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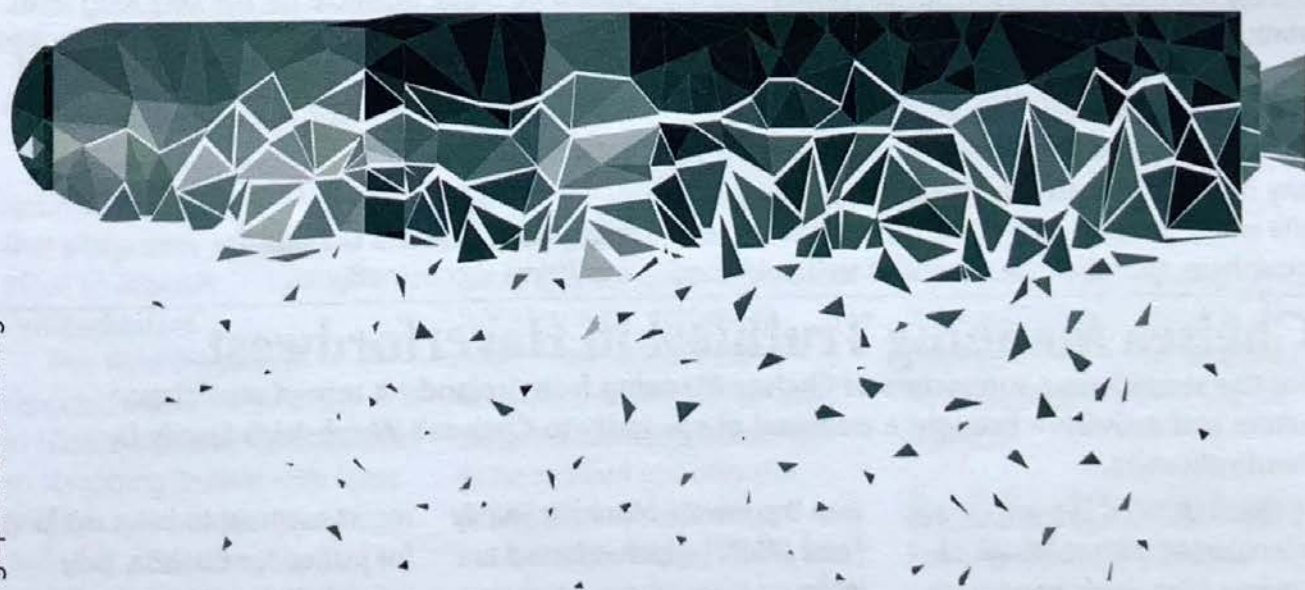
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# 2015 The Story So Far

*The Journey Continues – with the networking, events, consultations and meetings covering issues across the whole spectrum of nuclear technology and war preparations. CND Cymru continues to campaign in support of and alongside other wonderful anti-nuclear, environmental and peace and human rights organisations in Wales.*

## Radioactive Waste Consultation

**The Welsh Government was founded with environmental sustainability: 'development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' among its core statutory principles.**

With this in mind, CND Cymru responded to a further Review of Welsh Government Policy on the Management and Disposal of Higher Activity Radioactive Waste (HAW) in January. The CND Cymru submission included the statement:

'The most sensible way to reduce further burdens on present and future generations would be to stop creating more nuclear waste immediately by closing all existing nuclear facilities as soon as possible. In Wales, this means the closure of Wylfa nuclear power station and scrapping of any plans to build new reactors. All transportation of nuclear materials, except in cases which may require movement for relative immediate safety, should cease and any radioactive materials should remain on the site where they are produced, isolated from the biosphere, stored above ground in well publicised



and well-guarded easily re-packageable containers labelled clearly for present and future generations thousands of years hence to understand. Generous and adequate funding and resources to deal with the wastes in the future should be made available for the very long term.'

A 'poll' on the 'Wales on Line' website resulted in a 100% 'yes' vote to the question: 'Should Wales rule out ever taking nuclear waste from outside the country'.

**heddwch>action:**

<http://tinyurl.com/nn8bhaq>

## Chelsea Manning Truthfest in Haverfordwest

**For the second year, supporters of Chelsea Manning from Ireland – a mix of musicians, actors and activists – brought a weekend of solidarity to Chelsea's Welsh-Irish family in Pembrokeshire.**

Two nights of live Irish music interspersed with readings of Chelsea Manning's own words in Fishguard and Haverfordwest and on-the-street solidarity with Chelsea Manning ensued.

The event was organised by Afri (Action from Ireland) along

with the Private Manning Family Fund (PMFF) which is based in Wales.

