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'Yes to Independence - No to Nuclear Weapons!'

If Scotland gets independence it is pretty certain that Trident will go and Scotland will become nuclear free writes Brian Larkin of Scrap Trident Coalition.

As in many countries, peace groups in Scotland have been working away for nuclear disarmament for many years. But the situation in Scotland is unique because Scotland has had nuclear weapons imposed on it against the will of its people for over 60 years. Now, for the first time since the birth of the bomb a European country has the opportunity to vote, in the referendum on independence in a little more than a year, on whether it wants nuclear weapons.

The Scottish Independence Referendum (September 2014) is certainly a vote on nuclear weapons because over 70% of the people of Scotland do not want them. In March, the Scottish Parliament passed an historic resolution confirming its opposition to nuclear weapons. And the Greens, Independents and the SNP favour a constitutional ban on nuclear weapons. Thus if Scotland gets independence it is pretty certain that Trident will go and Scotland will become nuclear free.

However, whilst independence will almost certainly mean nuclear disarmament for Scotland, independence is by no means certain. At present only 33% favour independence according to the polls. Thus getting rid of Trident is the strongest argument for independence. And at the same time, the independence debate is an opportunity to make the case for nuclear disarmament. The Westminster Government cannot easily justify spending £100 billion on a weapons

system that has no purpose, while at the same time slashing funding real basic human needs, cutting welfare, pensions, disability benefits, and even proposing a Bedroom Tax on benefits to households with spare bedrooms.

This is an opportunity to raise the issue of nuclear disarmament for Scotland whether we achieve independence or not. It is an opportunity to tap into the broad anti-austerity sentiment of the people.

Campaigners in Scotland are pushing for an independent Scotland to implement a different set of priorities because its people have always wanted security based on taking care of human needs and addressing conflict non-violently - not collecting vast arsenals of high tech weaponry. The Scrap Trident Coalition includes many peace and disarmament groups, the Scottish Green Party, the Scottish Socialist Party and the newly formed Radical

Independence Campaign*. These groups formed a *No to NATO Coalition* last autumn when it emerged that the SNP would be changing its policy to embrace membership in the nuclear armed NATO alliance for a future Scotland. None of these groups were willing to abandon the principle of opposition to nuclear weapons in order to achieve independence and want Scotland to be true to itself and lead the way to a nuclear free world; not just a nuclear free Scotland.

The Scrap Trident Coalition opposes NATO, though, perhaps incongruously, it has been backed by 28 MSPs including the First Minister himself.

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Wales - Scotland - the World

In April, Wales joined Scotland for an exciting week of nuclear disarmament campaigning. The SNP has made a 'solid commitment' to remove the British nuclear Trident submarines and weapons from the soil of Scotland in the event of a 'yes' vote for independence in 2014.

On the streets

Supporting the call for Scottish Independence as a solid step towards nuclear disarmament for Britain and setting an example to the rest of the world, CND Cymru banners joined those of the 3000 participants of a Glasgow rally.

In Scotland, while over 70% of people polled want nuclear weapons removed from their soil, only 30% so far are in favour of Scottish independence.



At the gates

A demonstration and blockade of Faslane nuclear base on Global Day of Action on Military Spending (April 25th) was organised by the broad based coalition 'Scrap Trident - Let Scotland Lead the Way to a Nuclear Free World'. 47 arrests at the nuclear base included that of CND Cymru Vice Chair Ray Davies and Olwen Leovold.

In the Parliament

The International Abolition 2000 Conference called in Edinburgh in recognition of Scotland's importance to our vision for nuclear disarmament included many old CND Cymru friends from New Zealand, mainland Europe and the USA.

Joining other delegates from across the world, CND Cymru National Secretary Jill Gough addressed a meeting of NGO representatives and Members of the Scottish Parliament bilingually. Expressing best wishes from Wales, she pointed out that a vote for Scottish Independence would be the first ever *people's* vote for nuclear disarmament.

Other speakers at the Conference included Humza Yousaf MSP (Minister for International Development); Dr. Tad Akiba, Chairman Middle Powers Initiative, former Mayor of Hiroshima; Bill Kidd, MSP, Abolition 2000 Global Council Member, Co-President of PNND and Patrick Harvie MSP (Co-convenor Scottish Green Party).

Abolition 2000

CND Cymru was one of the original signatories to Abolition 2000 - a network of over 2000 organisations in 90 countries working to achieve nuclear disarmament. A declaration jointly adopted by all those present at the 2013 Abolition Conference, affirmed that nuclear weapons are unworthy of civilization, an unacceptable threat to current and future generations, unlawful to use, subvert the cooperation required to address genuine security issues of the 21st century & squander the resources required for a sustainable future. See more at: <http://tinyurl.com/o5wrtxr>

Yes, there is an Alternative

On July 16th, the Liberal Democrats published their long-awaited but ultimately disappointing 'Alternatives to Trident' review which was commissioned to investigate options to replacing Trident.

However, the consideration into whether to reduce nuclear-armed submarine patrols and whether launching from a plane or land would be cheaper than from a submarine, completely ignored the nuclear disarmament option.

It instead argued for a reduction in the number of nuclear-armed submarines from 4 to 2 and an end to the Cold War system of Continuous At-Sea Deterrence (CASD).

While any reduction in the nuclear armed submarines and CASD should be welcomed, it is extremely disappointing that the Review omitted the only genuine option for long term peace, true security and a future without nuclear war: British nuclear disarmament.

John Cox, acting CND Cymru Chair commented:

'The obvious answer is to scrap Trident immediately and not to replace it at all. It is clear that the authors are not asking the right questions.

'At a time when the poorest and most vulnerable in our society are suffering from Government imposed cuts, how can it be right to tie up so much public

money in nuclear missiles and their delivery systems?'

The Trident Replacement decision under debate is a once in our lifetime opportunity to set an example to other nuclear weapons aspiring states. The risk of nuclear proliferation takes the world closer to experiencing the horrors of nuclear war.

A final decision about Trident renewal or replacement will not be made until 2016.

