

# Etholiadau'r Senedd 2021

## Holiadur Ymgeiswyr

# Senedd Election 2021

## Candidates Questionnaire



# C N D Cymru

Annwyl ymgeisydd Seneddol,

Carai CND Cymru ofyn i chi ymateb i'r holiadur byr hwn yr ydym yn ei anfon at bob ymgeisydd yn etholiadau 2021 i'r Senedd er mwyn i ni allu hysbysu ein cefnogwyr o farn ymgeiswyr ar faterion niwclear.

Mae yna 5 cwestiwn: mae a wnelo'r tri cyntaf ag arfau niwclear, gyda chwestiwn yr un ar bŵer niwclear a gwastraff niwclear yn eu dilyn.

Ar ôl i chi gwblhau'r holiadur, anfonwch e at [heddwch@cndcymru.org](mailto:heddwch@cndcymru.org) os gwelwch yn dda.

Diolch am roddi o'ch amser.

Dear Senedd candidate,

CND Cymru would like to ask you to reply to this brief questionnaire, which we are sending to all 2021 Senedd election candidates, so that our supporters know candidates' views on nuclear issues.

There are 5 questions: the first three concern nuclear weapons, followed by one question each on nuclear power and nuclear waste.

After completing the questionnaire, please return it to [heddwch@cndcymru.org](mailto:heddwch@cndcymru.org)

Thank you for your time.

Enw / Name : .....Calum Davies.....

Plaid / Party : .....Welsh Liberal Democrats.....

Etholaeth / Constituency : .....Arfon.....

1. Prif bryder CND Cymru, wrth gwrs, yw arfau niwclear, nad yw'n fater datganoledig. Fodd bynnag, gall Aelodau'r Senedd lofnodi Addewid Seneddol ICAN<sup>1</sup> i gefnogi Cytundeb y Cenhedloedd Unedig (CU) ar Wahardd Arfau Niwclear:<sup>2</sup>

*Yr ydwyf fi, y seneddwr/wraig sy'n arwyddo isod, yn croesawu mabwysiadu'r Cytundeb ar Wahardd Arfau Niwclear gan y CU ar y 7 Gorffennaf 2017 yn gynnes, fel cam pwysig tuag at sicrhau byd heb arfau niwclear.*

*Testun pryder dwys i mi yw'r canlyniadau trychinebus i'r ddynolryw pe câi arfau niwclear byth eu defnyddio, ac yr wyf yn ymwybodol o'r angen, o ganlyniad, am ddileu'r arfau annynol a ffaidd hyn.*

*Fel seneddwr/wraig, yr wyf yn addo gweithio i gael fy ngwlad i lofnodi a chadarnhau'r cytundeb tirnod hwn, gan fy mod yn ystyried dileu arfau niwclear yn fudd cyhoeddus byd-eang o'r radd flaenaf ac yn gam hanfodol tuag at hyrwyddo diogelwch a llesiant holl bobloedd y byd.*

Beth yw eich barn am arfau niwclear ac, yn benodol, a fydddech y barod i arwyddo'r Addewid hwn os cewch eich ethol?

1. CND Cymru's main concern is, of course, nuclear weapons, which are not a devolved issue. However Senedd Members can sign the ICAN<sup>1</sup> Parliamentary Pledge in support of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons<sup>2</sup>:

*I, the undersigned parliamentarian, warmly welcome the adoption of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on 7 July 2017 as a significant step towards the realization of a nuclear-weapon-free world.*

*I am deeply concerned about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences that would result from any use of nuclear weapons, and I recognize the consequent need to eliminate these inhumane and abhorrent weapons.*

*As a parliamentarian, I pledge to work for the signature and ratification of this landmark treaty by my country, as I consider the abolition of nuclear weapons to be a global public good of the highest order and an essential step to promote the security and well-being of all peoples.*

What are your views on nuclear weapons, and in particular, if elected, would you be prepared to sign this Pledge ?

It is my belief that we could have avoided decades of misery if nuclear weapons had never been invented. I would love to see a nuclear free world because we only have one Planet, and an all-out nuclear war would destroy life on earth.

The fact that some countries have these weapons incites challenge from other nations and challenge inevitably incites conflict. And there is always the risk of nuclear accident. I am more than willing to sign this pledge.

<sup>1</sup> Yr Ymgyrch Ryngwladol yn erbyn Arfau Niwclear, a dderbyniodd Wobr Heddwch Nobel am greu'r Cytundeb ar Wahardd Arfau Niwclear [www.icanw.org](http://www.icanw.org)

<sup>2</sup> Am ragor o wybodaeth am y Cytundeb, gweler [www.cndcymru.org/information/TPNW](http://www.cndcymru.org/information/TPNW) yn cynnwys rhestr o lofnodwyr cyfredol Cymreig Addewid

Seneddol ICAN. I weld pawb sydd wedi arwyddo, gweler <https://pledge.icanw.org/>

<sup>1</sup> The International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the creation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons [www.icanw.org](http://www.icanw.org)

<sup>2</sup> For further information on the Treaty [www.cndcymru.org/information/TPNW](http://www.cndcymru.org/information/TPNW) including a list of current Welsh signatories of the ICAN

2. Yn ogystal â gwahardd arfau niwclear, mae Cytundeb y CU ar Wahardd Arfau Niwclear hefyd yn gwahardd cyllido arfau niwclear. A fydddech yn cefnogi mesurau i sicrhau nad oes gan gronfa bensiwyn y Senedd unrhyw fuddsoddiadau mewn cwmnïau sy'n ymwneud â chynhyrchu arfau niwclear?

