

# TALKS NOT BOMBS

GET BRITAIN TO  
THE NUCLEAR  
BAN CONFERENCE



# OUR CAMPAIGN

CND campaigns for a world without nuclear weapons.

We want to see the UK scrap its nuclear weapons system, Trident, and cancel plans for its replacement. We also want the other eight nuclear-armed states to give up their nuclear arsenals.

This is a position shared by the global majority. Last year the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons came into force but the UK outright rejects the Treaty. The British government is refusing to participate as an observer at the first meeting of states parties to the treaty (known as 1MSP).

In response, CND is launching a campaign to get Britain to attend the conference so it can start taking real steps to support a nuclear weapons-free world.

This toolkit will help you get involved!



# MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

## **What?**

The TPNW entered into force in 2021 making nuclear weapons illegal in the countries that sign it. The states that have ratified the treaty are gathering to discuss the next steps for implementing the agreement.

## **When and where?**

Participants will gather at the United Nations building in Vienna between March 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## **Who?**

States that have ratified the treaty 90 days prior to 1MSP will be able to participate as states parties, and are thereby entitled to voting and other rights.

Other states can attend as observers. Civil society will also be in attendance.

[Click here for a factsheet on the conference](#)



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- 1) Contact the Foreign Secretary [using our online form](#)
- 2) Arrange a virtual meeting with your MP to explain the TPNW
- 3) [Register for our webinar](#)
- 4) Share the campaign on social media using the hashtag #TalksNotBombs

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# ACTION 1

## Contact the Foreign Secretary

The Foreign Secretary is responsible for making decisions on international treaties and should be the UK government's representative at the conference.

Use our tool to write to Liz Truss, the Foreign Secretary, to call on the government to attend the event in Vienna.

[CONTACT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY](#)



# ACTION 2

## Arrange a virtual meeting with your MP

We need Parliamentarians to put pressure on the government to attend the conference. Parliamentary CND will be raising the issue in Westminster, but you can help as well.

Can you arrange a virtual meeting with your MP?

Explaining the campaign to your local MP is a good way of informing Parliamentarians about the importance of the TPNW. You can share CND's fact sheet with them and ask them to write to the government, urging them to attend.

[Find your MP](#)



# ACTION 3

## Register for CND's webinar

CND is organising an online public meeting to spread the word about the campaign and why the UK must attend the conference.

With guest speakers including the President of 1MSP, Alexander Kmentt.

Register to attend and share the link with your friends and network:

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# ACTION 4

## **Promote on social media**

Social media is a fantastic way of sharing the campaign with a new audience.

Whether you use Twitter, Facebook or Instagram, we have model graphics and posts you can use on the next few pages of this pack. Or feel free to write your own message or create your own graphic.

Remember to use the hashtag #TalksNotBombs so we can see your post.





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TWITTER



### Suggested post text

“Talks not Bombs: I’m supporting the campaign to get Britain to a crucial conference on banning nuclear weapons, join me: [cnduk.org/TalksNotBombs](https://cnduk.org/TalksNotBombs)”

“Dozens of states will attend a conference to discuss a nuclear weapons-free world in March but the UK is refusing. Help us get Britain to back #TalksNotBombs [cnduk.org/TalksNotBombs](https://cnduk.org/TalksNotBombs)”



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# INSTAGRAM



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FACEBOOK



### Suggested post text

“Most countries want to see a world without nuclear weapons and support a new treaty banning them. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force in 2021, and now the first conference to discuss this treaty is coming up – but Britain won’t attend. I’m supporting the campaign to get Britain to a crucial conference on banning nuclear weapons, join me [cnduk.org/TalksNotBombs](https://cnduk.org/TalksNotBombs)”

“Dozens of states will attend a conference to discuss a nuclear weapons-free world in March but the UK is refusing. Help us get Britain to attend this event as the first step in engaging with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons – the new international agreement that will be discussed at the conference [cnduk.org/TalksNotBombs](https://cnduk.org/TalksNotBombs)”



# LINKS TO FURTHER INFO

- [Fact sheet on conference](#)
- [Briefing on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#)
- You'll find general information on the campaign for a world without nuclear weapons on [CND's website](#).



# GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions about this campaign, or would like any support, please get in touch!

- Email – [information@cnduk.org](mailto:information@cnduk.org)
- Phone – 020 7700 2393

You may also be interested in getting in touch with your local CND group.

- [Map of CND groups](#)

And please remember to follow us on social media!

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Thank you very much for your interest in this campaign and your support for CND!