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British CND has launched a new report 'The Real Alternative: What the government's Trident Alternatives Review isn't telling you' which finds that the Westminster government's failure to consider non-replacement of the Trident nuclear weapons system is an abdication of responsibility and that non-replacement is a credible option, which offers serious strategic and economic benefits:

<http://bit.ly/157Pw2C>

Why not send a copy to your MP with a covering letter from you? Contact CND Cymru (see page 2) for a copy.



Trident in the news

Blix

Former UN weapons inspector Hans Blix told a packed event at Hay Literary Festival that it is time for Britain to relinquish its Trident nuclear programme and not replace it. Blix, a Swedish international lawyer who led the hunt for weapons of mass destruction in the lead-up to the Iraq war, said he did not see how Britain would be afforded any greater protection were it to spend £100 billion on extending the life of the nuclear weapons programme.

He told festival-goers: 'I know that the British military are not very keen on it. I don't think Britain would be more protected by [Trident] and Germany and Japan seem to be managing without them [nuclear weapons]'. Blix fears that the post-cold war nuclear weapons disarmament process is in 'stagnation' and that 'The Geneva disarmament conference continues its decade long coma.'

Faslane - is it in Scotland or not?

A Report by The Scottish Institute suggests that were Scotland to become independent, the Clyde is likely to remain sovereign British territory to ensure that Britain could continue to use its nuclear armed submarines. The Scottish National Party (SNP) responded to the Report by saying that Faslane would become a conventional naval base after independence. SNP say that Trident would be removed as promptly as possible, but they have not put a timescale on its removal. A spokesman for the Scottish Government said: '...we will not waste billions of pounds on nuclear weapons'.
Defence and Security in an Independent Scotland
<http://tinyurl.com/nak25gk>

A richer, safer Britain

Nick Brown, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne East and former chief whip, in an article in the *New Statesman* has written clearly against Trident Replacement. Calling on the Government to be realistic about the capacity for Britain to project military power across the globe, he suggests that it would be wiser to make greater efforts to lead by example rather than through force and coercion. He said that by non-renewal, Britain would set an example to other nations who are either developing or aspire to have nuclear weapons and would allow Britain to play a leading role in securing new nuclear weapons free zones, including in Africa and the Middle East.
<http://tinyurl.com/mwmbzmy>

One-sided Nuclear Disarmament

In the e-zine *Open Democracy* Hugh Beach argues that fear of the 'unilateralist' label is obscuring the overwhelming case that the complete renunciation of nuclear weapons is in the British national interest. The retired military leader General Sir Hugh Beach, GBE, KCB, MC, was former Deputy Commander-in-Chief for the UK Land Forces and Master-General of the Ordnance.
<http://tinyurl.com/kswkx93>

Call for Labour Party Trident debate

In a letter to The Guardian on June 20th, 36* Labour Party MPs, AMs and representatives noted that while many people would prioritise spending on health or education, on infrastructure, job creation or supporting the vulnerable rather than on replacing Britain's Trident nuclear weapons, others would argue that spending over £100bn on a cold war weapons system is detrimental to the national interest.'

Honesty - WISE

Three weeks into the trial of Bradley Manning, visible support for the WikiLeaks whistleblower grew across Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England, the area covered by the WISE Up network*.

Bradley has Welsh and Irish roots. As the Care Quality Commission scandal rumbles on and the eyes of the world turn to whistleblower Edward Snowden and US efforts to label him a spy - he who has blown the whistle on the state-spying on all of us - public sympathy with all those who speak out for truth and justice is growing.

In the run-up to Bradley's trial, there

were solidarity actions in Cardiff over two days, a banner drop in Carmarthen, and a solidarity presence in Haverfordwest on 3rd June, the day the trial started. Bradley spent several years living in Haverfordwest as a teenager and still has family here. It felt important to me to be showing my personal support for Bradley in the town where he has local connections.

I returned to Haverfordwest three weeks later, with the trial still having a predicted nine

weeks to run. There is much concern here for Bradley, the outcome of the trial and his future. The US Government has so far been struggling to present more than circumstantial and hearsay evidence on some of the charges, although Bradley has already pleaded guilty to lesser charges that could lead to up to 20 years in military jail.

Regardless of the verdict, I believe Bradley Manning will go

down in history as the courageous, public spirited whistleblower he is, revealing to the public, crimes of the powerful, including war crimes.

Genny Bove

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Send a message of solidarity to Bradley c/o Courage to Resist, 484 Lake Park Avenue #41, Oakland, CA 94610 USA.

To get involved in local solidarity

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◀ Signatories of the letter called upon the Labour Party to debate the Trident issue given that many in the party know there is no strategic, economic or moral case for nuclear weapons.
<http://tinyurl.com/molmqwd>

*Signatories from Wales:

Martin Caton MP Gower; Paul Flynn MP Newport West; Christine Chapman AM Cynon Valley; Jenny Rathbone AM Cardiff Central; Julie Morgan AM Cardiff North; Julie James AM Swansea West; Nick Davies NPF rep.; Annabelle Harle NPF rep.; Darren Williams NPF rep.

World War One

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. Far from being a 'war to end all wars' or a 'victory for democracy', this was a military disaster and a human catastrophe.

David Cameron plans to spend £55m on a 'truly national commemoration' to mark this anniversary and has quite inappropriately compared these events to the 'diamond jubilee celebrations' stating that their aim will be to stress our 'national spirit'.

Apparently events will be partly organised by former generals and ex-defence secretaries and this fact reveals just how misconceived these plans are.

The 1914-18 war was driven by competition for influence around the globe by the super powers of the day. It caused a degree of suffering shown all too clearly in the statistical record of 16 million people dead and 20 million wounded.

We in Wales and others across the world should be organising cultural, political and educational activities to mark the courage of ordinary people caught up in the war but also to remember the almost unimaginable personal, environmental, social, cultural and economic devastation caused. We need to ensure that this anniversary is used to promote peace and international co-operation. See below. Please let CND Cymru know of any plans you hear of or may be organising.



Songs not Bombs!

CND Cymru took part in this year's Street Choirs Festival which this year had the theme 'Peace'.

