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Protests in London



Protests outside US Embassy

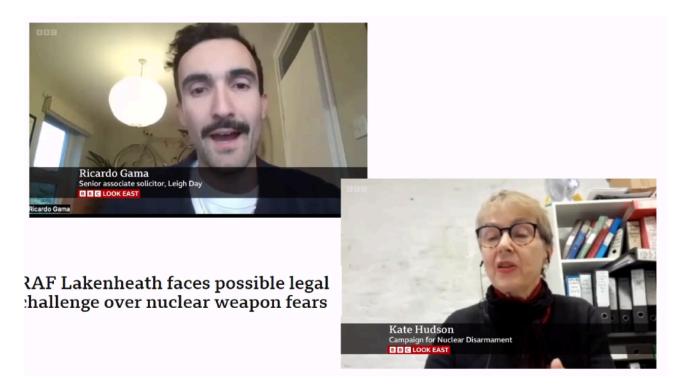




USAF Lakenheath

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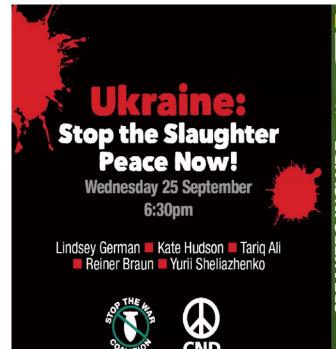




Possible legal action over RAF Lakenheath



Women's protest at Lakenheath





Jeremy Corbyn MP Yurii Sheliazhenko Boris Kagarlitsky Medea Benjamin Vijay Prashad Lindsey German Tom Unterrainer

Hundreds of thousands have been killed in this disastrous war.

Two years on, how can this terrible war be brought to an end?





Glastonbury

CND demands that the next government:

 Scraps Britain's nuclear weapons

 Backs an immediate, lasting ceasefire in Gaza and Ukraine

 Spends on public services not nuclear weapons and war







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THE TORIES ARE OUT: WHAT NEXT?



Keir Starmer to declare Labour as 'party of national security'

Leader says he is committed to triple lock for UK's nuclear deterrent and will raise defence spending to 2.5% of GDP





Explainer

Reality check: is Keir Starmer's triple lock on nuclear weapons anything new?

We look at the facts and figures behind Labour's defence pledge and its affordability

Is it affordable?

All prime ministers since the second world war have chosen to remain nuclear-armed, arguing that the vast costs of the as-yet-unused weapons are the price of security and geopolitical power.

The CND's general secretary, Kate Hudson, said the nuclear budget should be used for "rebuilding our decaying public services and improving people's lives", but Starmer - the first Labour leader in 30 years to visit the nuclear submarine factory in Barrow-in Furness, Cumbria - has made it clear that is not up for debate in his Labour party.

Yet whichever party wins the most seats next month, the long-term affordability of the nuclear weapons programme may depend on whether there are more cost overruns lurking in the depths of the MoD's plans.

CND, spycops and the secret state.



Kate Hudson gives evidence at enquiry



NPT at Geneva

Eurobomb? No thanks! Preventing nuclear proliferation in Europe

Disturbing noises have emerged in some European quarters – notably in France and Germany – urging the development of a European nuclear 'deterrent', in the context of a possible Trump presidency, and uncertainty about future US support for NATO.

The anti-nuclear movement argues against such suggestions: proliferation is not the answer to European security concerns. Join our expert panel to discuss this disturbing development.

Speakers include **Melissa Parke**, Executive Director, ICAN; **Reiner Braun**, IPB; **Jackie Cabasso**, Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation, US; **Naomi Zoka**, Pax Christi Flanders; **Alain Rouy**, Le Mouvement de la Paix, France; and **Kate Hudson**, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, UK.

10.00 – 12 noon Tuesday 23rd July 2024 in the NGO room XXIII, Palais des Nations

Organised by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament More info: kate.hudson@cnduk.org • @CNDuk • www.cnduk.org



NATO's War Summit: HOW DO WE STOP THE SPREAD OF WAR?

Speakers include:

David Swanson World Beyond War (US) Andrew Feinstein Shadow World Investigations Lindsey German Stop the War Coalition Kate Hudson Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament Sevim Dağdelen German MP Vijay Prashad Tricontinental

Tuesday 16 July 2024, 6:30PM







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US-UK MUTUAL DEFENCE AGREEMENT

CND strongly opposes the little-known nuclear agreement between the United Kingdom and United States of America that is due to be renewed in 2024.

Mutual Defence Agreement

EDM 123: tabled on 02 September 2024

Tabled in the 2024-25 session.

This motion has been signed by 7 Members. It has not yet had any amendments submitted.

Motion text

That this House notes the expiry this year of the 10-year extension of the Agreement between the UK and the USA for Cooperation in the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defence Purposes; further notes that the published proposed amendments presented to the House in July 2024 extend the Agreement permanently, removing the current regular review and opportunity for amendment and expiry; believes that the relationship and activities enshrined by the Agreement confirm an indefinite commitment by the US and UK to collaborate on nuclear weapons; further believes that this violates both countries' obligations under Article I and Article VI of the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty, which states that each nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty shall not transfer nuclear weapons or explosive devices and shall pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to nuclear disarmament; is concerned that the Government does not see a potential conflict of interest between the Agreement and the Treaty; and urges that a substantial debate be held on such a significant Agreement.



Wales says No to Space Wars

Dylan Lewis-Rowlands from CND Cymru explains why opposition is growing to a proposed military site in Wales.







FIRE AT ZAPORIZHZHIA ELEVATES MELTDOWN RISK

CND scientific advisor, radiation expert Dr Ian Fairlie writes about the elevated risks posed by the recent fire at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant.