Performers included Welsh and Irish musicians and both evenings were attended by members of Chelsea's family.

A great weekend of

recommitment to keep working for justice for Chelsea, time spent with her Welsh family – and a celebration of life!

**heddwch>action:**

[www.manningfamilyfund.org](http://www.manningfamilyfund.org) & <http://wiseupaction.info>



## NEWS

# NHS not Trident Protest at Gwent Royal Hospital

As many campaigners from across Wales travelled to the 'Wrap up Trident' demonstration in London, the newly formed Newport CND and friends held vigil and sung outside the Newport hospital.

Secretary of CND Newport John Minnion said they were calling on the Government to 'meet the real needs of people, by cutting Trident - not jobs, health or education and to show their support for the NHS'

NHS Wales is dealing with a recently announced £2.5bn funding gap. Newport CND Chair and CND Cymru Vice Chair John Cox said: 'It is of particular concern to those taking part in these events that the Westminster Government has just announced £261 million of extra funding for new nuclear weapons. That is less than 0.3 per cent of the total cost of replacing Trident.'

'Scrapping the project would save over £100 billion pounds in the longer term; money which



could be spent on health, education and a fairer society.'

'It was absolutely fantastic to hear car horns tooting in support as they passed. Many passers by stopped and thanked us for what we were doing.'

CND Cymru's Ray Davies commented: 'As we were standing outside the Royal Gwent Hospital, all around Britain the same clear message was being proclaimed: NHS not Trident. Can we stop it? Yes we can!'

## heddwch>action:

Newport (Gwent) CND

John Minnion 01633 211368 07899 997457

johnminnion@ntlworld.com

## Trident – Not in Scotland, Wales or Anywhere!

One morning in late January, the 'relocation of Trident to Wales' story was revived.

The news was really just a rerun of the 2012 'revelation' that plans were secretly afoot to relocate Trident to Pembrokeshire.

This time the reason reported was the rise of the SNP in Scotland and its commitment to scrapping Trident with fears that nuclear weapons could well play a decisive role in coalition negotiations following the General Election. The MoD has itself previously ruled out Milford Haven as a viable base for Trident on logistical and economic grounds, as

explained in the Scottish CND Trident: Nowhere to Go report. In 2012 First Minister Carwyn Jones quickly distanced himself from his initial comments which 'welcomed' Trident to Wales. He later called the statement 'entirely academic' as he realised not only the strength of opposition to nuclear weapons in Wales, but also that his economic case for 'welcoming' Trident was not tenable. Potential job losses entailed in closing down oil and gas facilities on Milford Haven to make way for Trident would

far outstrip any jobs brought to Wales.

The people of Wales are overwhelmingly opposed to squandering £100bn of taxpayers' money on an archaic weapons system. We must be vigilant!

## heddwch>action:

Plans for another action in Cardiff Bay (October) are underway - watch this space (& our facebook page).

For more information:

Trident: Nowhere to Go (2012)

<http://tinyurl.com/7f94eyq>





## AWE Burghfield Lockdown

**Enthusiastic activists from Wales joined others and 'locked on' at one of the gates of the nuclear weapons factory at Burghfield, from 6am until late afternoon on March 2nd.**

No traffic passed through – apart from an occasional bicycle – as they settled down, aided by a steady supply of cups of tea, Welsh cakes and sandwiches. The hours passed with many songs shared, and moving personal testimonies from those at the gate.

Others present included Japanese Buddhists, American peacemakers, peace activists young and old, veterans of Faslane in Scotland.

Traffic at Construction Gate was brought to a halt by young people from Sweden, France and North America. When North Gate, protesters 'locked on', the whole of the bomb factory was essentially closed for business.

Hundreds of police had been drafted in from many parts of Britain; at least two of those standing at North Gate were Welsh, and appeared to appreciate the rendition of

Welsh peace songs. The day ended with a moving and joyous circle. The recent passing of Fr. Bill 'Bix' Bichsel, a fearless American peace activist, was marked by calling his name and shouting 'Present!'

The message came across loud and clear: 'We shall not be moved!'

### heddwch>action:

full report by Ray Davies <http://tinyurl.com/ppmdzjs> and <http://tinyurl.com/ojk8pwm>

*Please keep in touch – join  
[www.facebook.com/cndcymru](http://www.facebook.com/cndcymru)  
We'd love to have even more likers!*



## Fukushima - 4 Years On

*Best ever turn out to an early morning vigil on Menai Bridge.*

## Hinkley Point

**Work has already begun on the new reactor site in Somerset along with plans to build a radioactive waste storage facility.**

An accident at Hinkley comparable to that at Fukushima in 2011 would mean an evacuation of the population of much of Somerset, Bristol and south Wales including all of Newport and Cardiff and Monmouthshire. Neither the Government nor the companies involved have insurance to cope with the £billions this would cost. British investors would not risk their money on new build at Hinkley Point. Instead the British Government has enticed French and Chinese government-backed investors with a 35 year guaranteed price at double the current electricity price. The Austrian government is currently challenging this as an illegal subsidy.