The event was hosted by Côr Gobaith and held in Aberystwyth. Bruce Kent opened the glorious weekend and a Peace Parade of over 1000 singers and friends marched around the town to Aberystwyth Prom. Bruce spoke again at an excellent workshop on campaigning against Trident. Talking about the use of language by both campaigners and nuclear proponents he said: 'We should dispel the myth of the 'nuclear umbrella' it's not an umbrella, it's a nuclear lightning conductor!'



Pictured here with Bruce is CND Cymru Vice Chair Ray Davies as they walk down Penglais Hill. Bruce will be visiting Llandudno and Cardiff this autumn. See Diary Dates on page 12.

Cymru dros Heddwch/Wales for Peace

The Welsh Centre for International Affairs (WCIA) is leading a consortium to develop a major peace-based project starting in 2014.

'Cymru dros Heddwch/Wales for Peace' will preserve, share and build on Wales' heritage of building peace, with the aim of involving 50,000 people in public events, educational work, exhibitions and investigating family histories. By incorporating research work on the First World War and current attitudes to peace and conflict, the project will provide added stimulus for the launch of the Academi Heddwch Cymru/Wales Peace Institute. Other partners include Cymdeithas y Cymod, Amgueddfa Cymru/National Museum of Wales, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, and universities at Cardiff, Aberystwyth and Bath.

An initial application was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund in June and, if successful, 'Cymru dros Heddwch/Wales for Peace' will be able to launch the first stage of the project in September. Full delivery would begin in September 2014, with the project intended to connect with commemoration of the First World War.

Martin Pollard WCIA

Academi Heddwch Cymru/Wales Peace Institute

The 'Academi Heddwch Cymru/Wales Peace Institute' working group meeting in Llandudno on June 8th, warmly welcomed the paper previously presented by CND Cymru Vice Chair John Cox to the All-Party Group on Human Rights and Peace.

This outlined the sort of Academi/Institute that could be established: 'an independent think tank with unimpeachable academic credentials to provide detached factual analysis on matters of mutual and universal concern'.

Such a body should be independent of Welsh Government and not a campaigning body, and would be for the benefit of all -

including government, the peace movement and the military establishment. The work on this project continues.

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For more information about this ongoing work contact the Working Group Secretary Jane Harries
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Available from CND Cymru: see page 2



Aldermaston

As part of an Action AWE protest, choirs from as far afield as Wales, Reading, Oxford and London joined together to sing for a special anti-nuclear weapons musical event in June. The protesters first gathered in Newbury town centre to sing to shoppers and hand out leaflets about their aims for a couple of hours, before travelling by car and bus to the Falcon Gate and later the Main Gate at the AWE Aldermaston site, where Britain's nuclear weapons arsenal is assembled and maintained.

Solidarity with Hunger Strikers

On May 17th Genny Bove took 'Close Guantanamo Now!' flyers and a home made banner into Wrexham town centre in solidarity with the current Guantánamo hunger strikers.

Most of the 166 remaining prisoners in Guantánamo are now refusing food and over 30 prisoners are now being brutally force fed. Some are close to death. One of these is British resident Shaker Aamer. Like most of the others, he has not been charged with any crime and has been cleared for release, but with no prospect of actually being freed. Aamer has been held at Guantánamo for 11 years and joined the hunger strike in March.

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see <http://tinyurl.com/lkan2me> & <http://tinyurl.com/msthn3m>

Drone Campaign Network Cymru / Rhwydwaith Ymgyrch Dronau Cymru

(DCN Cymru/RhYD Cymru) Born out of a successful conference in Cardiff in May, this is the new umbrella organisation co-ordinating anti drone activities in Wales.

DCN Cymru is planning its first action on September 9th - a peaceful presence at Parc Aberporth Ceredigion, the home of drone testing in Wales. This coincides with the first special drones day at the London Arms Fair where activists will be holding a candlelit vigil.

DCN Cymru is supported by a wide range of groups and individuals including the Abergavenny and Cardiff branches of Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Bro Emlyn for Peace and Justice, CND Cymru and the National Justice & Peace Network (NJPN).

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For more details of September 9th event: www.facebook.com/dronecampaignnetworkcymru contact e: info@cndcymru.org m: 07810 566 919



May Day in Cardiff

Côr Cochion Caerdydd took the CND Cymru message on to the streets of Cardiff for an International Workers Day / May Day parade organised by Cardiff Trades Council. The Trades Council has committed itself to fight austerity and cuts. They said that 'while we are proud of our past, it will be the future where our influence will prove to be so important'.

Côr Cochion are celebrating their 30th birthday! See Page 12 (September 14th) for further information.

Drones continue to be 'tested', 'trilled' or 'developed' (learn from our elected representatives - and choose your words carefully) at Aberporth. With a nasty whine like sinister and irritating flying lawn mowers - and who knows, 'piloted' from the ground hundreds of miles away, we are told that they are 'only' testing their 'surveillance' and 'target acquisition' equipment. The testing is presumably being carried out on the Welsh people living and breathing in the 500 square kilometres of Wales below. Please complain to your MP! For details of the history of drones in Wales see CND Cymru Briefing 3: *Drones over Aberporth.*

For a copy/ copies contact CND Cymru.

Military Low-Level Flying

An opponent of the militarisation of Wales, MP Jonathan Edwards has expressed grave concern at the sharp increase in the number of low-flying military aircraft operating over mid and west Wales.

The number of flights operating below 250 feet has increased from 21 in 2011/12 to 54 in 2012/13 and the duration of flights has more than doubled. This does not include flights by overseas (NATO) aircraft Jonathan Edwards MP said: 'Low-flying is cold war military tactic aimed at avoiding radar. This activity is not relevant to the sort of military operations the RAF finds itself performing in post-cold war conflicts. Most other NATO members have banned low-flying operations over populated areas.'

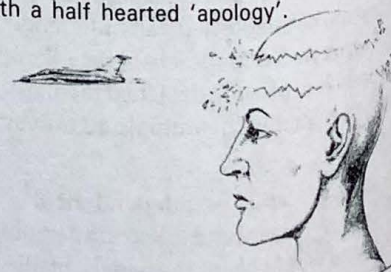
'There is evidence linking low-flying activities to cardiovascular conditions and hearing loss. I believe health studies should be carried out in relation to Wales Tactical area. He said that he would be questioning the Westminster Government to that effect in the coming weeks.'

