



Salisbury CND
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
Newsletter - June 2020
<http://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk>

Greetings from Salisbury CND. You can make a difference - together we can help work for a safer nuclear-free world for the future. Visit the Salisbury CND website (address above) for information on **events, news and links to other campaigning organisations, etc.**

Our **Facebook** page is at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Salisbury-CND/583212191799930>. Special thanks to Lopy for updating this regularly. Please circulate this information around your friends and contacts as widely as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The UK government is easing Coronavirus lockdown measures further, but Chris Whitty and Patrick Vallance have stressed the need for great caution, to avoid a second 'spike' in infections, as the UK still has a high number of new cases daily. Because of this, we are not announcing details of events for the moment - but will of course keep you updated.

AGM 2020: plans to be advised

We cannot hold an AGM/public meeting as we normally do, but it may be possible to carry out the formal AGM elements by email or correspondence. We will keep you informed.

Cancelled: Market Stall, 25th July 2020

In the current Covid climate we do not think it is a good idea to try and do this. We hope that next year we can book a stall in the market square again.

Hiroshima Candle Float event, 6th August 2020 - details to be confirmed

Plans are afoot to mark this anniversary in a different way - we will keep you updated, but the event will definitely not be 'as usual'. Whatever the circumstances, Salisbury CND will stage a spectacular but solemn commemoration of Hiroshima Day. In recent years we have had many people attending the public Candle Float: perhaps we could have even more when it's virtual?

NEWS and REPORTS

Donations

We are aware that National CND is experiencing financial constraints, so we agreed that we should give a large donation once we have checked our current balance of funds and what recurring costs there are.

Nuclear warhead convoy passing through Oxfordshire

On Saturday 20 June 2020 a convoy travelled north from the Atomic Weapons Establishment Burghfield, and passed through Oxfordshire on the M40 between 8.30 and 9.30 am. This is the most deadly cargo on our roads.

Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty - this looks set to reach the target for signatures internationally this year. The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), the first legally binding agreement to prohibit [nuclear weapons](#), with the goal of leading towards their [total elimination](#), was

adopted in July 2017. In order to come into effect, signature and [ratification](#) by at least 50 countries is required. As of 13 June 2020, 81 states have signed the Treaty and 38 have ratified or acceded.

Unsurprisingly, no [nuclear-armed nation](#) has expressed support for a ban treaty and a number of them, including the US and Russia, have expressed explicit opposition.

Australia, Japan and many of the non-nuclear-armed members of NATO are also resistant to a nuclear ban treaty, as they believe that US nuclear weapons enhance their security. In 2017 the US, UK and France issued a joint statement indicating that they did not intend "to sign, ratify or ever become party to it", saying it "clearly disregarded the realities of the international security environment" and that accession was "incompatible with the policy of nuclear deterrence, which has been essential to keeping the peace in Europe and North Asia for over 70 years".

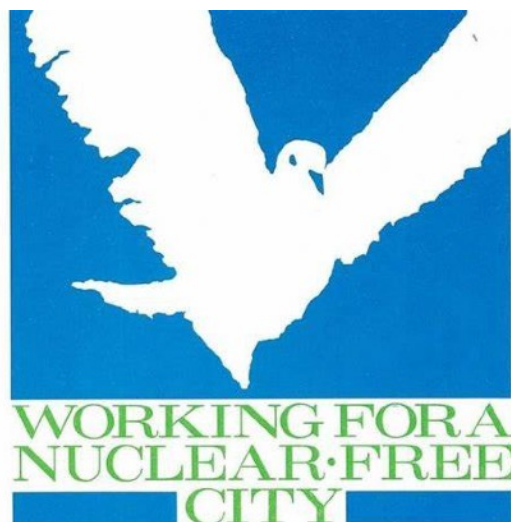
ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons), CND, the Red Cross, and many, many other special interest groups continue to campaign to get the Treaty ratified.

National CND campaign to persuade local councils to become nuclear-free

Towns and cities around the world – including Washington, Paris, Edinburgh and Oxford – are bypassing their governments' opposition to the Nuclear Ban Treaty and becoming Nuclear Ban Communities.

As communities across the UK start to support this campaign - see <https://cnduk.org/nuclear-ban-communities/> - can you help persuade local politicians for your town or city council to join others around the globe working towards a nuclear-free world? What could you do?

- Contact your local councillor to explain that you would like them to propose a motion in favour of the UN Nuclear Ban Treaty. We've attached a copy of the draft motion on a separate page of this Newsletter, or you can find it at <https://cnduk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Motion-for-resolution.pdf>. Enclose a copy with your letter or email.
- Write a letter to your local paper about the campaign and/or post about it on social media. The more attention the campaign receives, the higher the possibility of a councillor taking notice. So make sure you talk about it with your friends and neighbours, and encourage them to get in touch as well.



