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campaign for nuclear disarmament

BAN THE BOMB

Britain's current nuclear weapons system Trident, consists of 4 nuclear submarines each carrying 48 nuclear warheads. Each nuclear warhead is 8 times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. Now, a new generation of British nuclear weapons is being developed in our name and with our money. As a signatory of the nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Britain has committed itself to disarm itself of nuclear weapons completely, yet it is instead illegally planning to replace Trident with a new generation of nuclear weapons.

This is an ideal time to put an end to the dangerous and disgusting nonsense of the 'British nuclear bomb'.

Tony Blair says that no decision on a replacement for Trident has been made, yet over the past 5 years, the Government has spent £300 million refurbishing the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire where it is also hiring an extra 1,000 scientists and engineers. It has also purchased a 'supercomputer' capable of three trillion calculations per second and high powered lasers to 'test' weapons.

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the right to protest

Serious and Organised Grandmothers

Helen John and Sylvia Boyes are the first known arrests in England under Section 128 of the new Serious and Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (SOPCA) which makes trespass at a few handpicked military sites (mainly American military and nuclear sites in Britain) a criminal offence. They were arrested on 1st April 2006 within hours of the new Act being brought into force.

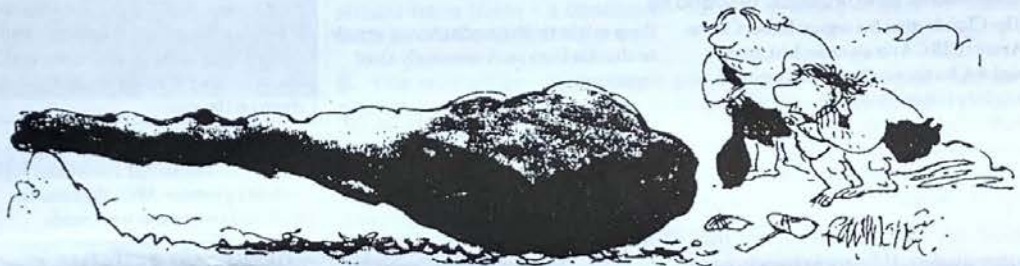
This 'offence' potentially carries a 51 week prison sentence. The women had walked 15 feet across the sentry line at the United States military base NSA Menwith Hill in North Yorkshire. They were equipped with a hammer and a small pair of bolt cutters as well as placards declaring their opposition to the new law. They had already prepared statements denouncing United States military policy and expressing their support for the people of Diego Garcia and the Chagos Islands, who were evicted from their homes to make way for US military bases.

Helen John was one of the women who walked from Cardiff to USAF Greenham Common in 1981 where the Greenham Common peace camp was set up.

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"It was going to be the ultimate weapon, but I can't lift it."

Faslane 365

RED DRAGON DAY AT FASLANE

What will you be doing on 13th & 14th November this year?

If it's not already featuring in your diary then maybe your radar needs adjusting.

These 2 days are already red letter days for peace activists in Wales since they'll be Red Dragon days at Faslane 365.

October 1st 2006 will see the start of an audacious campaign of civil resistance designed to bring to bear weapons of mass disruption on the Trident nuclear submarine base in Scotland. There will be a peaceful rolling blockade by different groups for 48 hour "shifts".

In Wales we are committed to mobilising as many people as possible to take part. Is your area on board yet? In the Blackwood area teachers are interested because they see the link between the £25-40 billion ear-marked for a new weapons system - and the desperate need for resources in education. We are taking the same arguments to local authority workers with regard to the shortfall in pensions. If you'd like to know more or want a speaker please contact me and we'll be pleased to come along.



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CND Cymru works for international peace and disarmament and a world in which the vast resources now devoted to militarism are redirected to the real needs of the human community and the environment.



Who are these fools?

Clowns who are no children's entertainers.

"Clowns always speak of the same thing, they speak of hunger; hunger for food, hunger for sex, but also hunger for dignity, hunger for identity, hunger for power. In fact, they introduce questions about who commands, who protests." — Dario Fo

The Clandestine Insurgent Rebel Clown Army (CIRCA) is an anarchist, non-violent, horizontally formed army of brightly (often pinkly) decorated and fluffy-clad khaki clowns, who have serious issues with the silliness of the world and some ideas about how to improve things.