It was revealed that in February, two military training Hawk jet aircraft almost collided at 16,000 feet over Aberystwyth in what was described as a type A incident - one with the highest possible risk. The report concluded the cause was 'non-sightings by both crew' and said a collision had been avoided only 'by providence'.

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Concerned by low level military training flights? Include as much information as possible, such as times and location, when you make a complaint.

Contact: Complaints and Enquiries Unit, Low Flying Operations Squadron, RAF Wittering, Peterborough, PE8 6HB t: 0845 600 7580. If possible send copies of any letters you send to your Assembly Members and MP asking them to address the issue, or the RAF will expect you to be satisfied with a half hearted 'apology'.



Nourishment and Solidarity

Every Friday in the City centre, Food Not Bombs Cardiff gives away free meals to anyone who wants it to protest the amount of taxpayers' money wasted on war rather than feeding people. Whilst some forms of protest can become exhausting after a while, Food Not Bombs is contributes directly to the community you are serving and you see an instant effect whilst raising questions about poverty and war.

A different homemade meal is served every week, including curries, veggie burgers, pasta and salad. With a number of people who have worked in kitchens in the group, it's always very tasty! Alongside the free food and hot drinks is a collection of radical literature - we are not just another soup kitchen, we believe in solidarity not charity. We bring people together through food, and from there spring discussions. We talk to people about their concerns about the world, or problems they have in their lives (such as housing, lack of funds etc) and try and send them in the right direction for help. Hopefully, in addition to feeding people, we are educating them and that this is a means to social change.

Menus of concern

Food Not Bombs is an international movement made of autonomous groups across the globe, it was started by anti-nuclear activists in the USA in the 1980s and there are now over 400 groups worldwide. Anybody can start their own Food Not Bombs chapter, as long as they are dedicated to the central beliefs of the group, which are; the food is always vegan or vegetarian and is free to everyone; each chapter is independent and autonomous



and uses consensus to make decisions; and that the group is dedicated to non-violence. We were very pleased when we were contacted by a group of people in Swansea who wanted to start a Food Not Bombs there, hopefully we can inspire more people across Wales to start their own chapters.

Open to all

We started doing Food Not Bombs weekly in Cardiff last October, and now have many regulars that come to us. There is so much diversity in the people that come, we never get bored of doing it - we get homeless people, activists, people from all ages and different cultures who enjoy the food and the company.

Our position in the city centre (by the back of central market) is deliberate, by being in such a public space with a gathering of hungry people; workers or shoppers going about their daily business cannot ignore us, or

the issues we raise. We have had Environmental Health hassling us, and we were once shut down by the police when we did an extra stall on Queen Street in solidarity with a Free Gaza demo, but that is not enough to stop us.

Efa Thomas

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Food Not Bombs runs solely on donations; we grow some of the food ourselves, as well as receiving food donations from local businesses and individuals. We also organise fundraisers and have a donation jar on our table on Fridays. If you would like to help, you can either help us cook and serve, or donate either food or money. As we are a grassroots group you can be sure that your donations will go straight to the people we feed on the street.

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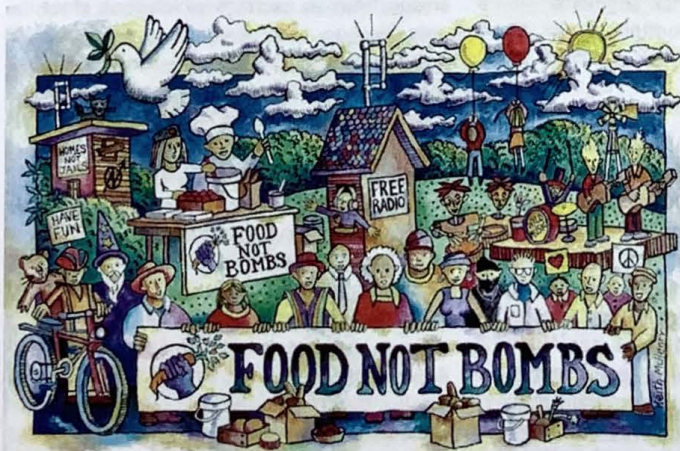
Peace Shop Birthday Party

At a 30th Anniversary reunion in May, some of the original members of the non-profit-making co-operative The Peace Shop (Mackintosh Place, Cardiff) came together to celebrate the shop's successes and to remember absent friends.

For 15 years, the Peace Shop had provided an all Wales meeting (and eating) place, rallying point and information centre for peace, justice and human rights organisations in Wales. It was run entirely by volunteers. In 1998 the shop closed and a new office in the Temple of Peace finally merged into the then newly formed network 'Cynefin y Werin/Common Ground'; initially set up in 1998 to take issues onto the streets of Cardiff during the European Summit.

The Peace Shop spirit lives on!

Pictured above: George Crabb, Jack Thomas, Norma Couper, Alistair Couper, Margot Rees, Yvette Phillips, Liz Screen & Liz Roberts.



Test Veterans Win at Last

A judge has at last ruled that military personnel ordered into the fallout zone were actually injured by radiation in the 1950s & 60s.

This is the first time British military personnel have been awarded anything in recognition of cancers and rare illnesses; leukaemias and birth defects in their children.

The former Blaenau Gwent MP Llew Smith campaigned and argued for decades on behalf of the military victims of nuclear fallout.

Remaining veterans, thought to number less than 3,000, are now expected to claim against the government. Retired army veteran Nick Simons believes that the MoD has paid out only to avoid releasing secret medical papers. 'If enough of us win a pension perhaps they will finally say sorry,' he added.

Meanwhile, MoD documents declassified in July revealed that French nuclear tests in the South Pacific in the 1960s and 1970s were far more toxic than has been previously acknowledged and hit a vast swath of Polynesia with radioactive fallout, according to newly which have angered veterans and civilians' groups.