## Wrap up Trident Protest

Protestors from all over Wales joined hundreds more from across Britain to march from the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, London with the symbolic and huge Peace Scarf, to a rally opposite the Houses of Parliament.

**heddwch>action:**

<http://tinyurl.com/n4gnqkm>

## A Kick into the Long Grass

**An Assembly debate on a motion proposed by Elin Jones AM (Plaid Cymru) on March 25th attempted to set out a statement for Wales about British nuclear weapons:**

'To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. 'Opposes any relocation of the UK's nuclear weapons system to Wales.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to make such representations to the UK Government.
3. Opposes the renewal or replacement of the current Trident system by the UK Government.
4. Supports international efforts for world-wide

nuclear disarmament.'

While it could be argued that 'defence' is not within the remit of the National Assembly, it was probably party politics which led the majority to vote for Jane Hutt AM's amendment: 'Delete all and replace with: Notes that the Welsh Government has no powers to determine the siting of nuclear weapons and recognises that this is a matter for the UK Government.'

The struggle continues!

**heddwch>action:**

Assembly Decision Details:

<http://tinyurl.com/nthvpyo>

Plaid Cymru statement:

<http://tinyurl.com/nhjcwwf>

## Trecŵn

Many will recall protesting at this decommissioned Royal Navy Armaments Depot (RNAD), south of Fishguard, Pembrokeshire.

The RNAD had been built in 1938 as an underground storage site for mines and munitions. Six years after being decommissioned in 1992, the fifty eight cavern storage bunkers and above ground network of storage sheds and other military buildings were purchased by a company called Omega Pacific. This company planned to use the underground caverns for the storage of low-level radioactive waste. CND Cymru was part of powerful protests and opposition that halted those plans. Now a planning application is being considered for a biomass power plant which would generate electricity from burning forestry and saw-mill residues and recycled wood.

Meanwhile the problem of radioactive waste from nuclear facilities across Britain – as across the world, continues. The Government is currently attempting to change planning rules to by pass the democratic process for such sites. Radiation Free Lakeland  
[www.mariannewildart.wordpress.com](http://www.mariannewildart.wordpress.com)

## Shaping the Future

**CND Cymru is proud to be part of the Sustainable Development (SD) Alliance which has succeeded in getting a Well-being of Future Generations Bill into the National Assembly for debate.**

The CND Cymru contribution included concerns that Wales' part in war preparations is unsustainable as is Wales' part in nuclear energy production. PAWB (People Against Wylfa B) are also part of the SD Alliance which includes over 30 Welsh organisations.

**heddwch>action:**

CND Cymru submission available – get in touch. <http://tinyurl.com/mg8tyyb>





## Singing in the Lobby

**Action AWE campaigners from Aberystwyth, Knighton and beyond serenaded MPs in the Lobby of the House of Commons on March 11th, warning against Trident Replacement.**

The Oratorio by Camilla Cancantata 'Trident is a War Crime' received applause from passing tourists, as apprehensive MPs scuttled to the chamber to attend Prime Minister Questions. The singers said that they had turned to singing because so many MPs are failing to listen to overwhelming public opposition to renewing the weapons system.

'MPs have lost their humanity and moral integrity. We are hoping that by hearing this powerful and moving oratorio, they will be

moved in their hearts. We are singing about life and death' said Angie Zelter. The singing protest is the latest sign of increasingly vocal opposition and action against Trident renewal ahead of the General Election.

David Cameron told the Commons following a backbencher's question that Trident renewal is 'non-negotiable' and is 'an absolutely vital part of this nation's security.' Plans are afoot for similar more officially endorsed event in the Senedd in Cardiff Bay later in the year.

### heddwch>action:

<http://tinyurl.com/lzqk8ts> Join in the singing:  
Angie Zelter 0845 4588 362 [reforest@gn.apc.org](mailto:reforest@gn.apc.org)

## Celebrating a Remarkable Woman's Life

**Join us for a celebration of the life of Lib Rowlands-Hughes, indomitable peace campaigner (1918-2014).**

At 2pm, Saturday 25 April at City Church, Brook Street, Llangollen LL20 8LS, it will include Reminiscence, Readings, Poetry, Live Music, Art, Information and Inspiration. All welcome!

