



New Year - New Opportunities

Looking to the future, 2010 could well be a watershed year for nuclear disarmament. An all-important 5-year nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference will be held this summer, with hopes for a breakthrough raised by Obama's rhetoric, albeit counter-balanced by the British Government's insistence on renewing Trident. Our task is to change our (current) government's policy and we believe there will be several opportunities this year to make an impact.



The enclosed postcard is addressed to The Foreign Secretary as the minister responsible for representing us on NPT issues. Sending these postcards directly to the Foreign Secretary will give a clear message that we want to see genuine measures for global disarmament secured at the Conference. When he receives thousands of these postcards he and his department will have to face up to the extent of public demand for disarmament. More postcards are available, see box below.



An edition of Heddwch will be produced before the Westminster election, to be used at election meetings to highlight the questions CND want prospective MPs to answer. We intend to print extra copies for election meetings so please let us know how many extra copies you think you can distribute (see below).



Immediately after the Westminster election next year, we will be urging the newly-elected government to fulfil Britain's obligation under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) 'to pursue negotiations in good faith ... to achieve nuclear disarmament' and to make a positive contribution at the NPT Review Conference. There is a

real prospect that whoever is elected may be persuaded to abandon Trident replacement – even if it is for economic reasons rather than because they have come round to our way of thinking about the development, acquisition, manufacture, testing, possession, threat and use of weapons of mass murder.



Wales Peace Institute

Good news: as a result of our appeal to CND Cymru members over 1500 signatures were gathered on our Wales Peace Institute petition within four weeks. This petition has now been formally presented to the National Assembly for Wales where it is currently being considered. This was an excellent response from our membership, friends and supporters and shows that CND Cymru can have a real impact.

Thank you to everyone who signed and returned the petition.



Presenting the Petition on the steps of Y Senedd
L to R: Stephen Thomas (Welsh Centre for International Affairs), Mike German AM, Sue Essex, John Cox (CND Cymru)

'The question for each of us to think about is - am I going to be truly alive at this crucial point in history, or am I going to be a spectator?'

[Bruce Gagnon, Co-ordinator of The Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space]

Please send me _____ extra copies of Heddwch 'election' issue
Please send me details of the Aldermaston blockade
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More copies of the postcard are available
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Aldermaston Big Blockade February 15th 2010

Jill Evans MEP, Chair of CND Cymru is one of hundreds expected to be at Aldermaston AWE in February. To draw attention to and to show our opposition to current government plans to renew Trident, CND Cymru is supporting a full perimeter blockade of the bomb-making factory (AWE) at Aldermaston on February 15th. (see www.blockawe.blogspot.com/) & blockawe@yahoo.co.uk)

We don't want new nuclear weapons, we need nuclear disarmament now, yet building of infrastructure for the creation of a new generation of nuclear weapons is already underway at Aldermaston. You don't have to be arrested but can also simply be part of the demonstration, and/or provide support and sustenance to others.

Our target is to have at least fifty people from Wales blockading the 'Construction Gate' whilst others from all over Britain block the other eight.



Groups (and contact details) of those planning to go:

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Some financial help may be available to assist groups. Contact Brian Jones (see Swansea CND contact) for more information.

SOME DIARY DATES

Seasons' Greetings to all CND Cymru members, colleagues, friends and fellow campaigners.

Let's look forward to working for a more peaceful and just new year.

January 10, 7.30pm

Ebenezer Chapel, Porthmadog: The Dwyrdd a Glaslyn cell of Cymdeithas y Cymod will be discussing climate change. All welcome. Details: Pryderi Llwyd Jones t: 01766 514 103

January 23, 1.30 - 4.30pm

Y Morlan, Aberystwyth
Next Cynefin y Werin meeting.
Details t: 01286 882 134
e: benica@gn.apc.org

January 30th (tbc) 10.30am - 4.30pm

Anti-Nuclear Power Conference

Norwegian Church, Cardiff Bay
Organised by South Wales Anti-Nuclear Alliance and the Welsh Nuclear Free Local Authorities. Invited speakers Jane Davidson, Paul Flynn, Leanne Wood, a Lib-Dem and the WNFLA as well as FoE, CND and WANA - Hugh Richardson on the radioactive waste problems.
Contact to confirm t: 02920 830 029
e: tim@iforbach.demon.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP

If you are not a member of CND Cymru, please consider joining; if you have received this mailing and 'heddwch' but would like to be taken off our mailing list, please let the membership secretary know. Already a member of CND Cymru? Then, please do pass the enclosed membership form to a friend or someone whom you think might like to join us.

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A big thank you to all those who make an extra donation to the campaign when they join. While we don't normally write to thank all of you, individually who are so generous, please be assured that all contributions are greatly appreciated.

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