Dear Pope Francis

Bruce Kent has written to the Pope asking him to condemn nuclear weapons worldwide.

Referring to the inaction of the Catholic Church in England and Wales on the issue of Trident replacement, Bruce Kent asked the Pope to 'speak to the world about the elimination of war and all weapons of mass destruction', as the £100 billion which would be spent on replacing Trident would be 'a theft from those who hunger and are not fed' - citing President Eisenhower. Many Christian groups and church leaders in Wales have now spoken out against Trident replacement. It would be helpful to many to hear that the Catholic Church opposes nuclear weapons.

In conclusion, Bruce Kent writes: 'The human race can and should live in peace, free from the threat of weapons of mass destruction which, as a result of accident and misunderstanding, have several times brought us close to disaster in the recent past.'

Bruce Kent's full letter:
<http://bit.ly/1OZtDhC>

Sub Berth Ban

Three recent exercises to test nuclear emergency planning arrangements in the event of an accident on board one of the Royal Navy's nuclear powered submarines have failed to meet standards set by Government safety regulators. As a result, nuclear submarines have been temporarily banned from berthing in two Scottish lochs.



Faslane Peace Camp

As the longest running permanent peace camp in the world, this camp has been a thorn in the side of Britain's nuclear weapons system for 31 years, through the use of non-violent direct action, civil disobedience and monitoring the movements of submarines.

After a recent call out to activists across the country, a new lease of life has been given to the Camp and its rich tradition and history of autonomous resistance to nuclear weapons and militarisation. Following 31st anniversary celebrations a new visitors' centre and communal space of sustainable straw-bale/earth with rainwater-harvesting, turf roof, bottle walls, double glazing, thermal mass heater... are being built. Anyone with spare time, who would like to

help and learn eco-building skills, is invited to help with the construction. Building funds are also required as the Camp is hoping to raise £3,100, £100 for every year of the Peace Camp.

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Drunken nuclear police

Police officers with the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) guarding nuclear plants in Britain have been caught drunk, using drugs, misusing firearms and also accused of sexual harassment & assault.

The offences have raised concerns about the safety of British nuclear plants and radioactive material. Paul Flynn MP pointed out that while 441 British soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan to protect us from alleged terrorist threats to Britain, 'Nuclear installations are the prime nightmare targets that could create mass devastation. This evidence suggests sacrifices abroad but woefully weak protection standards at home'.

Nuclear Fines

Nuclear company Sellafield Ltd. has been fined £700,000 and ordered to pay more than £72,000 costs for sending bags of radioactive waste to a landfill site.

AWE Aldermaston has been ordered to pay more than £200,000 for safety failings following a fire in 2010.

Robin Oakley of Greenpeace said that all these incidents remind us yet again that nuclear installations will always be vulnerable to human mistakes and

irresponsibility he said 'If the people supposed to protect us from probably the highest level of nuclear risk don't take safety seriously, what confidence can we have in the rest of the nuclear industry's operations?'

Human Failings

Scotland would be left to fend for itself in the crucial period following an accident involving a British nuclear warhead on a Scottish road, according to papers released under the Freedom of Information Act.

These have highlighted a series of worrying weaknesses in nuclear emergency planning arising from an exercise which took place near Glasgow when emergency services had no help from MoD weapons experts for more than five hours after the accident had taken place. There was disagreement between emergency staff in handling contaminated victims, outdated, paper-based communications systems, poor mobile phone signals, conflicting scientific advice on health hazards and confusion over radiation monitoring. Nuclear weapons are transported in heavily guarded road convoys up to six times a year between bomb factories at Aldermaston and Burghfield in Berkshire and the Royal Naval Armaments Depot at Coulport in Scotland.

<http://tinyurl.com/lxur2qm>

The Silly Season that Never Seems to End

They say that the summer is the 'silly season' for news. When it comes to nuclear power, the silliness seems to be as enduring as a leaky radioactive container in a dodgy depository. At least that's the view from Ynys Môn and PAWB (Pobl Atal Wylfa B/People Against Wylfa B).

• Hinkley C, not so far across the water from Cardiff. Here, as of mid-June, the epic negotiations between EDF and the Westminster coalition drag on and on – and on, as ways of fleecing the taxpayer and consumer are elaborated and argued over. EDF doesn't have us 'over a barrel', says the desperate Tory minister Michael Fallon – but it really is looking like a barrel-shaped situation out in the real world. Press commentators wonder if Hinkley C will now go ahead at all. As a negotiating gambit, Fallon points to his other irons on the fire, such as Wylfa contenders Hitachi. Well, Hitachi are no more reliable than RWE-nPower were before they fled Wylfa last year. Let's face it, investing in nuclear power these days is a no-no, unless vast troughs of public money are placed under your snout. EDF will not make a final decision on Hinkley before September.

• Talking of Hinkley, in May Greenpeace launched a legal challenge, seeking a judicial review of the government's decision to grant planning permission before any site for safe disposal of waste had been secured. Horses and carts in the wrong order are an essential feature in the

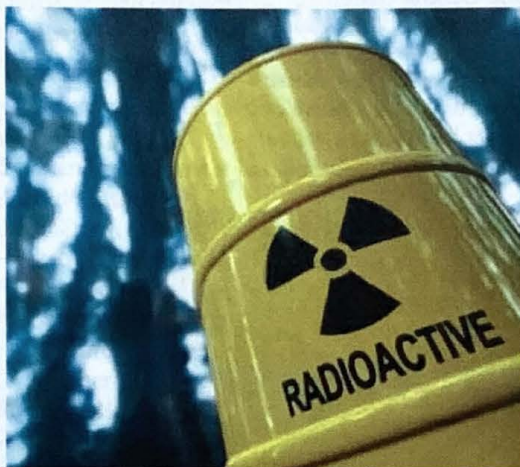
topsy-turvy world of nuclear planning. Well done Greenpeace.

• Meanwhile at the other end of Wales, the Wylfa-A operators said in May they were

• As houses are demolished in the vast new chunk of Anglesey's north coast designated for Wylfa-B, islanders are beginning to realise the vast scale of the proposed development, which would devastate a great swathe of beautiful coastline and ancient farmland. And even people who dream of all those largely mythical jobs are now wondering if it is such a good idea to store highly radioactive waste on site here for about 150 years before it can even be moved.