Armed only with their brightly coloured feather dusters, they are known to have joined the G8 protests last summer, helping the police and army to keep those eight dangerous men safely imprisoned in Gleneagles where, they could maybe do less harm to the world. The clown army have been to McDonalds in search of the happiness in a Happy Meal, taken part in July 4th Celebrations of Independence from America Day at RAF Fairford and have been part of the campaign against the war in Iraq.

The CIRCA clowns try to humanise their opposition – often heavily armoured police – and a successful 'conquest' for

them might be the production of a smile or chuckle from such seemingly aloof 'opponents'.

In order to become a clown of CIRCA a person must go through rigorously amusing training in order to find their "inner clown". The training is said to be slightly secretive reasonably noisy and markedly lacking in custard pies.

Groups of clowns, or "Gaggles", have been set up across the country, and there is now a gaggle in Aberystwyth, known as Byddin Boncyrs Clonau Cymru (the Boncers Clown Army of Wales), or 'BBC Cymru' for short. This reasonably recently-hatched gaggle has already been spotted on certain dates in Aberystwyth, trying to 'help' army navy and RAF stands at the undergraduate recruitment fair at Aberystwyth University to run less smoothly and attempting to 'enlist' themselves. CIRCA may well be active during Social Forum Cymru.

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If you want to know more about BBC Cymru or CIRCA, there is a workshop planned on Sunday 30th April 10 - 11am in the Drill Hall (see www.socialforumcymru.org.uk, or ask at various information stations at the Forum in Aberystwyth for more details). Although the Clown Army is not just for Social Fora...it's never to late to join up or see www.clownarmy.org.

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Protestors Prevent Contractors Work at Nuclear Site



Nonviolent direct action group "Block the Builders" continues to protest against the controversial the Orion laser nuclear weapons testing facility at Aldermaston Nuclear Weapons factory in Berkshire.

In April the protestors targeted one of the contractors currently working on building projects at AWE Aldermaston. Tadley-based haulage, site clearance and aggregate company - John Stacey - were unable to take vehicles out of their main vehicle compound for more than 40 minutes after Block the Builders chained the gates closed.

Police from Hampshire and Thames Valley were called but made no arrests. The police did not use their own cutting equipment and eventually workers at Stacey's took their own boltcutters to the chain on the gate.

Meanwhile, a substantial group of protestors maintained a noisy and high visibility presence AWE Aldermaston itself and two arrests were made.

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More blockades are planned. For further information about Block the Builders see www.blockthebuilders.org.uk



Serious and Organised Grandmothers

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Criminalising free speech

Sylvia and Helen have both been arrested, charged and served sentences for over a dozen previous 'offences' at different nuclear and military sites and bases. On 1st April they deliberately set out to highlight the change in the law which criminalises free speech and further undermines the right to peaceful demonstration. Sylvia Boyes said: "I am quite willing to break the law and prepared to be charged and to go to prison. The Government thinks it can do whatever it wants and that it has a passive public, which accepts whatever it throws at it. I find this very worrying."

SOPCA is being seen by campaigners as yet another draconian attempt to crack down on legitimate protest under the guise of the war on terror. In October last year Maya Evans was convicted for merely reading out the names of British soldiers killed in Iraq. The Labour Party was embarrassed in September when Walter Wolfgang, a veteran peace activist and CND campaigner, was detained for heckling Jack Straw at the Labour Party Conference.

Sites of regular protest

NSA Menwith Hill, the United States spy base near Harrogate (Yorkshire) illegally monitors telecommunications traffic to and from Europe. Communications passing through Britain are intercepted by the Base, these include private telephone calls, faxes, emails and other communications.

All sites with a nuclear site licence are now covered by the SOPCA as well as other non-nuclear sites. Any sites in England, Wales or Northern Ireland can be quickly designated for any reason. The Ministry of Defence said the sites had been chosen because they had been the scenes of regular protests, which shamelessly gives away the point of the legislation.

More information about SOPCA can be found on: www.tridentploughshares.org/article1405

Don't Attack Iran! Bring the Troops home from Iraq!

