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Scottish CND, one of ICAN's partner organisations, is organising a huge international demonstration in support of the UN Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The aim is to to highlight the strength of support from many UN member states for Scotland, a country hosting nuclear weapons against its wishes and excluded from signing the Ban Treaty. The rally will be an opportunity to mark the determination of the Scottish people to align themselves as far as possible with the Treaty.

The rally will feature speakers from many countries. Confirmed to date are: Sharon Dolev (Israel), Founding director of the Israeli Disarmament Movement, Ekatrina Earsalovna (Russia), Professor of International Relations, Ural Federal University, Anthony Donovan, writer, organiser and documentary maker on peace and disarmament from New York, Emad Kiyaei (Iran), a consultant who provides political, business and civil society leaders with strategic advice in the intersection of political risk, diplomacy and technology, Maaike Beenes (The Netherlands), a young campaigner with PAX in the Netherlands, Members of the People's Democratic Party (South Korea) who visited Scotland as part of their Peace Expedition, Allison Pytlak (Reaching Critical Will), who was awarded, along with Ray Acheson, the UN Women's Champion for Change status this year for their advocacy in the campaign for the TPNW and Timmon Wallis (United States) – National Co-ordinator of NuclearBan.US.

We really need to make this a huge event to show the level of international support for Scotland's opposition to nukes and to present a clear challenge to the UK Government to sign the TPNW, enter negotiations and scrap their nuclear policies. We also need to re-assert our vision for Scotland as a land free of weapons of mass destruction and support for their removal from the UK and the whole world.

Yorkshire CND is committed to supporting this important demonstration, up north for a change, and have a large coach to fill. There are pick-ups in Leeds, Bradford, Shipley, Keighley, Skipton and Settle, and we're subsidising the costs heavily to make it affordable to all. To book or for more info, see www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk

Yorkshire CND is moving!

As reported in the last issue, the diocese is selling Desmond Tutu House in which our current office is housed. Thanks to the appeal in Action for Peace, one of our members came up with a good solution for the medium term (in the long term we'd like to be part of any move the Peace Museum makes). Our new office will be at The Deaf Centre (pictured), 25 Hallfield Rd, Bradford. Our office is upstairs, so not fully accessible, but there are meeting rooms on the ground floor. We hope to be fully moved in by the week starting 17th September. But you might have to bear with us before full service resumes, as new phone-internet needs to be installed, not to mention all the boxes to be unpacked!

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Summer Campaigning photos, Keep Space for Peace Week, Upcoming events and more.....

Keep Space for Peace 2018

Trump has announced plans for a Space Force — a separate military service which would ensure US 'control and domination' of space on behalf of corporate interests. China, Russia and other space-faring nations would be the targets.
The Pentagon has actually been operating in space for decades, so creating a new military branch would not only be a problem with bureaucracy but also it would further destabilise the world and increase tensions.

The idea that the US must dominate space is arrogant, stupid, dangerous, and highly destabilising to world peace. The Trump and Pence proposal for a Space Force is largely driven by maximum profits for the aerospace industry.

Unfortunately, our bases at Fylingdales and Menwith Hill are implicitly tied up in the US desire to dominate space. Earlier this year, with little fanfare, the Pentagon's mission statement was changed from being to "provide the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of our country". Under Trump, who is a one-man argument for nuclear disarmament, the "deter war" aim was removed, and replaced with "sustain American influence abroad".
As Natalie Bennett argued when she spoke at Menwith Hill on 4th July, no UK prime minister can reasonably defend UK soil being used for such a purpose – particularly not for a Trumpian White House.

The U.N.'s Outer Space and Moon Treaties declare that space must be preserved for all of humanity. As peace campaigners we need to renew our efforts to defeat plans to weaponise space. During October 6-13, the annual KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE WEEK will focus on Space Force. Please get involved and come to one or all of our events below.

Saturday 6th October - 'Walk & Talk' - Fylingdales. An informative walk around the base focusing on Fylingdales' role in US plans to dominate space - led by Prof Dave Webb of the Global Network Against Nuclear Weapons & Power in Space.
Transport available - contact the office, or meet at Eller Beck bridge (bus 840 from Leeds to Whitby stops here) at midday. We'll then walk a permissive footpath behind the base, with the choice to return to Eller Beck or walk on the more scenic but longer route to the Hole of Horcum car park.

Tuesday 9th October - Keep Space for Peace week demo at Menwith Hill, main gate, 6pm. Hot drinks and food available. Speakers and music.

10th or 11th October - public meeting on Space Force, venue to be confirmed in Bradford.