If you wish to bring a reading, poem, song, stall or any other special contribution, please let us know beforehand. There will be time during the event to share memories of Lib.



As Genny Bove, friend of Lib and member of Wrexham Peace & Justice Forum, said:

'Lib was an inspiring woman and a lifelong campaigner for peace. 25th April is Anzac Day and the centenary of the Gallipoli landings. We think Lib would have appreciated an event for Peace on this anniversary and we invite everyone to join us whether or not you knew Lib personally.'

We just wish she could be with us.

### heddwch>action:

To contribute or more details contact [wrexhamsaw@yahoo.com](mailto:wrexhamsaw@yahoo.com)  
01978 757 489 07938 619825  
For more about Lib: [www.cndcymru.org](http://www.cndcymru.org)



## NEWS

### Fukushima – Cardiff - Wylfa

**In a whistle-stop tour in February, former Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Naoto Kan visited Wales to deliver stark warnings over Britain's continued commitment to nuclear energy.**

Mr. Kan was Prime Minister during the March 2011 Fukushima disaster. Following the earthquake and resulting tsunami, the resultant reactor explosions with the meltdown of at least one reactor led to radionuclides flooding into the Pacific Ocean. 150,000 residents across a 20km radius were evacuated.

Mr. Kan addressed Welsh National Assembly Members in Cardiff; spoke at the gates of the bitterly disputed Wylfa nuclear power facility and visited farmers, Richard and Gwenda Jones who have steadfastly refused all attempts of Hitachi to buy their land for the development of new reactors at Wylfa. Mr. Kan addressed a packed public meeting later that afternoon.

The travelling party also included Dr. Tetsunari Iida, Director of the Institute for Renewable Energy Policy, who had turned his back on his profession within the nuclear industry a decade ago and has since created over 30 sustainable energy projects in his home country. His story, of economic success in renewables, is in stark contrast to the options provided to Wales by Hitachi and partner company, Horizon.

Fukushima evacuee Mr. Yoshika Aoki recalled the bitter experience of one of history's worst



nuclear disasters. Mr Kan's message was clear: Fukushima was an avoidable disaster, had nuclear power been avoided in the first place.

The visit was organised jointly by PAWB (People Against Wylfa B), CND Cymru, Greenpeace, Cymdeithas yr Iaith (Welsh language Society), the 4 movements who sent representatives on a Green Cross visit to Japan last October, along with Friends of the Earth Cymru and NFLA.

The two days were inspiring and moving and have boosted the campaign enormously.

#### **heddwch>action:**

Wherever you are – new (and old) nuclear power stations are on all our front doorsteps.

Get involved! Dylan Morgan,  
PAWB 01248 750218 (day) 01248 722184 (home)  
[www.stop-wylfa.org](http://www.stop-wylfa.org)  
[facebook.com/stopwylfa](https://facebook.com/stopwylfa)

### Ban the Military from Schools in Wales

**At a UNA hosted meeting in Cardiff, David Petersen and Forces Watch shared the growing concerns about the militarisation of everyday society.**

Mr. Petersen spoke of the attempts by the Armed Forces to indoctrinate young people in Wales into holding uncritical, pro-military views and to recruit them into the military. The 1996 Education Act demands that 'where political issues are brought to the attention of pupils... they are offered a balanced presentation of opposing views'. This is clearly being sidestepped in Wales.

#### **heddwch>action:**

5 min. video The British Armed Forces: Propaganda in the classroom:  
<http://tinyurl.com/k6jc5qu>  
Forces Watch <http://tinyurl.com/mzc5djt>





## VOTE TRIDENT OUT

# Election Action

## Trident and Trident Replacement

*During this election season the party political 'goodies and baddies' of language and personality come at us from all sides. Party policy or not, there can be no justification for any nuclear weapons, war and nuclear power. These issues should never be used to score party political points.*

However, with a House of Commons vote on whether or not to replace the Trident nuclear weapons system planned for the next Parliament, the eventual composition of that Parliament is crucial. CND Cymru aims to make those elected aware of the high levels of opposition to Trident replacement and to oppose it in Parliament.

### Interesting Times

This is an important election. Those elected will decide in 2016 whether to spend £100 billion on new nuclear weapons - which would last for another 50 years. If they decide to do this, it will mean more cuts to public spending.

The Scottish National Party, the Green Party and Plaid Cymru have agreed that in the next parliament they will not support any Trident replacement. Depending upon the make up of the new Government, this could make it possible to stop these plans in their tracks.