CND Cymru supporters joined the 100,000 people who took part in the 18th March demonstration organised in London by Stop the War Coalition and CND. The theme of the Protest was 'Don't attack Iran! Bring the troops home from Iraq!' and was part of a world-wide protest as others took place in Rome, New York, Sydney, Dublin, and Toronto.

The London protesters marched past the offices of Attorney General Lord Goldsmith, to underline the illegality of the war and occupation of Iraq. Côr Cochion (The Cardiff Red Choir) joined with other socialist choirs to make a loud musical protest.



CND Urges Opposition To Attack On Iran

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is seriously concerned over recent reports in the press that a US-led attack on Iran is 'inevitable', if Teheran fails to comply with UN Security Council demands. No evidence has yet been produced to show that Iran's nuclear power programme is being diverted for a nuclear weapons programme. Iran is entitled under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to the development of nuclear power for peaceful purposes. Iran has also, since 2003, been in full compliance with the Additional Protocols and nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) safeguards agreements. At the same time other signatories to the NPT Treaty such as Britain have not complied with their obligations to the Treaty and have not only not worked towards a general and complete nuclear disarmament but are starting work on updating their nuclear weapons systems.

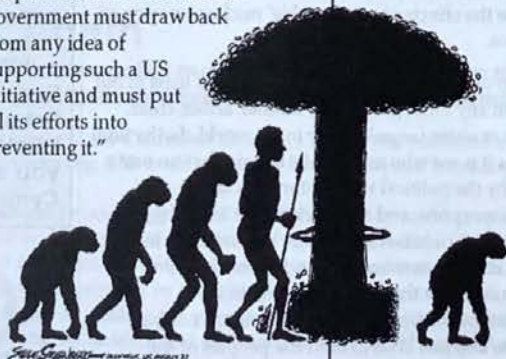
CND is calling on the British government to oppose any moves to attack Iran, and urging the government to persuade the US administration against any such course of action.

Further dialogue and discussion, which has the goal of peaceful resolution of the issue, must be pursued. Jeremy Corbyn MP, Vice-Chair of the British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament said:

"We are in a desperately dangerous situation; on top of the mounting death tolls of Iraq and Afghanistan it would be crazy to launch an attack against Iran. Israel has illegal nuclear weapons; Iran has not breached the NPT. We need to be independent of the obsessions of US foreign policy and refuse to be involved in any way with any attack on Iran."

CND Chair Kate Hudson said: "We are aware that government noises now are the same as those in the run

up to the war on Iraq in 2003. We must avoid a rerun of those tragic events. An attack on Iran would not be an end to the issue of Iran's nuclear programme, it would be the beginning of a further disaster in the region which would massively expand the existing crisis and spread the conflagration that is Iraq into ever wider areas. Our government must draw back from any idea of supporting such a US initiative and must put all its efforts into preventing it."



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10 reasons why nuclear weapons must be banned :

1. The use of nuclear weapons is immoral and would have devastating consequences. Such weapons kill indiscriminately, and permanently contaminate the air, water, earth and all living things. No political motive or "moral imperative" can justify the mass extermination of a people because of their nationality or race or justify the use of nuclear weapons against cities to 'win a war' and thereby save others' lives.
2. Nuclear weapons are immoral even if they are not used. They can be subtly used by nuclear states to gain an upper hand in negotiations on trade and international affairs.
3. Nuclear Weapons are illegal. The use - or threat of use - of nuclear weapons is contrary to the rules of international law applicable in armed conflict. Replacement of the Trident system would signal to the non-nuclear weapons states that the commitments of the nuclear weapons states to the NPT are a political subterfuge.
4. Arguments for the possession of nuclear weapons could apply to any state and lead logically to the conclusion that every state should have them - a conclusion currently being drawn by states such as Iran and North Korea.
5. The production, deployment and decommissioning of nuclear weapons and sites is dangerous and polluting, and is not environmentally sustainable.
6. Replacement of Trident would cause the international web of commitments to the NPT to unravel, with a consequent high risk of fissile, weapons-grade nuclear material falling into the hands of non-state actors such as terrorists.
7. In a recent MORI/Greenpeace Poll; 54% of the British public said they would oppose the replacement of Trident.
8. Nuclear weapons are no defence against 'terrorism', but nuclear bases and weapons establishments themselves provide lethal targets for terrorists.
9. The £25 billion estimated to be the cost of replacing Trident would be better used for conflict prevention and invested in health, education and social and other public services in Britain.
10. This really is a once in a lifetime opportunity to stop this immorality, pollution and waste. If a decision to order new nuclear weapons is made within the next year, there will be little hope of calling a halt to their spread for another half-century.