• The Fukushima disaster, still ongoing after more than 2 years, is also being watched with mounting concern. Could Hitachi make similar mistakes over here? Of course. Political expedience, commercial pressures, haste, no proper plan for long-term waste disposal and inappropriate emergency procedures do not create a climate of safety.

Phil Steele



looking to extend the life of this superannuated lump of concrete yet again – until December 2015. Decades ago, experts such as Dr John Large were saying life-extension at Wylfa was foolhardy. Running past the very last sell-by date by five years looks desperate and dangerous.

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The thin end of a toxic wedge

Plans to store and treat radioactive waste from across the country at Hinkley Point (Somerset) have been revealed by local councillors.

What's more, these Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA) proposals were only discovered by chance! Theo Simon of 'Stop Hinkley' said experience had shown that the way in which Hinkley C plans were 'steam-rolled through' means that 'once they tell you it's a preferred option, their 'transparent engagement' and 'consultation' amounts to local people watching PR presentations about a decision which has already been made elsewhere'. 'Somerset people need to be asked at the outset if we even think this option of turning our county into a second Sellafield should be considered.'

EDF does not even know what to do with the radioactive waste from Hinkley C. Radioactive wastes brought into Hinkley Point from elsewhere, would make Hinkley Point a radioactive waste storage site.

This might well be used in future to let plans for the new reactors at Hinkley Point 'off the hook' over the lack of any long term destination for spent fuel from the reactors.

The most toxic waste product in human history could therefore be destined to sit permanently on the West Somerset coast, in the face of storm surges, tsunami, human error and the ravages of time, along with waste from other redundant power plants which will be shipped into the county if the NDA proposals are not roundly rejected.

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Running to catch up

Energy Secretary Ed Davey has suggested it could be some months before Electricité de France (EDF) and the British Government agree a price for building the proposed Hinkley Point (Somerset), Oldbury (Gloucestershire) reactors and others in Britain.



He also said that were the agreement made soon, Hinkley

Point wouldn't be on line until at least the end of this decade. EDF Energy has refused to give an up-to-date timetable for building reactors at the site in Somerset, which it originally planned to be producing power before the end of 2017. All except for one (Sizewell to close in 2035) nuclear power stations in Britain are due to close by 2023. Tactics now are to make people fear power shortages, instead of working hard at energy conservation and generation by renewables. Hinkley Point lies 15 miles across the Bristol Channel from the coast of south east Wales.



Plowshares activists arrested

Three Plowshares anti-nuclear weapons activists (Sister Megan Rice, Michael Walli, and Greg Boertje-Obed) have been found guilty by jury, of causing damage while breaking into a US nuclear 'defense' site.

In July 2012, the trio cut their way in to the weapons-grade Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility Y-12 at Oak Ridge, supposedly one of the most secure sites in the United States. They face up to 20 years in prison after their conviction for sabotaging the plant, which was first constructed during the Manhattan Project that developed the first nuclear bomb.

Citing U.S. Constitutional and Treaty Law as well as the Nuremberg Principles during their trial, they explained how they are required by International Law to denounce and resist known crimes. In her testimony Sister Megan who is 83 said 'I regret I didn't do this 70 years ago'.

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Please write to them:
www.transformnowplowshares.wordpress.com

A Nuclear Response to Cyber Attacks

U.S. officials say that in the event of '[cyber] attacks on U.S. military and civilian infrastructure' they would consider retaliating with a nuclear attack.

Former counterterrorism 'czar' Richard Clarke and former Clinton official Steve Andreasen has criticised this dangerous policy saying that the USA should definitively remove threat of nuclear retaliation in response to major cyber-attacks as it would mean that escalation to nuclear war is still just the press of a button away.

Nuclear Bomber Nonsense

A USA Air Force general said the appearance of nuclear-capable B-2 and B-52 bombers in military exercises with South Korea earlier this spring had the intended effect of *easing* tensions with North Korea. Air Force General Garrett Harencak claimed, 'The value of nuclear deterrence is no better shown than in the recent flyovers of the Korean Peninsula by bombers based in the United States.'

Global Security Newswire June 7 2013.

Nuclear Abolition Week

Between July 6th - 13th International Campaign Against Nuclear weapons (ICAN) organised a special week for people around the world to demand a treaty banning nuclear weapons.

In the Netherlands, campaigners attempted to establish a Guinness Book World Record for most parliamentary signatures calling for a ban on nuclear weapons and will to get the most signatures of any country for the ICAN petition.

In Sweden, at the high-profile annual gathering of major political parties on the island of Gotland, campaigners and medical students took the blood pressure of attendees and passers-by while discussing the urgency of a treaty banning nuclear weapons!

In Costa Rica, a public 'Target X' demonstration in the heart of San José focused on capturing shadows as part of the Share Your Shadow initiative and gathering signatures for the ICAN petition. After a week of shadow-gathering, the pictures are being compiled into a mural for display on Hiroshima Memorial Day in August. During the Preparatory Committee of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT PrepCom), ICAN launched an online petition calling for the states attending the upcoming conference on the humanitarian impact in Mexico to start negotiations for a treaty banning nuclear weapons.
www.icanw.org

World nuclear forces

All 5 legally recognised nuclear weapon states, as defined by the non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) - China, France, Russia, Britain and the USA - appear determined to remain nuclear powers for the indefinite future. Russia and the USA have major modernisation programmes under way for nuclear delivery systems, warheads and production facilities. These 5 states continue to reduce their nuclear forces through the implementation of New START and through unilateral force reductions. The modernisations 'perfect' targeting and predictability making weapons even more lethal, even if numbers of warheads are reduced.

Country	Deployed warheads	Other warheads	Total Inventory
USA	2150	5550	~7700
Russia	1800	6700	8500
UK	160	65	225
France	~290	~10	~300
China	..	~250	~250
India	..	90-110	90-110
Pakistan	..	100-120	100-120
Israel	..	~80	~80
North Korea	6-8?
Total	~4400	~12865	~17270

All estimates approximate and as of January 2013. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Yearbook.