The recent fire at the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine is causing much concern throughout Europe.

Ukraine's nuclear energy company, Energoatom, which operated the site until Russian forces seized control in the early days of the war, confirmed that flames broke out at the service water supply facility, later engulfing one of the cooling towers. Both Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelensky have traded blame for the fire. The six nuclear reactors at Zaporizhzhia are in cold shutdown and no nuclear activity was recorded on Sunday August 11, but the overall risk of nuclear meltdown remains elevated.

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Weatherwatch: UK push for civil atomic power highlights link with nuclear weapons

Government previously denied evidence countries with nuclear weapons favour atomic power over renewables

SUNAK TO WASTE MORE MONEY ON BRITAIN'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS

CND General Secretary Kate Hudson said:

"Just weeks after the dust has settled on a budget that did nothing to address the real problems that we face, the government has made yet more public money available for Britain's nuclear weapons industry and is unusually linking nuclear power and nuclear weapons in the same breath. It's good that the prime minister is owning up to the linkage, but the suggestion that they are needed for both national and energy security is a complete fallacy.

"As the long-delayed Hinkley Point C shows, nuclear power is neither a timely nor cost effective way of generating electricity. It is extremely cynical of the government to use a genuine issue like energy security to greenwash nuclear power and nuclear weapons. The additional funding pumped into these will inevitably find its way into the pockets of investors through government contracts financed by the public."



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New era for defence: government launches root and branch review of UK Armed Forces



A review has been commissioned by the Prime Minister and will be overseen by the Defence Secretary, and headed by Lord Robertson.



armed forces



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WHAT WE WANT FROM LABOUR'S DEFENCE REVIEW



Fringe meeting at Labour Conference





Parliamentary CND





Youth group in Parliament

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WE'RE BRITAIN'S LEADING ORGANISATION FOR PEACE AND ANTI-NUCLEAR ACTION

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament aims to rid the world of nuclear weapons – the most powerful and toxic weapons ever created, threatening all forms of life.



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Re-branding of CND



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The world has never been at greater risk of nuclear war. The war in Ukraine moves closer to direct conflict between Russia and NATO, and nuclear-armed Israel's war on Gaza is on the edge of wider expansion. Global nuclear arsenals are on the increase and a nuclear arms race is underway. Britain's role in these developments continues apace with the new Labour government committing to a 'triple lock' on Trident, increased military spending, and almost obsessive support for NATO as well as attempting to make the US/UK Mutual Defence Agreement a permanent Treaty, no longer subject to review, amendment or withdrawal. The US continues with its siting of US B61-12s in Europe – including Lakenheath in Britain - in spite of the negative consequences already incurred, namely Russian deployment of nuclear weapons to Belarus. Our campaigning work at RAF/USAF Lakenheath continues, including working with Lakenheath Alliance for Peace on a programme of vigils and peace camps. Our key messaging this year has been as strong as ever. No nuclear war, No US nukes in Britain.

The British government is making a bad situation worse, opposing peace negotiations in Ukraine, sending tanks and missiles, and urging the use of NATO missiles into Russia; refusing to stop all arms shipments to Israel; pouring vast sums into nuclear weapons and continuing its refusal to engage with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. A drive towards spending 2.5% of GDP on the military is underway, likely backed by the government's new Strategic Defence Review, currently being drafted. We will be making our own submissions and interventions in this process; we have stepped up our trade union work, aiming to shift TUC policy on increased military spending and to restore its defence diversification policy. Our crucial work on Peace and Planet

continues at a time of rapidly accelerating climate change.

We were present at the NPT Preparatory Committee in Geneva in July, holding an expert side event opposing a 'Eurobomb'. We also participated at the NATO Summit counterevents held in Washington in July.

Bringing CND's message into the public eye remains crucial as the world faces huge nuclear challenges – we hope that our new rebranding will support that goal: look out for the launch this month. As always, huge thanks to all those who have worked with us and supported us during the year – together we have achieved a great deal.

Opposing Trident & supporting TPNW

- Produced new materials and updated briefings highlighting impact of nuclear war
- Lakenheath day of action including protest at US Embassy, supported LAP peace camp, mounted legal challenge on construction at base, and other actions
- Organised in-person side event at NPT Preparatory Committee in Geneva as well as online fringe
- Parliamentary lobbying against permanent extension of Mutual Defence Agreement
- 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 week of action
- Supported Parc aganist Darc

No to NATO

Active in coordination with

European groups and global women's network.

- Kate Hudson a recipient of World BEYOND War's 2024 Lifetime Organizational War Abolisher Award, on behalf of No to War – No to NATO
- Participated in and helped organise ongoing webinars, July 2024 NATO counter-summit in Washington and 24-hour Peace Wave

Nuclear power

- Continued to raise profile of nuclear civil-military links
- Supported opposition to Sizewell C and opposed COP28 orientation to nuclear power
- Appealed for safety at Ukraine nuclear power stations

Other areas of work

- Anti-war/nuclear war campaigning including Ukraine webinars, Downing Street letter hand-in; supporting Palestine demos
- Organised groups' workshops
- YSCND activities programme for freshers' week
- Labour Party conference stall and fringe event with Defence Review theme
- UNISON stall; Trade Union Advisory Group webinar; TUC Conference stall and new leaflet, advocating a changed policy on military spending
- Glastonbury festival
- Continued peace education work
- Parliamentary CND organisation
- General election campaigning
- Rebranding of CND website and materials, for a new more contemporary look
- Regular production of Campaign magazine, social media and mainstream media campaigning.
- Continuing online activities including rallies, regular webinars and workshops for groups
- Participation in Undercover Policing Inquiry