Public Meeting

On the first anniversary of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons opening for signatures at the UN

Is a Nuclear Weapon Free World Now Possible?

Thursday 20th September 2018, 5.15 - 7 pm
Norcroft Lounge, The University of Bradford, Richmond Rd, Bradford BD7 1DP
Speakers include:
Professor Dave Webb, Chair of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)
Professor Paul Rogers, University of Bradford

Refreshments provided. This is a free event.
All students, CND members and peace activists welcome.
This is a joint event being hosted by: University of Bradford Peace Society, CND and the Oldham Pledge to Peace Forum.

Summer Campaigning Round-up

Wow, well that was one of our busiest summers for a good while. We're taking a bit of a breather this Autumn, as the office move is taking up some time and resources. Though having said that, we still have quite line-up of events upcoming - see inside and the diary at the back. Here are some photos from just a handful of the very many events around the county in the last few months.

Sheffield's Peace in the Park was a great way to start the summer, with SCRAP's street theatre on arms to Saudi Arabia entertaining us outside the YCND tent. The CND Symbol tour kicked off in Yorkshire with a fantastic outing to Ribblehead viaduct with Grassington Peace Group (pictured above). With stops in Bradford and Calderdale, York (pictured right), it ended up at the Jobs not Bombs conference in Leeds (pictured below). The conference, organised by Yorkshire CND and Yorkshire Labour CND featured speakers Fabian Hamilton MP, Ann Feltham (Campaign Against Arms Trade) & Barnaby Pace (Nuclear Information Service).

The annual Independence From America Day at Menwith Hill was another brilliant demo, organised by Menwith Hill Accountability Campaign. The sun shone, there were excellent speakers including Kate Hudson, Chris Bluemel and Natalie Bennett who kindly stepped in to replace a cancelled speaker, and rousing music from the Commoners Choir and others. Thanks to Neil Terry Photography for photo below.

We squeezed in a quick demo in Leeds against Trump's visit to the UK, carrying the Yorkshire CND banner (pictured above) alongside many other creative placards.

In August, many peace groups held commemorations for Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days, including Bradford, Leeds (which had nearly 70 people and is pictured below), Keighley (pictured right).

The annual peace picnic in Sheffield was also a great success and it was great to hear the hugely popular Lord Mayor Magid Magid (pictured below) renew the city's commitment to a nuclear free future.

Leeds

C of E passes motion on Global Ban

The Church of England General Synod has passed a motion on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons following a debate in York on Sunday 8 July.

The Bishop of Chelmsford Stephen Cottrell moved the motion, which was passed by an overwhelming majority. The motion calls on the UK government to "respond positively" to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which was agreed at the United Nations in July 2017 with the support of 122 states. The government position up to now has been not to support the Treaty.

The Church of England adopted a position against the replacement of Trident in 2007 and now joins other churches including the Church of Scotland, Methodist Church, Baptist Union and the Quakers in calling on the government to respond positively to the Treaty. The Holy See has already signed and ratified the Treaty at the UN.

Congratulations to Christian CND, who worked towards this motion being passed and also held a fringe event and stall.

More info from: http://christiancnd.org.uk/

Songs for Peace

This year marks the centenary of the end of WW1, and we want to do a very special Songs for Peace on 11th November. We will of course be laying white poppy wreaths, to remember all those killed in conflicts, be they civilians or soldiers on all sides. We plan to have communal singing led by Tony & Rahel, but this year, will be joined by local community choirs.
The event will start around 1pm (please check with us on the exact time as we may need to adapt for any special 100th year events organised by the British Legion), and we hope to have hot soup again at Glyde House.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

Join Calder Valley CND for Peace & Justice for music, poems, readings and song to celebrate the International United Nations Day for Peace.

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 6.30PM

Wavy steps at the Packhorse Bridge, Hebden Bridge

Featuring: Calder Valley Voices, Taize singers, Mayor of Hebden Royd and more.....
More info: www.facebook.com/groups/caldervalleycnd

Spotlight on..... Calder Valley CND for Peace & Justice

An occasional column looking at different groups or aspects of our campaigning

Calder Valley CND have got a pretty packed Autumn coming up. We weren't able to do our annual Hiroshima Day commemoration, so have decided to do a similar event to mark International Peace Day (details opposite). We've also got stalls at two local fetes/harvest fairs, which are always very successful.