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Please write to your MP, to the papers, to Government Ministers, using the information above, or contact CND Cymru (see contacts) or see www.cndcuk.org . Please send us copies of any replies you receive. If you have already written and received a reply use the points above to reply.

Useful Addresses:

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A Nuclear Bomb on Aberystwyth

There are over 30,000 nuclear weapons in the world, with more than a thousand of them ready to launch at a moment's notice, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number of countries currently involved in active weapons programmes is increasing. A growing number of countries are lining up to join the 'nuclear club', increasing the chance that a nuclear catastrophe – by accident or design – will happen somewhere on the planet. The prospects of a nuclear weapon actually being used are perhaps greater today than during the cold war.

At a time when the US and British Governments forcibly instruct other nations to abstain from developing weapons of mass destruction, they themselves are moving towards developing and deploying smaller and what they call more 'useable' nuclear weapons.

Trident, the current British nuclear weapons system has nuclear warheads each capable of an explosive yield of between 0.6 kilotons and 100 kilotons. An effort is now being made to convince the public that warheads with a smaller yield, such as 1 kiloton, are more "acceptable" than, for example, those used in the 1945 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which had yields of 15 and 21 kilotons respectively. Talk of 'bunker busting' and accurate and remote targeting, falsely gives the impression to the public that these could be the 'acceptable' face of nuclear weapons, which would have a limited and specific effect with little or no effect on the surrounding area.

Of course, the very concept of an 'acceptable nuclear warhead' is false. Each of these 'acceptable' 1kiloton missiles would cause widespread death and destruction when used and would result in the deaths of 100s of 1000s of people.

For example, if a 1kiloton nuclear bomb were to strike Aberystwyth Town Hall:

Stages

The detonation of the nuclear bomb would be accompanied by a flash of light so bright it would burn retinas and permanently blind anyone within 13 km of the explosion (as far away as Llanrhystud, Ponterwyd or Aberdyfi). This would be followed by a massive fireball and wave of extreme heat, a hurricane force wind and a huge blast of radiation. Radioactive fallout would be spread across the area.

Heat

Within 400m of the explosion (the whole of Aberystwyth town centre) all life and buildings would be completely destroyed. Any buildings left standing up to 500 m away – in Trefechan, Penglais and Park Avenue would spontaneously ignite. Anyone in this area would receive third degree burns resulting in "degloving" when the skin separates from the body. In Llanbadarn Fawr, Penparcau and Clarach (1500m away) people would receive painful, blistering 2nd degree burns. Buildings here would ignite and fires would spread to the further reaches of the town. The clothing of anyone within a 15km radius (Llanon, Blaepennal, Tywyn, Devil's Bridge) may well catch alight.

Air Blast

This would take only seconds to reach a distance of 1500 m from the point of detonation – and would take in most of the town centre and an area stretching beyond Bronglais hospital. The blast would break eardrums and burst lungs. Meanwhile those outdoors and indoors may well be picked up and thrown against walls by the blast and damaged buildings and flying debris would trap or injure those still alive



A Hiroshima Street August 1945

Hurricane Force Wind

Within the town centre, (400m radius) any buildings or trees left standing would be demolished and those caught in open spaces as far out as Waun Fawr and Llanbadarn Fawr would be swept up in the wind and those indoors could be crushed by falling buildings, pierced by flying broken glass or suffocated by dust. It is highly unlikely that any person within the 1500m radius of the explosion would survive.

Radiation

After 2 or 3 days, most people within or up to 1 km outside the town centre who had not been killed by the immediate effects of the blast will have died of radiation sickness.

The prevailing westerly wind will have carried the radioactive fallout in a plume to the east of Aberystwyth, the distance and speed depending upon the weather. The radioactive fallout would recognise no geographical boundaries and much of the pollution would last for thousands of years.

Other problems

The electromagnetic pulse from any nuclear blast affects communications systems on land, sea or air. Bronglais Hospital would not survive and any staff on duty at the time would be unlikely to survive uninjured. Emergency services would be unable to function. If a quarter of the population of the town had survived there would be little medical help for them nearby.

