

Commonly Asked Questions and Answers About the 'Peace Train'

1) What is the 'Peace Train'?

Basically, the 'Peace Train' is members of the Hereford Peace Council and their supporters who are riding a regularly scheduled train from Chester to Paddington collecting letters and petitions along the way so the UK will agree to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

2) Where can we meet the train and what time?

Please check the schedule published on CND's website.

3) Do we have to board the train?

No. The letters will be collected on the station platform and put into our 'mailbag'. Smaller stations allow public access to the train without a ticket. But larger stations such as Shrewsbury require a ticket to approach the platform. In these instances, a ticket will need to be purchased by at least one person.

Although it is not necessary to board the train, we would welcome supporters to ride along with us for some or all the journey.

4) How will we find you to hand over the letters?

Our team on the train will book seats on the first carriage of the train. Our courier will get off the train and wait outside the front door of the first carriage to collect letters and petitions. If for some reason it is not possible to use the front door of the first carriage, the courier will use the next available door. It is important that the courier and those delivering mail stand to the side so they do not interfere with passengers or crew.

5) What happens if the train is delayed or cancelled?

We will be on the next train. There may be an event organizer on your platform to ask. But if not, please text one of the following numbers to confirm the time: 07843 105 323 or 0778 087 1503.

6) Who should we write to?

As we are making this journey, we would be pleased to carry as many letters as you would like to write. Some suggestions: our Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, your MP, party leaders. You may have other ideas. And there are 53 MPs who have signed the 'Parliamentarian Pledge' in support of this nuclear ban treaty. It may be encouraging to them to receive mail acknowledging their strong stand. The 'Parliamentarian Pledge' list is

located on the ICAN UK (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) website.

7) **What should we say?**

Let your personal convictions guide you. Unique letters are more powerful than a standardised form letter. So we are suggesting, where possible, individuals and groups compose their letter(s). ICAN UK has excellent information on their website.

However, we can also provide a list of points that may be important to include in composing your own letter and a couple of sample letters to be used as models in crafting your own.

And we can provide post cards that can simply be signed and sent.

Our basic message is that we want the UK to agree to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). But we also suggest that the UK should assume a leadership role in convincing other countries, especially other permanent UN Security Council members, to agree.

For more information or to inform us of your intention to participate, please contact Kim at: kimholroyd@hotmail.com or phone 07843 105 323.