

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 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

Thank you for your time.

Enw / Name :Jackie Charlton.....

Plaid / Party : Welsh Liberal Democrats

Etholaeth / Constituency : Rhondda

1. Prif bryder CND Cymru, wrth gwrs, yw arfau niwclear, nad yw'n fater datganoledig. Fodd bynnag, gall Aelodau'r Senedd lofnodi Addewid Seneddol ICAN¹ i gefnogi Cytundeb y Cenhedloedd Unedig (CU) ar Wahardd Arfau Niwclear:²

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 fffiaidd 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 ICAN¹ Parliamentary Pledge in support of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons²:

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 ?

I would be really pleased to sign this pledge. I have been anti nuclear most of my adult life and am concerned that the UK continues to support a growing base of nuclear warheads for no apparent reason. It was hugely disappointing to see the Conservative government refusing to sign the UN Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as so many other nations did.

If elected I will continue to campaign against nuclear weapons and nuclear energy which feeds the weapons industry.

¹ Yr Ymgyrch Ryngwladol yn erbyn Arfau Niwclear, a dderbyniodd Wobr Heddwch Nobel am greu'r Cytundeb ar Wahardd Arfau Niwclear www.icanw.org

² Am ragor o wybodaeth am y Cytundeb, gweler 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/>

¹ 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

² For further information on the Treaty 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 bensiwn 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 ?

I have campaigned for divestment from fossil fuel investments and would be clear that if elected to the Senedd would ensure the pension fund has no investment in companies involved in nuclear weapons production.

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 ?

Absolutely and still work with campaigners who were responsible for the 1982 pledge.

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 campaign against any new nuclear power stations in Wales and am actively campaigning against Hinkley right now.

I am also against Wales receiving any waste from existing nuclear power stations into sites here in Wales.

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 ?

See above. Have campaigned against this and have put a Motion to Welsh Liberal Democrats to support this. Sadly it did not pass although the subsequent discussions provided a sound basis on which to believe that Welsh Liberal Democrats would not support the dumping of waste on Welsh soil.