Jeju News

Protests continue daily on Jeju Island, the small island off the coast of South Korea, where local citizens are protesting against the planned construction of a naval base where US military ships would dock.

In 2005, Jeju, which has more UNESCO World Natural Heritage sites than any other single location was christened the 'Island of World Peace,' by way of apology for a little-known but brutal massacre that took place there in 1948.

The joint USA/South Korean naval base is now being constructed in the village of Gangjeong and residents and peace activists continue in their determined resistance to the base. Activists Dr. Song Kang-Ho and Jesuit Brother Park Do-Hyun are currently in Jeju Prison awaiting trial for taking direct action. Dr. Song was in prison for 6 months in 2012.

Both are on trial for other charges due to their great actions for peace in Gangjeong. The two, who have been detained for 9 days thus far, join Prof. Yang Yoon-Mo, who has served 159 days of an 18 month sentence, and Mr. Kim Young-Jae who has been detained for 89 days without sentence.

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All support is heartening. Please write to the activists.
www.nukeresister.org/inside-out/
 fb: www.facebook.com/groups/nonavalbase
www.savejejunow.org

Nurturing the Future Three Booklets from Ireland

Children, adolescents, and young adults in Wales are being repeatedly faced with the military and military values. With visits to schools by military personnel, video games and the presence of the military and its symbols in public places, young people are being encouraged to accept the military as necessary and valuable; something to be supportive of and certainly never to question.

Using articles, images, survey data and interviews, this latest War Resister's International publication documents how the seeds of war are planted in the minds of young people across the world. At the same time, the book explores the sowing of resilient and creative seeds of resistance. Not only is this a book for peace and antimilitarist activists: it will be of interest and use to parents, grandparents, teachers, youth workers, and the young people themselves.

Sowing Seeds: The Militarisation of Youth and How to Counter It. Owen Everett
War Resisters' International 2013
ISBN: 978-0-903517-27-0 £5.00

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The Woodcraft Folk (Gwerin y Coed) is encouraging 16-21 year olds to write to head teachers to get recruiting military out of schools.

As 27% cuts to youth services see youth centres shut, in some areas their only opportunity for social events is with the military cadets. Britain is the only country in Europe to still recruit 16 year olds to the armed forces. The recruitment of children into the armed forces as it contravenes recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Please write to the headteacher of your local secondary school and your Assembly Members.

We await to hear any outcome of a Cymdeithas y Cymod petition sent to the National Assembly of Wales on this matter <http://tinyurl.com/kyszzvs>

An Enlightening Lens

In *Anti-militarism Political and Gender Dynamics of Peace Movements* peace activist and academic Cynthia Cockburn asks questions of and investigates answers to issues surrounding violence, militarism and, the manner in which past and present culture affects peace movements and other campaigns.

So often, she observes, so-called 'radical' mixed-gender movements mimic the same patriarchal structures that perpetuate militarism itself. In some organisations disputes continue about the desirability of linking campaigns to the horror of domestic violence and rape.

PANA (Peace & Neutrality Alliance) seeks to advocate an Independent Irish Foreign Policy, defend Irish Neutrality and promote a reformed United Nations as the Institution through which Ireland should pursue its security concerns. PANA is currently campaigning against the Irish government decision to allow Shannon airport to be used by the US for rendition flights and refuelling in its wars in the Middle East.

Amongst PANA's campaigning tools is a series of illustrated, readable and intelligent booklets. In Dr. David Morrison's *Some facts about Iran's Nuclear Activities* he explains that there is no case for either sanctions or war against Iran and Roger Cole's *The Battle Groups of the European Empire* examines the history of 'Europe' as a centralised, militarised, neo-liberal, imperial superstate, arguing that another Europe is possible, as 'a partnership of independent, democratic states, legal equals without a military dimension'.

John Lannon (Shannonwatch) *Shannon Airport, War and Renditions* published in association with the Irish Anti-War Movement, includes an interesting insight into aviation, human rights and humanitarian law. Despite repeated statements from Irish Government politicians that Ireland remains a neutral state; over 2 million armed US troops have been allowed to transit through Shannon

Cockburn uses case studies which include histories of the successes and tensions within anti-war, anti-militarist and peace movements in Japan, South Korea, Spain, Uganda and Britain, of international networks against military conscription and the proliferation of guns, and of singular campaigns addressing aggression against Palestinians and the expansion of NATO. She notes that despite advances in gender politics, in many organisations and despite significant gains, women continue to struggle to get their voices heard. Many still choose women-only groups.

An incidental commendation is that Cockburn also makes it clear that the 'Women for Life on Earth' Walk to Greenham in 1981 began in Wales, a fact often overlooked by the English peace movement itself, yet important to the people's history of our country and the tradition of pacifism.

Airport on their way to and from war zones, in addition to military contracted cargo planes and other military aircraft.

We may not hear much about this in Wales, but it is clear that Shannon Airport and Ireland have contributed directly to the daily suffering and human rights abuse of men, women and children – from the men

tortured in Guantanamo Bay to the children in Afghanistan injured or orphaned by drone attacks and roadside bombs. Lannon describes the intelligent direct actions and protests by opponents of Shannon's

militarisation; campaigners who continue on the basis of a wide range of legal instruments, both national and international to support their moral arguments.

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Each pamphlet is available for 3 Euros plus postage from Roger Cole at PANA t: (353) (0) 1 235 1512

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People come together in movements to end war from many political traditions. They are socialists, communists and anarchists, people of a variety of faiths, secularists, pacifists and feminists. They share a belief that peace is possible, but have divergent views on the causes of militarism and strategies to end it. Cockburn's study is a move to understand and build on our experiences to attain our goals. Writing between the nihilistic view that violence is inevitable and the utopian belief in the possibility of a violence-free world, Cockburn carefully uncovers the movements' many tensions and antagonisms through a gendered lens.

Jill Gough

Anti-militarism Political and Gender Dynamics of Peace Movements.

