

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemorative Candle Float Salisbury CND 2021

In 1945, the United States dropped nuclear bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with tragic and devastating consequences.

Salisbury CND has been organising a commemorative candle float each year since the early 1980s.

<https://www.facebook.com/salisburyjournal/videos/salisbury-cnd-hiroshima-candle-float-2018/1759211217460703/>

The group has felt strong links with Hiroshima and Nagasaki through this activity and in recent years we had the pleasure of welcoming students from Hiroshima and Nagasaki to our event.

https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/131-

In a chance encounter during the Salisbury International Arts Festival, which had a special section of talks related to nuclear matters, we made contact with Hideko Okamoto from a group in Hiroshima. This led to an exchange of emails and wonderfully, a letter from the Mayor of Hiroshima wishing us well with our event.

https://cndsalisbury.org.uk/uploads/data_assets/data/96/original_Candle_float_in_pictures_2019.pdf?1565186523

Last year, because Covid-19 prevented us from holding a public event, we made a film.

https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/530-salisbury-cnd-hiroshima-and-nagasaki-commemorative-candle-float

In preparation for this year's event, we explored the possibility of us incorporating some lanterns from Hiroshima with our own, as a symbol of our joint efforts towards the elimination of nuclear weapons.

We received a wonderful parcel from Hiroshima, for which we are most grateful.

https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/1627-hiroshima-day-candle-float-preparations

We have once again made a film, because of a reluctance to encourage large crowds to gather with Covid-19 still rife. The film places great emphasis on the lanterns from Japan joining our own in a peaceful setting. Again, this year the Mayor offers wise words about the roles of the NPT and the TPNW.

The lanterns from Hiroshima include a hand painted one, made from paper recycled from the cranes used in Hiroshima last year, with the words “Peace” and “Ties” written in Japanese.



Peace.



Ties

This year's film can be seen here:

https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/1677-hiroshima-and-nagasaki-commemorative-candle-float-2021

Green Legacy Hiroshima has been established to safeguard and spread worldwide the seeds and saplings of Hiroshima's A-Bomb survivor trees. Salisbury CND is honoured to have received one of these seeds.

https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/1618-tree-seeds-from-hiroshima

We greatly value these links and look forward to continuing to work together for a world free of nuclear weapons.



“Our” seed