Cut War Not Healthcare - Online Meeting 16th May with Kate Hudson and John Pilger.

Another chance to see this live online event organised by Stop the War. World-renowned journalist and film-maker John Pilger (Films: *The Dirty War on the NHS* and *The Coming War on China*) was joined by Kate Hudson, General Secretary of the CND, to discuss funds spent on war not healthcare by successive governments. Go to:

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=592413698045891&ref=watch_permalink

International Peace Bureau Webinar on Nuclear Weapons in Europe

Tensions between nuclear weapons possessors states have worsened dramatically these last months, and Europe is at the centre of the storm. Hear the well-informed discussion of how to challenge nuclear weapons in Europe. You can watch this June 2020 internet web seminar with experts and activists at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kaGBdTAsA70>.

Sizewell C News - Environmental Update

There are serious concerns about the effect of the proposed construction in Suffolk of Sizewell C power station upon wildlife, including the loss of 20-30 acres of Special Scientific Interest land, and unprecedented environmental damage in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The impact upon heritage sites – including an abbey, churches, farmhouses and other vernacular buildings would also be considerable. Campaigning by many bodies, national and local, continues.

Nuclear-Free Local Councils

Model Resolution for Councils in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

(Your Council's name) _____ declares its support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), a historic treaty which once ratified will result in the complete prohibition of developing, testing and using nuclear weapons.

(Your Council's name) _____ recognises the necessity of creating a nuclear weapons- free world and as such denounces the UK government's refusal to sign or ratify this landmark treaty. In adopting this resolution, the Council therefore unequivocally declares its support for the TPNW. Furthermore, Council calls on the UK government to work for global denuclearisation by:

- Signing and ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, thereby joining the global majority of countries opposed to nuclear weapons.
- Cancelling the replacement of Trident, Britain's nuclear weapons system.
- Utilising all diplomatic avenues possible to work towards a nuclear-free world.

Our website gives you access to a wide range of internet based events and many of us have found we have been able to attend a wider range of meetings during lockdown than we perhaps would have been able to in so called normal times. Our News section on the website is also updated regularly and has enabled us all to keep informed about current nuclear issues. It will be lovely to all meet up again in the future, but in the meantime, do keep a careful eye on the website!

Events since lockdown

Event Title	Event Date	Location
Screening of "Shadow World"	24th June 2020	Internet - 18.30
CND at Glastonbury	24th June 2020	Internet
XR Peace - What is Real Security	17th June 2020	Internet 13:00 - 14:00
Upside Down Priorities - Talk by John Gittings	16th June 2020	Internet 8pm
Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp	12th June 2020	Internet Camponair 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Webinar Film: Not in Our Name!	11th June 2020	Internet 6pm
Coronavirus, War & Empire.	6th June 2020	Internet - Midday
Killer Robots and the Automation of War	30th May 2020	Webinar - Internet 2pm
Dialogue on Matters that Matter	27th May 2020	Internet webinar 1:00 - 2:30pm EDT. They are 5 hours behind us, so 6pm - 7.30pm our time
CND Quiz Night	26th May 2020	Tuesday 7PM Internet
Invitation to Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting	23rd May 2020	Internet

<u>Global Green New Deal: Into the Portal, Leave No One Behind</u>	19th May 2020	Internet - 4pm
<u>Medact webinar on Arms Conversion</u>	19th May 2020	Internet 7.30pm
<u>Twitterstorm - "Not Trident"</u>	17th May 2020	Twitter 12 noon
<u>Cut War Not Healthcare</u>	16th May 2020	Internet
<u>The Atom: A Love Affair</u>	15th May 2020	Internet
<u>Join us online for International Conscientious Objectors' Day on Friday 15th May</u>	15th May 2020	Internet - 12 Midday
<u>A New Lucas Plan for post-pandemic socially useful jobs?</u>	13th May 2020	Internet 19:00
<u>After the virus : can we build a better world?</u>	9th May 2020	Internet 2pm
<u>34th Anniversary of Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster - 26th April</u>	30th April 2020	Internet
<u>Will Britain honour its NPT commitments and disarm? - CND webinar</u>	28th April 2020	Zoom or Facebook
<u>Ventilators not Exterminators</u>	25th April 2020	Internet
<u>Webinar -Move the Nuclear Weapons (and Fossil Fuel) Money</u>	21st April 2020	Webinar

News stories since lockdown

Title	Posted
Invisible Fallout	22nd June 2020
Standing up to Rosatom	22nd June 2020
Nuclear warhead convoy passing through Oxfordshire Saturday 20th June	20th June 2020
CND Poster competition winners announced	19th June 2020
Black Lives Matter - But not to the nuclear industry	15th June 2020
Not so “super-duper”	15th June 2020
Oxfordshire action groups call for Government funding rethink to fight virus	13th June 2020
Can your town become a Nuclear Ban Community?	13th June 2020
Nuclear Information Service - Annual Report and update	12th June 2020
CND and Build Back Better	12th June 2020
International Peace Bureau Webinar on Nuclear Weapons in Europe	10th June 2020
A Joint Enterprise: How the UK and the US co-operate on drone warfare	7th June 2020