Too urgent for dreams

The rest of this is for our nightmares and imaginations. For those of us who work and live in Aberystwyth, attend the schools and university, raise our children and hope for a healthy just future for our friends and families and for all people it is unbearable to even imagine the effects of one 'useable' nuclear weapon on our town.

It is also unthinkable that such a weapon is used in our name on any other group, any mother, father, child, brother or sister - *anywhere* else in the world. In the final analysis it is we who must make certain that no one is fooled by the political and military talk of 'useable' nuclear weapons, and that such a disaster will never happen. The time has come to go beyond thinking of a violent resolution to conflict, and to embark upon the much harder yet the right struggle to build international justice and tolerance and to create humane and just laws to bind the peoples of the world.

Labour Government 'hides' from Trident Inquiry

The Ministry of Defence refused to participate in the Commons Defence Select Committee Inquiry in March, even after Prime Minister Tony Blair promised the public the "fullest debate" on the issue. The Defence Select Committee is holding a series of inquiries to "inform the public debate" on the future of Britain's nuclear weapons programme. The Government has, however so far refused to publish its studies into the replacement of Trident.

Kate Hudson, chair of British CND was amongst those called to give evidence at the Select Committee's Inquiry. Kate Hudson said that Britain no longer faced a threat from any nuclear-armed nation and that since Tony Blair had admitted that nuclear weapons were no use against terrorism, Britain "should be positioning itself as a global leader for peace by ending its nuclear weapons programme".

More information about evidence presented at the Defence Select Committee can be found on the Nuclear Information Service website: www.nuclearinfo.org.

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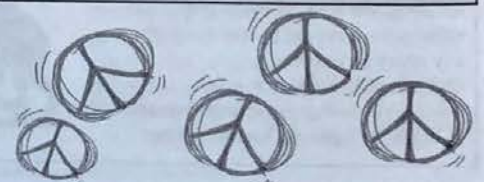
Ask your MP to call for the publication of Government Trident Replacement Research.

Ask them to sign Early Day Motion (EDM) 1113 if they have not already done so:

Trident

That this House welcomes the Government's decision to launch a public debate on the future of the United Kingdom's nuclear weapons; recognises the significantly changed international circumstances from those in which the current Trident missile system was conceived, designed and constructed; is aware that there are a number of options available to the Government in considering replacements for the current system; and, therefore, calls on the Government to publish a consultation paper setting out the issues, including threat assessments, estimated costs and all nuclear and non-nuclear options, as a basis for the public debate.

See: www.edmi.parliament.uk for full list of signatories or to find out which EDMs your MP has already signed. If you are not on line please contact CND Cymru for the information.



conscientious objection

NO life sentence for soldiers who refuse to be occupiers

The Armed Forces Bill – now going through Parliament – would impose harsh penalties on soldiers who refuse to take part in military occupations. Section 8 of the bill – which has hardly been mentioned in the media – introduces a new tougher definition of desertion: soldiers who intend to avoid serving in a “military occupation of a foreign country or territory” can be imprisoned for life.

Rewriting international law

This major redrafting of military law has been introduced at a time when the number of soldiers absconding from the British Army has trebled since the invasion of Iraq – a clear

Nuremberg Charter, Article 8:

“The fact that the Defendant acted pursuant to order of his Government or of a superior shall not free him from responsibility”.

attack on the growing movement of men and women in the military who refuse to be part of wars, in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. It contravenes the Nuremberg Charter which enshrines in international law, the personal responsibility that each of us has to refuse to obey illegal and immoral orders from any government. At the same time the Secretary of State for Defence, John Reid, is urging that the Geneva Convention be rewritten to legalise pre-emptive military action.

Early in April, Flight Lieutenant Malcolm Kendall-Smith, a British Air Force doctor while being court-martialled for refusing a posting to Iraq said he believed the United States was the moral equivalent of Nazi Germany. He now faces an eight month prison sentence for disobeying an order to go to Iraq last year and refusing four orders to prepare for his deployment.

