

## **Campaigning 2022–2023**

The hands on the Doomsday Clock are now 90 seconds to midnight and the risk of nuclear war is greater than ever as the conflict in Ukraine continues, and the global nuclear arsenal has increased for the first time in decades. A nuclear arms race is underway, with tension worsened by the siting of US B61-12s in Europe – including Britain – and Russian deployment of nuclear weapons to Belarus. Further developments at RAF/USAF Lakenheath are underway and we are now getting national traction for our opposition to US nukes returning to Britain. Polls show a majority of the British public opposed to their return. Our key messaging this year has been as strong as ever: No nuclear war, No US nukes in Britain; we call for a new approach to security in Europe and beyond – common security, for all.

The British government continues to make a bad situation worse, opposing peace negotiations in Ukraine and sending depleted uranium munitions and cruise missiles; pouring vast sums into nuclear weapons and continuing its refusal to engage with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. An additional £9 billion spending on nuclear weapons has taken essential funds away from meeting public needs; our Wages not Weapons messaging has been vital, at a time when the TUC has narrowly backed increased military spending and abandoned its defence diversification policy. The development of the AUKUS pact continues, raising regional tensions, and in spite of intense opposition within Australia itself; our links with the movement there are ongoing.

Steady work continues with the Nuclear Ban Communities initiative and more local authorities are now backing the TPNW, as the states ratifying the treaty gradually increase. We were present at the NPT Preparatory Committee in Vienna, holding an expert online fringe meeting with the UK's Disarmament Ambassador; we are also working towards our participation at the second meeting of TPNW states at the end of this year. The NATO Summit also took place in July, with a hybrid counter-summit held in Brussels, in which we participated. And as the climate emergency intensifies, we have increased our Peace and Planet work, joining XR's major event in April, and supporting our groups to engage locally with the climate movement.

As always, huge thanks to all those who have worked with us and supported us during the year in the ongoing difficult circumstances – together we have achieved a great deal.

Opposing Trident and supporting TPNW

- Produced new materials including new and updated briefings

highlighting impact of nuclear war • National protest at Lakenheath in May and September Day of Action • Participated in NPT Preparatory Committee meeting in Vienna, plus online fringe

- Continued support for TPNW and Nuclear Ban communities

- Produced parliamentary reports and promoted Early Day Motions

- Participated in ICAN network and convened No Trident Replacement Core Group.

Against missile defence and weapons in space

- Participated in Global Network

against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space global week of action, organising expert webinar

- Opposed UK military space launch

No to NATO

- Active in coordination with European groups and new global women's network.

- Participated in June 2023 NATO counter-summit and 24-hour Peace Wave Nuclear power

- Supported April renewables conference in Conway Hall, London •

Continued to raise profile of nuclear civil-military links

- Supported opposition to Sizewell C • Condemned Fukushima water release plans; appealed for safety at Ukraine power stations

Other areas of work

- Anti-war/nuclear war campaigning including Ukraine war demo; supporting Palestine demo

- Organised at XR's The Big One with Peace and Planet theme

- Organised groups' workshop on working with climate movement

- YSCND recruitment programme for freshers' week

- DSEI arms fair webinar

- Labour Party conference stall and fringe event with Wages not

Weapons theme

- Wages not Weapons bloc at Conservative Party conference

demo

- UNISON stall; TUC Conference stall and organising to change policy on

military spending

- Glastonbury festival

- Continued peace education work • Parliamentary CND organisation •

Regular production of Campaign

magazine, social media and

mainstream media campaigning.

- Continuing online activities including rallies, regular webinars and workshops for groups.