### Party or Personal Policy

Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Party Policy is to replace Trident, yet a British CND survey of 500 parliamentary candidates showed that 81% would vote against Trident replacement if elected. Some Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates are opposed to Trident and Trident replacement.

All political parties currently represented at Westminster - apart from the Conservative Party - have expressed openness to engaging with the question of whether Britain really needs to spend £100bn on replacing Trident. Even senior military figures have described nuclear

weapons as completely useless. Any plans for any Trident replacement would ensure that even if the numbers of weapons were reduced, the weapons themselves and technology to target them would be more deadly and more accurate. There is however strong support within the rank and file of both Labour and Liberal Democrat parties to abandon nuclear weapons. Labour CND has a list of proposed parliamentary candidates ([www.labourcnd.org.uk](http://www.labourcnd.org.uk) also see [www.act.cnduk.org/lobby/feedback](http://www.act.cnduk.org/lobby/feedback)) who are opposed to Trident. Candidates from all parties need to know that they won't win your vote unless they make their opposition to Trident renewal clear.

The following information intends at least in part to

provide a Welsh resource for those moments when the candidate turns up on the doorstep or on the street, at hustings or when friends chat and questions are asked.

### Political Parties

**Labour:** 'would consider the case for a reduced nuclear weapons system'.

**Liberal Democrat:** would reduce the nuclear fleet and in the long-term reduce Britain's total stockpile of nuclear weapons.

**Conservative:** 'supports like-for-like replacement'

**SNP, Plaid Cymru, Socialist Labour Party and Green Party:** 'scrap all nuclear weapons'.

**Communist Party:** opposed to nuclear weapons.





## VOTE TRIDENT OUT

### Britain's Nuclear Weapons System - Trident

- Designed to last until between 2025 - 2030.
- 4 nuclear submarines.
- Each with up to 8 missiles on board.
- Each missile with up to 5 nuclear bombs (warheads).
- One Trident submarine patrols the seas at all times.
- Trident nuclear weapons could kill over 300 million people.

### Trident Replacement

- A similar submarine-based system is proposed.
- Liberal Democrat opposition to a like-for-like replacement resulted in a 2010 Coalition Agreement with the Conservatives to defer any replacement decision until 2016.
- A Lib Dem - led Cabinet Office review (July 2013) looked into possible alternatives and called for an end to the 24hour deployment of a nuclear-armed submarine and the consequent reduction in the number of submarines from 4

to 3. The Review failed to consider any non-replacement of Trident – the most logical alternative.

- A re-elected Conservative government would expect to initiate the full renewal and replacement of the Trident system, and the maintenance of a 'Continuous-at-Sea Deterrence' posture based on ballistic missile submarines.

### Cost of Replacing Trident

- At least £100 billion – made up of:
- New submarines - over £25bn.
- Running costs - around £60bn over the new system's lifetime
- Eventual decommissioning (estimate) - about £13bn.
- Warhead replacement.
- Additional costs - extending the life of missiles and security costs.

All of which would be better spent on employing more nurses and teachers, developing clean energy, scrapping tuition fees or building affordable homes. ►

### Those Devolved and Non-Devolved Powers at a Glance:

#### *National Assembly of Wales*

Agriculture, forestry & fishing

Education

Environment

Health & social welfare

Local Government

Housing

Fire & Rescue services

Highways & transport

Economic development

#### *Westminster Government*

Defence & national security

Macro - economic policy

Foreign policy

Energy installations over 3MW

Immigration & nationality

## Speakers for Meetings

In February, CND Cymru contacted all the Student Unions in Wales, and all the University Chaplaincies, to suggest that they might want to organise pre-election meetings on nuclear weapons, and offering a list of potential anti-nuclear speakers for such meetings.

If you, or your group, would like a speaker explaining why we don't want more (or any) nuclear weapons, then please contact

**Sue Davies**

**[smbdavies@btinternet.com](mailto:smbdavies@btinternet.com)**

**07851 437 175**



## VOTE TRIDENT OUT

### ◀ A Suggested Alternative

As long as nuclear weapons exist there is the not insignificant threat of utter worldwide annihilation. Serious dangers accompany all nuclear technology, from the manufacture, transport, deployment to the eventual decommissioning.

The only answer is abolition and developing alternatives to war including compulsory negotiation, mediation, arbitration and compulsory adjudication by the World Court.

### heddwch>election>action:

- CND Cymru has bilingual street leaflets about Trident and Trident Replacement. To order please contact CND Cymru as soon as possible.

