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Salisbury Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

The Hiroshima and Nagasaki Annual Commemorative Candle Float is back after 2 years and it is more relevant than ever.

Salisbury Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has staged this very popular event on the River Avon in Fisherton Street for nearly 40 years.
It has had to be in a film version during the Covid 19 pandemic, but on August 8th it will return to the river for public witness.

The current war in Ukraine has brought nuclear weapons back to centre stage, and the threat that they may be used is terrifying all nations around the world because there is likely to be an uncontrollable escalation leading to annihilation. There are enough nuclear warheads now to destroy the world several times over.

Salisbury CND holds the annual Hiroshima and Nagasaki Candle Float to remember the hundreds of thousands of victims of the nuclear bombs dropped in 1945, and other victims of nuclear weapons testing. These bombs were tiny compared with current nuclear bombs, which are capable of unimaginable destruction.

This year, our Candle Float will be joined by lanterns sent from Hiroshima, painted by Japanese schoolchildren. The Mayor of Hiroshima, a member of Mayors for Peace, has also sent us a letter of greeting and peace urging us all to influence our UK government to sign the United Nations Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which came into force in 2021. The UK government has currently stated it will never sign the Treaty.

The UK government has broken the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty by Boris Johnson announcing in 2021 that our nuclear weapons arsenal would increase by 40% from the negotiated 180 limit to 240.

People around the world are uniting in their opposition to Nuclear Weapons and CND is leading the campaign in this country to alert the public to the unacceptable risks to humanity that these weapons represent.

Picture caption: Lanterns from Hiroshima join those from Salisbury in last year's candle float