Statement on the Growing Danger of Conflict Between the US and China	5th June 2020
ICAN's Guide to answers to 11 common questions and comments about nuclear weapons	5th June 2020
CND Campaign Magazine June 2020	5th June 2020
Make Nuclear Great Again?	2nd June 2020
Space Force is no laughing matter	2nd June 2020
Watch "The Atom: A Love Affair"	28th May 2020
Fumbling the nuclear football: is Trump blundering to arms control chaos?	28th May 2020
‘Visibility equals death’ – living under the martial gaze	28th May 2020
EDF poised to submit plans for an £18bn nuclear power station on the Suffolk coast	27th May 2020
Nowhere to run to	26th May 2020
Fukushima’s radioactive water problem	26th May 2020
Four Leaflets on critical current issues prepared by Dr. Rebecca Johnson	24th May 2020
Cut War Not Healthcare - Online Meeting with Kate Hudson and John Pilger	22nd May 2020

Open Skies Treaty: US to withdraw from arms control deal	22nd May 2020
MPs slam MoD's 'utter failure' to improve contract management as nuclear project costs soar	21st May 2020
Clapping for the NHS? A poster to go with it!	20th May 2020
The Environmental Impacts of the UK Military Sector	20th May 2020
Southbound nuclear warhead convoy Monday 18th May, Stirling, Scotland	19th May 2020
Sign a petition against Sizewell C new nuclear development	18th May 2020
National Online Ceremony - International Conscientious Objectors' Day	18th May 2020
Please sign this petition from John Gittings re: Trident	17th May 2020
Pity they don't work against Covid-19: US drives RECORD global spending on atomic weapons, report shows	17th May 2020
Cold war atomic tests led to increased rainfall on Shetland	17th May 2020
Campaigners condemn cross-border road transport of nuclear bombs during pandemic	17th May 2020
CND poster competition	12th May 2020
Greenham Women Everywhere	12th May 2020
"War School" Documentary Available Free on Youtube until end of June	12th May 2020

Webinar: War in Space - The Final Frontier	12th May 2020
Another world is possible	11th May 2020
Released from silence	11th May 2020
A Message from Mark Rylance	11th May 2020
Ten articles about the current crisis that every UK activist should read	9th May 2020
COVID19: What Japan Failed to Learn from Fukushima	8th May 2020
CND Campaign Magazine May 2020	5th May 2020
Magnitude 9 earthquake that would cause a 100ft tsunami off the coast of Japan is 'imminent'	29th April 2020
Oxford CND Newsletter May/June 2020	29th April 2020
Military spending saw biggest increase in a decade in 2019:	29th April 2020
Fire licks the Chernobyl perimeter	27th April 2020
Indian Point should be “autopsied”	27th April 2020
Sellafield's future	24th April 2020
Some information from CND's recent Council meeting	22nd April 2020

Stalking Chernobyl	21st April 2020
The women who told Chernobyl's story	21st April 2020
Japan's 1000-year-old waterfall cherry tree attracts nature lovers	18th April 2020
Another victim of the pandemic: trust in the government	18th April 2020
General Dynamics nabs \$55.9M to make missile tubes for U.S. and Britain	14th April 2020
Farewell Fessenheim, finally	14th April 2020
If we can tackle corona, why not climate?	14th April 2020
What does 'national defence' mean in a pandemic? It's no time to buy fighter jets	11th April 2020
NUCLEAR WEAPONS POSE THE GREATEST ACUTE DANGER TO EARTH'S CLIMATE	9th April 2020
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom	9th April 2020
VIDEO -Wash our hands of Trident – Greater Manchester & District CND interview with Dr Kate Hudson -	9th April 2020
Labour CND thanks Jeremy Corbyn	9th April 2020
The wrong crisis stopped the Olympics	6th April 2020
Put people and health before nukes	6th April 2020

Ex Royal Navy Commanders question Trident need as coronavirus costs rise	3rd April 2020
International Peace Bureau Petition	2nd April 2020
While Industry Looks for Handouts, NRC Gives Nod to Reduced Safety Oversight	1st April 2020
Stop the War Coalition Newsletter	28th March 2020
Peace Pledge Union News	28th March 2020
UNFOLD ZERO Newsletter	26th March 2020
Can Covid-19 Take down NATO?	26th March 2020
Labour CND - Campaigning in the Labour Party for peace and nuclear disarmament	26th March 2020
Computer virus in nuclear power plant	23rd March 2020
Nuclear Lessons from the Corona Virus	23rd March 2020