclear war and heightened military tension under any circumstances.

Once again, we urge the UN Security Council and the international community to support the painstaking efforts to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula. Cooperation from the international community is absolutely crucial. We plead that you do utmost to ensure the continuity of the peace process on the Korean Peninsula. For its part, Korean civil society will spare no effort."

■ If you can get to one of Ms Park's meetings, please do so! Full details will be published on our website soon.



We live in increasingly unstable times, where nuclear dangers are growing alarmingly. CND is highlighting these dangers in a national tour this year: get involved.

Confirmed dates so far include Exeter (April 25th), Hebden Bridge (April 29th), Crawley (June 27th), Haringey (July 1st), Oxfordshire (September 21st).

■ For more info or if you are interested in hosting a visit, please contact enquiries@cnduk.org or 020 7700 2393.

Hull Against the Bomb

April 7th, 2pm-6pm

Ground Arts Collective, 60A Beverley Road, Hull HU3 1YE.

■ Contact 01274 730795 or info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk

Welsh Energy at a Crossroads – Charting a Sustainable, Radioactive Waste-Free Future

April 13th, 10:30am-1:30pm

Telford Centre, Mona Road, Menai Bridge LL59 5EA.

■ Contact

s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk or 0161 234 3244

A New Lucas Plan: an Idea Whose Time has Come?

April 13th, 11am-5pm

Bridge 5 Mill, 22A Beswick Street, Manchester M4 7HR.

■ Contact 0161 273 8283 or gmdcnd@gn.apc.org

Yorkshire CND Day of Dance **April 13th**, 11am-

6:30pm, Victoria Hall, Saltaire, Shipley BD18 3JS.

■ Contact 01274 730795 or email info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk

Solidarity with Trident Ploughshares activists

April 23rd-24th

Reading Magistrates' Court, Castle Street, Reading RG1 7TQ

■ Contact information@cnduk.org or 020 7700 2393

Commemoration, Conflict & Conscience Festival

April 27th-28th, University of Bristol, Bristol BS8 1TH.

■ Contact

lois.s.bibbings@bristol.ac.uk or c.j.painter@leeds.ac.uk

Surround Springfields!

April 27th, 9am-5pm

Westinghouse Springfields Fuel Ltd, Station Road, Preston.

■ Contact springaction2019@stopnewnuclear.org.uk

Salisbury CND AGM

June 18th, 7:30pm

Salisbury Quaker meeting house, 51 Wilton Road, Salisbury SP2 7EP.

■ Contact 01722 321865

Peace Camps

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp

Second weekend of every month.

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Faslane Peace Camp

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Menwith Hill Vigil

The weekly vigil is now

switching days – please contact

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