Cynthia Cockburn

Palgrave Macmillan 2012

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DIARY DATES

August 8th 8.00pm
Haverfordwest Picton Centre
The Problems and Dangers of Drone Use
Talk by Chris Cole of the Anti-Drones Network
Contact t: 01834 845868
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August 26th - September 7th.
Trident Ploughshares International Disarmament Camp
For more information about the camp please see www.tridentploughshares.org
More information t: 0845 4588 362
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August 30th - September 1st
MACHYNLLETH Y Plas,
Heol Pentrerhedyn
El Sueno Existe - Victor Jara Festival
The Dream Lives On, A Dream of a fairer society - The Spirit of Victor Jara in Wales
The 2013 theme is '40 Years On' from the military coup in Chile and the death of Victor Jara, the musician who inspired this festival. As well as looking back on that time and celebrating the timeless music of Victor Jara, the festival will also be looking at the relevance of the coup and its aftermath today, in Britain and in Chile. Headliners this year are the Chilean band 'Amigo Artista', Argentinian songstress Corina Piatti, will be presenting songs from her repertoire of Tango, Melonga and Latin American folk.
Contact: Helen Sandler
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www.elsuenoexiste.com/

September 2nd 7am onwards
BURGHFIELD AWE
Big Blockade
Take action to resist new nuclear weapons and start global disarmament. Join the nonviolent blockade of the bomb factory AWE Burghfield (nr. Reading, Berkshire). Sit, lie down, lock-on or provide support for the blockaders. Your committed nonviolent civil resistance is needed. Bring your friends!
More information t: 0845 4588 362
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September 9th 12pm
PARC ABERPORTH (near Blaenannerth)
Vigil - Drones Out!
Outside drones testing establishment (Qinetiq)
Organised by The Drone campaign Network Cymru (DCN Cymru)
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www.facebook.com/dronecampaignnetworkcymru

September 13th - 22nd
CARDIFF Llandaff Cathedral
'The Loss of Innocence' - Children's Art from Gaza - about 50 pictures created by children in Gaza during and just after Operation Cast Lead, the assault by Israel on Gaza over the New Year 2008/9 in which over 1400 people were killed, half of whom were children.
For more information and/or to provide a further venue for this exhibition contact:
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see: <http://www.cape.uk.net>

September 14th 7.30pm
CARDIFF The Gate, Roath
Côr Cochion 30 Yr Celebration Concert with Dafydd Iwan and Dave Burns, The Lovely Wars and Gwenno and more...
Also: banner display, photos, films and political posters and stalls.
Everyone Welcome! Be there!
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www.corcochion.org.uk
See the Côr Cochion youtube video:
<http://tinyurl.com/pvu8t3z>

September 20th - 21st
Peace History Conference 2013
MANCHESTER Friends Meeting House, Mount Street
'The Peace and Anti-War Movement on the eve of the 1st world war, lessons for today'
Booking Form: <http://tinyurl.com/nh8grps>

October 3rd
BURGHFIELD AWE
Wales Day of Action with Dragons!
The Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) Aldermaston and Burghfield will again become the focus of non-violent protest with the aim of halting the continued production of nuclear warheads at the AWE bomb-making facilities in Berkshire. CND Cymru will be joining with Action AWE to keep up the pressure and put a public and political spotlight on the nuclear bomb factories at Aldermaston and Burghfield until at least the 2015 election. Why not organise a group from your area? Please let CND Cymru know what you are planning. More information Angie Zelter t: 01547 520 929 also see www.actionawe.org

October 5th - 12th
Week of Action against the Drones (Part of International Keep Space for Peace Week). More details will appear nearer the time. Watch: www.dronecampaignnetwork.wordpress.com/week-of-action-events/

October 12- 13
LIVERPOOL
British CND Conference
www.cnduk.org/about/cnd-conference

November 23rd & 24th 10am - 4pm
SWANSEA National Waterfront Museum
Swansea Green Fayre
The largest gathering of environmentally friendly products, information, groups and services in Swansea, including a Swansea CND stall.
Contact Brian Jones Swansea CND: 01792 830 330

November 30th
CARDIFF - Temple of Peace Peace75 Festival
Celebrating 75th anniversary of the Temple of Peace. Take part in art, join a debate, listen to live music, watch football, hunt treasure, listen to a story, share cultures, walk a peace trail.
To get involved in the festival as an event partner or volunteer,
e: peace75@wcia.org.uk

Pat Allen

CND Cymru greatly mourns the loss of Pat Allen, a good man, comrade and a close friend of CND Cymru.
Although Pat was a stalwart of London region CND and worked voluntarily in the British CND office, he supported our campaign in Wales and kept us in touch with campaigning in the south east of England. Pat was a true internationalist; unlike so many people, his internationalism did not start at Calais, it started outside his own front door.
As CND Cymru Vice Chair John Cox commented: 'Pat came from a political tradition where campaigners devoted their efforts selflessly and never sought personal recognition for themselves.' 'His big contribution to CND has been to insist on the primacy of the work of grass roots campaigners.'

Get Yourself Heard!

CND Cymru now owns a portable internally powered public address system, capable of running two radio microphones, playing mp3 and wma sound files direct from an SD card or memory stick, or even the media on your phone or ipod through a separate input.
The system will also amplify a guitar or other instruments through it's two 6.5mm jack inputs and runs for 5 hours on a single charge so no need to plug in for any event your group may be planning.
This resource is available for your meeting or event and can be booked by contacting David Watson
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Unfortunately, transport costs are down to you but it easily fits in a car boot and we hope that with the help of our friends throughout Wales we can arrange to get it to you.
If your group can afford a donation to help cover costs all well and good, but don't worry if you are can't, just get those campaign ideas going and spread the peace!

Please send us details of your events (see Contacts Page 2). Also keep up to date with the CND Cymru Facebook page, twitter and website.

Briefings

A new series of bilingual information briefings is now available from CND Cymru.

Titles so far:
1. Henry Richard MP
2. Bradley Manning
3. Drones over Aberporth
4. Trident Britain's Bomb
Numbers 1-4 are available by post. Please send a C5 (A5 size) stamped addressed envelope to CND Cymru.

For cost of larger numbers please contact
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