Parliamentarian Pledge. To see all signatories <https://pledge.icanw.org/>

2. As well as banning nuclear weapons, the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons also prohibits the financing of nuclear weapons. Would you support measures to ensure that the Senedd pension fund has no investments in companies involved in nuclear weapons production ?

Yes of course. The one thing I find so difficult in politics is the constant question of how are we going to find the money for such things like Free School meals or a pay rise for the NHS, but there always seems to be enough money for War. There is no need to pump valuable money into more weapons of mass destruction. I am happy to suppose your proposal that measures be taken to ensure that the Senedd pension fund does not invest with companies that are directly involved in the production of nuclear weapons.

3. Ym 1982, datganwyd bod Cymru yn Wlad Ddi-niwclear, yn sgil cynigion a basiwyd gan bob Cyngor Sir yng Nghymru. Y Cynghorau Sir, ar y pryd, oedd yr haen ddemocrataidd uchaf o lywodraeth yng Nghymru.

Y Senedd yw fforwm democrataidd uchaf Cymru yn awr. Mae'r Cytundeb ar Wahardd Arfau Niwclear yn gwahardd "caniatáu... i arfau niwclear gael eu lleoli neu eu defnyddio ar eu tiriogaeth". I wledydd sydd wedi cadarnhau'r Cytundeb, mae'r gwaharddiad hwn bellach yn rhan o gyfraith ryngwladol.

A fydddech chi'n cefnogi polisi gan y Senedd o wahardd cludo, lleoli neu ddefnyddio arfau niwclear yng Nghymru, yng ngofod awyr Cymru, ac yn nyfroedd arfordirol Cymru?

3. In 1982, Wales was declared a Nuclear Free Country, following motions passed by every County Council in Wales. County Councils were, at that time, the highest democratic tier of government in Wales.

The Senedd is now the highest Welsh democratic forum. The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons bans "allowing ... nuclear weapons to be stationed or deployed on their territory". For states that have ratified the Treaty, this prohibition is now part of international law.

Would you support a Senedd policy of prohibiting the transporting, stationing or deploying nuclear weapons in Wales, in Welsh air space, and in Welsh coastal waters?

As well as the threat of nuclear war, there is the safety aspect of possessing nuclear weapons. If there were nuclear weapons stationed within the Welsh borders and something went wrong - a ghastly accident - our country and its nature would be devastated for decades or even centuries. In addition, if the world did go mad and nuclear weapons were launched, Wales would be a target for simply having the weapons within our borders.

4. Ar hyn o bryd mae Cymru'n cynhyrchu mwy o drydan nag a ddefnyddia, heb ddim gorsafoedd pŵer niwclear gweithredol. Sut fydddech chi'n ymateb i unrhyw gynnig o blaid cynhyrchu pŵer niwclear newydd yng Nghymru, boed yn orsaf ynni niwclear newydd yn Wylfa, neu Adweithyddion Niwclear Modiwlaid Bach yn Wylfa, Trawsfynydd, neu unrhyw safle arall?

4. Wales currently generates more electricity than it uses, without any operating nuclear power stations. How would you react to any proposal for new nuclear power generation in Wales, whether that be a new nuclear power station at Wylfa, or Small Modular Nuclear Reactors at either Wylfa, Trawsfynydd, or any other site ?

I would much prefer Wales to invest in Greener energy rather than putting money into a new Nuclear reactor. Investing in factories to make solar panels and other renewable energy would bring long term jobs to the area rather than a Nuclear power station that may only last for a decade. We think long term but not long term enough. I personally believe that Nuclear power stations should be phased out country wide.

5. Er nad yw ynni niwclear yn bwnc datganoledig, mae gwastraff niwclear yn fater datganoledig. Sut fydddech chi'n ymateb i unrhyw gynnig o blaid storio gwastraff niwclear yng Nghymru?

5. Although nuclear power is not a devolved issue, nuclear waste is a devolved matter. How would you react to any proposal for storing nuclear waste in Wales ?

This is one of the reasons I would like to see a total closure of all Nuclear power stations. Nuclear power is not clean energy. I would not support any storage of nuclear waste in or around Wales. If the government decides to dump nuclear waste in the ocean surrounding Wales I would certainly oppose this, not least because of the potential long term effect of radiation impacting on our food supply.