- 'Cut Trident' Stickers are available – wear them; use on all your mail and elsewhere! Contact CND Cymru for more.

Attend local hustings, take the street leaflets and ask the questions about Trident and nuclear power.

- To find out where your individual candidates stand on these issues see <http://tinyurl.com/pgetxbn> or use : <http://tinyurl.com/nqapd7e> and even ask the ones you won't vote for – let them know these are pertinent issues.

- Write to your local papers and keep the issues in the public eye.

- Donate to CND Cymru – all resources help our
- For Advice on Organising Hustings in your area:

<http://tinyurl.com/q2xu5f8>

<http://tinyurl.com/na2hs9t>

<http://tinyurl.com/qxh9hrm>

Join CND Cymru and /or encourage others to do so - please help us keep the pressure on to ban the bomb - even after the General Election. Contact the CND Cymru membership secretary. Please keep in touch – join [www.facebook.com/cndcymru](http://www.facebook.com/cndcymru) - we'd love to have even more likers!



## Nuclear Power Party Policies



**Liberal Democrat Party:** supports new build nuclear power stations and believes that radioactive waste can be used to generate nuclear energy.

**Green Party:** will cancel construction of new nuclear stations and nuclear power will not be eligible for government subsidy; opposes all nuclear power generation and is particularly opposed to the construction of new nuclear power stations. The party calls for cancellation of new build to avoid the costs and dangers of nuclear energy and waste being passed on to future generations long after any benefits have been exhausted.

**Plaid Cymru:** the party policy is against building new nuclear power stations but local party representatives have 'the right to make up their own minds'. Plaid Cymru demands the full devolution of all powers over energy policy to the National Assembly.

**Labour Party:** for nuclear power generation as 'part of the low carbon energy generation'.

**Socialist Labour Party:** 'Commonsense would see dangerous, unnecessary nuclear power phased out.'

**Communist Party:** opposed to nuclear power.

**Conservative Party:** supports nuclear power and new build nuclear power stations.

**UKIP:** backs 'a mass programme of nuclear power stations' and would scrap subsidies for renewables.



# Easter Voices on the Streets



## On the Streets

Singers and leafleteers took the busy Easter streets to help people decide how to use their vote for a nuclear free world. Côr Cochion Caerdydd and supporters made our message clear in The Hayes, Cardiff. For more copies of the leaflet 'Vote Trident Out' contact CND Cymru.

## Down at the Bay

CND Cymru banners were prominently displayed at the Yes Cymru rally for Welsh self determination. Banners there expressed the strong feelings that only when people in Wales are given a real voice over what happens in Wales can they vote out nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

## Bairns not Bombs!

A powerful message from CND Cymru was read out to the thousands at the beginning of the huge Easter rally, addressed by speakers including SNP Leader Nicola Sturgeon and Scottish Green Patrick Harvie in St George's Square, Glasgow: 'Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Scotland! You are not alone! An overwhelming majority of people in Wales are opposed to nuclear weapons.

Wales is suffering as badly as anywhere under austerity – we can see what is going on. Many candidates in Wales are standing in the coming Westminster Election under the banner of 'No to Trident!'; 'No to Trident Replacement!'. If using a nuclear weapon is described as 'MAD' (Mutually Assured Destruction), then buying new nuclear weapons at a time of crushing austerity will come with a demand that language specialists devise a new word to describe an insanity that is beyond imagination.

We know that people in Scotland and Wales don't want Trident – and

if politicians in England want it, they can start dredging the River Thames! We in Wales call on everyone everywhere to Vote Trident Out, and to make sure that our representatives in London after May 7th are standing on the nuclear disarmament side of any 'red lines'.

Trident : Not in Scotland, Not in Wales, Not Anywhere!

Angie Zelter of Knighton, a protestor from Wales at the 'Scrap Trident Bairns Not Bombs' Big Blockade at Faslane Nuclear Weapons Base commented:

'Trident must never be replaced. Thousands

of us are needed to stop 'business as usual' and to support the Scottish Government in its demands to England to dismantle these weapons of terror and start the disarmament process that was promised us all so long ago. Do not give up hope, people power can win out if sustained for long enough by more of us'.





# DIARY DATES

**April 8th 7.00pm**

**NEWPORT** Salvation Hall

**Pre-Election Forum**

Newport General Election candidates for 5 parties have already committed to taking part. This promises to be a major public event. CND Newport Contact:

John Cox on 01495 773 495 for the latest details.

