

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 :mick antoniw.....

Plaid / Party :labour

Etholaeth / Constituency :pontypridd.....

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 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 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 am opposed to nuclear weapons, they cost enormous amounts of public money and they are weapons that can never be used. I am disappointed that nuclear arms reduction has all but ceased.

There has been an international failure that I hope will now be rectified and hopefully the Biden administration will re kick start the process.

The failure of the Budapest agreement whereby Ukraine unilaterally got rid of its nuclear weapons on the basis of an international assurance of protection of sovereignty has been broken by Putin with his invasion of Eastern Ukraine and Crimea and this has undermined the process of nuclear disarmament which is why we now need a new International agreement aimed at the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

The UN has taken the first steps to restart the process but it now needs international commitment to ensure it is implemented.

¹ Yr Ymgyrch Ryngwladol yn erbyn Arfau Niwclear, a dderbyniodd Wobr Heddwch Nobel am greu'r Cytundeb ar Wahardd Arfau Niwclear <https://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 <https://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 Parliamentary Pledge. To see all signatories <https://pledge.icanw.org/>

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?

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 believe our pension funds should be based on ethical investment which does not involve investment in weaponry of any time and which is also supportive of environmental sustainability.

There is a need for the reform of pension related law to simplify the process of disinvestment.

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

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.

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.

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.

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?

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 ?

I do not believe in nuclear weapons, they also present a hazard. I do not believe they should be placed in Wales. The Senedd does not have power to restrict the placement of nuclear weapons on Welsh MOD sites or to prevent the movement .

I do believe that Welsh Government should not consent to their placement in Welsh territory and especially not in areas that are highly populated where the risks are greatest.

I am not aware that there are any nuclear weapons based in Wales and I do not foresee that position changing.

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 believe that plans for development of nuclear power stations have stalled because they have now become uneconomic, it is understandable that some communities see previous plans as being opportunities for job creation but it is clear the plans are unsustainable and I suspect will not be resurrected. As a country we have in any event lost the capability of constructing our own nuclear plants.

Wales should now concentrate on investment in our natural energy sources which have the capacity to create long term jobs , training opportunities and to put Wales at the forefront of technological development , innovation and investment, through wind, solar and in particular tidal. For this reason I also support the devolution of responsibility for the grid in Wales and the ability to create community energy centres.

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 ?

I see no likelihood of any storage of nuclear waste in Wales. Attempts by UK government to encourage this have failed. I cannot think of any community even with the substantial financial bribes that are on offer , choosing to accept storage of nuclear waste . just as UK government is trying to get out of responsibility for the legacy of the coal industry and coal tips, so they would do the same in the long term with nuclear waste.