Injustice

Poll after poll has demonstrated overwhelming public rejection of the war and occupation of Iraq. This has been reflected in the actions and views of troops who have refused to go, or to return to Iraq. Military families, mostly mothers, have campaigned against the killing and maiming of their own loved ones and of the civilian population in Iraq and elsewhere, and demanded that troops be brought back home.

Section 8 of this Bill blatantly violates the human rights of soldiers and in particular their right to conscientious objection: what’s more it is proceeding quickly through Parliament without any public debate.

Nuclear Power – Absolutely not!



The Department of Trade and Industry Energy Review consultation closed on April 14th. Even from this distance it has been almost possible to feel the hot breath of the pro-nuclear lobbyists down the Government’s neck. However, the anti-nuclear movement in Wales continues to give them a good run for their money by submitting excellent contributions that are difficult to counter. What everyone agrees upon is that the combination of climate change, declining oil and gas production from the North Sea and the expected reduction in electricity output from existing nuclear and coal-fired power stations means that ‘doing nothing’ is not an option.

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The Consultation itself may be over, but it’s never too late to let your MP, AM or Government ministers know how you feel about nuclear power.

5 reasons why nuclear power is not the answer to climate change:

1. The use of radioactive materials for any purposes – making bombs or generating electricity produces waste that remains dangerous for tens of thousands of years. The nuclear industry has been producing waste for 50 years and scientists do not know how to deal with it in an environmentally sustainable way.
2. Civil nuclear power has been used for covert nuclear weapons programmes by several regimes – including the British Government in the 1950s.
3. Nuclear power stations and nuclear fuel and waste shipments are an ideal target for terrorist attack.
4. The legacy of Chernobyl proves that nuclear power is not without enormous risk. This risk may be small but the potential consequences of one accident are huge.
5. Nuclear power is not ‘carbon emission free’. Fossil fuels are involved – from mining and transportation of the uranium ore, through to the processing of radioactive wastes.

Nuclear power is a dangerous diversion in the quest for a solution to climate change. We must ensure that our resources are focussed on to renewables and incentives to energy conservation.

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Please act now to stop this terrible miscarriage of justice from becoming law. Write to your MP asking that they vote against Section 8. Find your MP and email her/him using www.writeToThem.com or write to the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Sign the petition at Petition on Line <http://www.petitiononline.com/UKArmedF/petition.html>.

Write to the press asking them to publicise this attack on human rights

Tell all your contacts and networks – anti-war, religious, community, trade union – about it. Ask them to contact their MP, the press and sign the petition.

Find out more: www.refusingtokill.net or : 0207 209 4751 payday@paydaynet.org

Wylfa: Nuclear Schizophrenia

The Secretary of State for Wales, Peter Hain, has publicly voiced serious concerns about nuclear power, yet has expressed support for the extension in the life of Wylfa nuclear power station. The Welsh Assembly Government has indicated that it would like to see the life of the Wylfa Magnox station extended by up to five years beyond 2010. Cyngor Ynys Môn has also called for a two-year life extension because the closure of Wylfa could also close down ‘Anglesey Aluminium’ which has relied on Wylfa for its power since 1971. The Wales Nuclear Free Forum of Local Authorities is calling for new jobs in non-nuclear electricity generating technologies to be created on the island.

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Pobl Atal Wylfa B (PAWB) are calling on the Government to say: No to Extension of the operating life of the 35 year old Wylfa nuclear reactors; No to new build or replacement reactors at Wylfa or anywhere else in Wales or Britain; No to the creation of any more radioactive wastes, And to say: Yes to low carbon non-nuclear energy futures for Ynys Môn and Yes to environmentally sustainable futures. To join PAWB’s campaign or find out more, contact: Ty Cerrig, Llangoed, Ynys Môn, LL58 8SA

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Chernobyl – Never Again

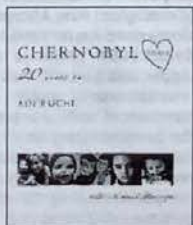
On April 26th 1986, Reactor No 4 of the Chernobyl nuclear processing plant in the Ukraine exploded, releasing radiation 90 to 150 times greater than that released by the Hiroshima bomb.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the disaster, Adi Roche of the Chernobyl Children’s Project has published a new book *Chernobyl Heart - 20 Years On* which serves not only as a memorial but also as a warning. This book is a cry for compassion and humanity, fuelled by a desire that we do not forget how precarious life has become in the nuclear age.