**April 11th 2-5pm**

**BANGOR** Friends' Meeting House, Dean St

**Arfon Election Hustings** with candidates Kathrine Jones (Socialist Labour); Alun Pugh (Lab); Mohammed Shultan (Lib Dem); Hywel Williams (Plaid Cymru); Simon Wall (UKIP). Unable to attend: Anwen Barry (Cons), Chair: Ben Gregory All Welcome Bangor and Ynys Môn Peace & Justice Group  
Contact: 01248 490 715  
mail@bangorpeace.co.uk

**April 13th from 7.00am**

**FASLANE** nuclear weapons base

**Bairns Not Bombs! Blockade**

Contact:

Scottish CND 0141 357 1529

www.facebook.com/

events/1705844879642293

Accommodation in Glasgow Sun April 12th and / buses to Faslane from Glasgow and Edinburgh  
http://scraptrident.org/

**April 13th**

**LONDON**

**Vote Out Trident Party & Protest**

In solidarity with the blockade of the Trident submarine base at Faslane in Scotland, join British CND for an evening of party and protest outside the MoD in Westminster! With musicians, spoken word artists, and 'some very special speakers'.  
www.cnduk.org

**April 13th time tbc**

**BANGOR** Lecture Room 2 Main Arts, Bangor University

**Debate: 'Economy versus Society: Do the interests of economy go against those of society?'**

Panel to include Tony Weekes & Selwyn Williams.

All Welcome.

Bangor and Ynys Môn Peace & Justice Group in conjunction with Agor-a.

01248 490 715

mail@bangorpeace.co.uk

**April 16th 7.00 - 8.30pm**

**HAY ON WYE** The Globe

**'Energy' debate with election**

**candidates.**www.globeathay.org

**April 23rd 6.30pm**

**CARDIFF**

SKLP Samaj (Hindu Community Centre), 9 Mardy Street, Grangetown CF11 6QT

**Cardiff People's Question Time**

Owen Jones (Journalist), Lindsey German (Stop the War Coalition) Gwenn Dafydd (Writer/Broadcaster/ Welsh language Campaigner), Mohamad Fez Miah (Lecturer, Youth Worker, Film-maker), Sue Leader (Ely Community Activist), Mark Serwotka (Gen.Sec PCS union)  
Cardiff People's Assembly  
cardiffpeoplesassembly@gmail.com  
www.facebook.com/groups/ cardiffpplsassembly

**April 23rd 7.00pm**

**ABERYSTWYTH** Morlan Centre, Queen's Road

**Ceredigion Election Hustings** with

candidates Henrietta Henschel (Cons), Daniel Thompson (Green), Huw Thomas (Labour), Mark Williams (Liberal Democrat), Mike Parker (Plaid Cymru), Gethin James (UKIP)  
Aberystwyth Peace & Justice Network, Contact

Tom O'Malley, 0777 221 0447 or  
tpjo3@btinternet.com

**April 25th 12 noon**

**BANGOR** meet at The Clock

**Wake Up Bangor! Rally**

See Wake Up Bangor on facebook

**April 26th**

**WORLDWIDE**

**Chernobyl Day**

Marking the 29th anniversary of the catastrophic explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine. Communities continue to live with its awful legacy of disease, birth defects and congenital disorders caused by their radioactive environment. The

people of Belarus, Western Russian and Ukraine are too poor to afford even basic medical treatments.

The new sarcophagus for Chernobyl's nuclear power station is under way. The unique construction to safely contain the radioactive emissions for the next 100 years will be ready by October 2015 at a cost of 1.54 billion euro. The highly contaminated exclusion zone covers 2,600 km2.  
http://tinyurl.com/q84rxd9

**April 26th**

**WORLDWIDE**

**Global Wave 2015**

Actions around the world on April 26-27 to wave goodbye to nuclear weapons

info@globalwave2015.org

www.globalwave2015.org

www.facebook.com/globalwave2015

A project of the Peace and Planet mobilisation for nuclear abolition  
www.peaceandplanet.org

**April 27th - May 22nd**

**NEW YORK**

**Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)**

Review Conference

www.un.org/en/conf/npt/2015/

**May 7th**

**British General Election**

**May 11th 7.00pm**

**BANGOR** Friends' Meeting House, Dean St

**Talk: The Current situation in Latin**

**America.** Ben Gregory of Cymru

Nicaragua. All Welcome. Bangor and

Ynys Môn Peace & Justice Group

Contact: 01248 490 715

mail@bangorpeace.co.uk

**May 15th - 17th**

**CARDIFF** Venue details on booking

**'Alternatives to Violence Project' (AVP)**

**Workshop Level 1**

AVP workshops help people to deal with conflict positively - without resorting to or becoming the victim of violence. Come and try a workshop for yourself! They're friendly and fun - and they can change your life! We may also be able to organise a workshop for your group or organisation - ask!  
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## DIARY DATES

May 15th

EVERYWHERE

**International Conscientious Objector's Day**

<http://tinyurl.com/plvh5ns>

May 24th

WORLDWIDE

**International Women's Day for Disarmament**

<http://tinyurl.com/kqt4bnb>

May 31st

HAY

The Globe

**Are we entranced by the fantasy of the apocalypse?**

Kate Hudson British CND General Secretary lecture at the 'How the Light Gets In' Festival.