We've arranged to have a film showing on 20th October at Hebden Bridge Picture House, as part of CND's 60th anniversary. The film is Carry Greenham Home, and as well as doing an introduction, we're trying to collate a temporary exhibition featuring the memories, photos and memorabilia of many of our local women (and men) who were part of the Greenham protests.

We've also found out that the frightening, but really excellent film 'Threads' is showing in our area on 2nd December (details on back page) and hope to have a stall there too.

If you can help with any of this, please contact kathypitt725@hotmail.com

Yorkshire CND represented in Hiroshima and Nagasaki

I have recently returned from a fantastic few weeks in Japan, attending the World Conference Against A and H Bombs, and meeting peace campaigners from all over the world.

Every year in early August people from every corner of Japan and all over the world meet in Hiroshima and Nagasaki for a big conference. There were about 6,000 people there from over 20 different countries. We shared stories, information and solidarity about all of the different peace projects we are working on. Despite the different cultures and regional political situations, many people are campaigning on similar things. In Okinawa in Japan there is a campaign against a new US military base being built; something that I know campaigners against Menwith Hill in Yorkshire can relate to.

I also spent a lot of time speaking to young people and students in Japan about what they care about, and how they are pushing for Japan to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Several people at the conference were Hibakusha – survivors of the bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I was so honoured to speak to them and hear their first hand experiences of nuclear weapons. It really epitomised why I want to see a world without nuclear weapons.

I had the honour of giving a speech to the World Conference about we are doing here in the UK to campaign against nuclear weapons, and have returned home with a greater understanding of this global movement that we are a part of.

Rachel Melly

Yorkshire CND's Rachel Melly with other conference participants in Hiroshima

Diary

Every Tuesday - vigil at Menwith Hill 6pm-7.30pm. The intrepid and dedicated folk of MHAC need a lot of support as policing up there has made the protest more difficult in recent months.

8th Sept to 26th Oct - Bradford Peace Museum - The Cell Block is a new travelling exhibition created by English Heritage to conserve the stories of the graffiti at Richmond Castle, cell block. Digitally explore the cells, come face-to-face with the graffiti and uncover the stories of its creators. http://peacemuseum.org.uk/.

Thursday 20th September - International Peace Day celebration with Calder Valley CND (see inside)

Thursday 20th September - meeting, Bradford. Is a Nuclear Weapon Free World Now Possible? See inside.

22nd September - Nae Nukes Anywhere - Rally at Faslane. See front page.

6th - 13th October - KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE Week. See inside for more details on the various events happening in Yorkshire: 9th Oct - demo at Menwith Hill, 6pm. 10/11th Ocobter - public meeting on Trump's Space Force. 6th Oct - Walk and Talk around Fylingdale Base - Led by Prof Dave Webb.

Saturday 20th October - Film Showing - Carry Greenham Home, Hebden Bridge Picture House, 5pm.

31st October - DON'T MISS - Christine Schweitzer (Chair of War Resisters International) will be coming from Germany to give the **2018 Howard Clark Memorial Lecture** on Nonviolence on October 31st at Leeds Beckett University. Tickets and info from - https://bit.ly/2PKL9b7

Saturday 10th November - Conference on emerging weapons, inlcuding speakers from Yorkshire CND. London venue, to be confirmed.

Sunday 11 November - Songs for Peace. 1pm at Bradford Cenotaph. See inside for further details.

Saturday 24th November - Peace & Craft Fair. Our big fundraiser returns with the usual great selection of handmade craft stalls, information and campaigns, live music, veggie cafe, face-painting and this year, free circus skills to entertain the kids while you do your christmas shopping. A good number of brand new stalls have already booked this year, so don't miss out - put it in your diary now. If you can help publicise this, whether by promoting on social media, putting up posters / leaflets in your area, please get in touch. Also looking for helpers on the day, to run the CND stall or help on the cafe.

2nd December - Film Showing - 'Threads' at Sun 02 Dec, 7:30pm at Red Brick Auditorium, Square Chapel Arts Centre, Halifax.

Saturday 13th April - SAVE THE DATE - IT'S THE DAY OF DANCE 2019!

YCND New Privacy Policy

In order to comply with new data regulations, Yorkshire CND has drafted a privacy policy. This can be accessed online at https://yorkshirecnd.org.uk/privacy-policy/
This outlines how we protect your data and your rights. For a paper copy phone 01274 730795

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Leeds CND - contact Dave on 07717 606189 facebook.com/LeedsCND or leedscnd@gmail.com

Leeds Coaltion Against War - Meetings will be twice a month, on the first and third Wednesdays, 7pm, Leeds Civic Hall info@anbeal.co.uk

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