Even now, the new Sarcophagus encasing the damaged nuclear reactor at Chernobyl is already cracking open and leaking radioactive material into the environment. Nuclear scientist Professor Chernosenko, warns us that “the next Chernobyl will be Chernobyl itself.”

The book is both Adi’s personal journey as well as a documentation of the devastating impact the disaster has had on the region, where 99% of the surrounding countryside which falls in the Ukraine, Belarus and Western Russia has been contaminated by the consequences of the explosion and where cases of Thyroid cancer have increased by 2,400 %. Letters, eye-witness accounts, painful personal testimonies filling the pages of *Chernobyl Heart* serve to illustrate just what a catastrophe Chernobyl was in both medical and psychological terms. 400,000 refugees were created by the accident and it is vital that the long-term impact of the nuclear accident on the lives of these disenfranchised people continues to be told.

Chernobyl Heart - 20 Years On Adi Roche New Island Books (2006) ISBN 1904301983 **£14.99 paperback**



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resources:

diary dates

June 3rd - 11th EVERYWHERE Stop the Arms Trade Week Act Locally to shut the Defence Export Services Organisation (DESO), Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) are asking you to organise your own events and/or to get involved in a postcard campaign. Briefing pack from : CAAT - action@caat.org.uk 020 7281 0297

May 15th EVERYWHERE Conscientious Objectors' D

May 6th EVERYWHERE 2pm International Day of Action against an attack on Iran. The Pentagon has said it will not rule out the considering the use of tactical nuclear weapons against Iran's nuclear processing centres. Every anti war group is being asked to organise lunchtime protests, possibly with 'die-ins', on that day in the centre of towns and cities. across the country. <http://www.stopwar.org.uk/>

May, 4th LONDON BAE Systems AGM BAE is a Leading War Profiteer currently working on a \$3.5bn contract to refit the Bradley fighting vehicles being used in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Contact: 020 7281 0297 or e-mail enquiries@caat.org.uk. See also <http://www.caat.org.uk/>**

May 13th LLANDRINDOD CND Cymru Cyngor (Council Meeting) 11.00am - 4.00pm All CND Cymru members and delegates of affiliated groups very welcome. Please contact CND Cymru for more information (see contacts).

May 15th BANGOR Faslane 365 report/ discussion/ workshop with Angie Zelter 6.30pm y Ffynnon, Princes Rd, Upper Bangor. **Contact: Bangor Peace and Justice Group (01248) 490 715**

May 24th EVERYWHERE International Women's Day for Disarmament

May 29th - June 3rd SIR DDINBYCH Eisteddfod yr Urdd Welsh speaking and learners help needed on CND Cymru stall please contact Brian Jones: (01792) 830 330

July 4th FELTWELL: INDEPENDENCE FROM AME PARTY outside US space communication base Felthwell (near USAF nuclear weapons base at Lakenheath, East Anglia) at 6pm. Peacemakers' Ball, cabaret and fireworks c/o the Pentagon at 10pm Contact Mell on 01986 892723.

July 6th - 7th ABERPORTH [Ceredigion] Parc Aberporth Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Event 2006 "promises to be even bigger and better!" This exclusive 'invitation-only' event commences with a practice day for demonstrators at ParcAberporth on 6th July. UAVs are being developed by arms companies mainly for military purposes so that spying and targetting can take place remotely. Come along and see how your taxes are being spent in Wales. Sustainable? Pahh! On July 7th Rhodri Morgan,

Assembly First Minister will host an event for "specially invited guests". Ideas for action: contact heddwwch@cndcymru.org

July 8th CND Cymru Annual Meeting. All CND Cymru members and delegates of affiliated groups very welcome. Contact CND Cymru for more information

August 5th - 12th FELINDRE [NEAR SWANSEA] National Eisteddfod Welsh speaking and learners help needed on CND Cymru stall please contact Brian Jones: (01792) 830 330

August 5th EVERYWHERE Hiroshima Day

August 9th EVERYWHERE Nagasaki Day

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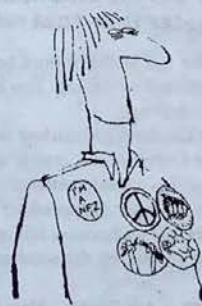
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