1pm: **Women and Warfare - why anti-war movements and female protests are entangled forever.**

[www.howthelightgetsin.org](http://www.howthelightgetsin.org)

June 4th

EVERYWHERE

**Musical Day of action against the use of drones.** Take up your instrument, gather on your streets, visit your MP, or even your local arms factory, and show that we will not stand for this new form of terrifying remote controlled killing.  
[www.facebook.com/droneagainstdrones](http://www.facebook.com/droneagainstdrones)

June 4th

WORLDWIDE

**International Day for Children as victims of war**

[www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)

July 4th

MENWITH HILL YORKSHIRE

**Annual Independence from America Demonstration**

Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases c/o: 01274 730 795  
[info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk](mailto:info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk)

July 10th 7.30pm

NEWPORT (Gwent) Riverfront Theatre  
**The Big Chris Barber Band**

**Fund-raising Concert for CND Newport**  
Contact: John Minnion 01633 211 368

July 13th 7pm

BANGOR Friends' Meeting House,  
Dean Street

**John Perkins update on Umeed**

**Partnership** work with women and girls in Pakistan following Bangor and Ynys Môn Peace & Justice Group meeting. All Welcome. Contact: 01248 490 715  
[mail@bangorpeace.co.uk](mailto:mail@bangorpeace.co.uk)

August 1st -8th

MONTGOMERYSHIRE & THE MARCHES

**Pabell Heddwch at the National Eisteddfod of Wales.** Help needed in the CND Cymru tent. Free entry for helpers. Contact Brian & Jan Jones : 01792 830 330  
[brian.jones@phonecoop.coop](mailto:brian.jones@phonecoop.coop)

August 6th

WORLDWIDE

**Hiroshima Day 1945 - 2015**

August 6th - 9th

LONDON Ministry of Defence  
**Fast Against Nuclear Weapons**

Contact: [info@tridentploughshares.org](mailto:info@tridentploughshares.org)

August 9th

WORLDWIDE

**Nagasaki Day 1945 - 2015**

September 11th - 13th

BRIDGEND Venue details on booking.

**'Alternatives to Violence Project' (AVP) Workshop Level 2**

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September 21st

WORLDWIDE

**International Day of Peace**

<http://tinyurl.com/3w3r7zy>

September 26th

WORLDWIDE

**International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**

To raise awareness and educate about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and to mobilize international efforts towards achieving the common goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world. [www.abolition2000.org](http://www.abolition2000.org)

October 10th

MANCHESTER

**Peace History Conference**

Movement for the Abolition of War  
[www.abolishwar.org.uk](http://www.abolishwar.org.uk)

November 11th

COUNTRYWIDE

**Remembrance Day.** (Remembrance Sunday November 8th). White Poppies to remember all victims of war from:  
[www.ppu.org.uk/ppushop](http://www.ppu.org.uk/ppushop)

November 29th

WORLDWIDE

**International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

[www.un.org/depts/dhl/palestinian](http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/palestinian)

December 1st

EVERYWHERE

**Prisoners for Peace Day**

[www.wri-irg.org](http://www.wri-irg.org)

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GROUNDS  
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and  
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TAKING OF  
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## Remembering Mike Hayes

*'To the optimist, the glass is half full;  
to the pessimist, the glass is half empty;  
to the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.'*

**Chair of Swansea CND from 1989 to 2006, Mike Hayes died in December 2014.**

Mike was an engineer who had lived and worked on four continents before settling in Swansea. He was always friendly and encouraging; using his knowledge and experience to confound any opposition, but in a gentle and cheerful manner. Mike and his wife Fiona (who died 4 years ago) took a full part in street campaigning, fundraising and letter-writing until ill-health and age limited their activities.

As well as CND, Mike was active with Campaign Against the Arms Trade, anti-low flying campaigns, and the Labour Party. His family asked for donations in lieu of flowers to the organisations that Mike had supported throughout his long life, including CND Cymru. Mike will be missed by everyone who knew him.

**CND Cymru has already received donations totaling £85 in memory of Mike.**



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