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Greetings fellow peaceniks to the autumn/winter edition of Nuclear Free Scotland. Our very lively AGM took place just over a month ago and a number of interesting debates and discussions took place. As a follow up from the AGM, Scottish CND will be looking to run an event in April examining the role of NATO in today’s uncertain and unpredictable world. The AGM also committed Scottish CND and our local groups network to visiting and supporting the Faslane Peace Camp on a regular basis. Details of all the resolutions and amendments discussed at the AGM can be found on the website.

The past year has been a very busy time for Scottish CND and we are working on many fronts. However, 2019 will also be a very busy year as we continue our Scrap Trident work and we will be redoubling our efforts to raise awareness of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons or as it is sometimes know, the Global Ban Treaty which has been featured in previous editions of our magazine.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, executive members and office volunteers for the work they do on behalf of our organisation. In addition, thanks are due to the office bearers and members of our local branches who work hard in different parts of the country to put over the case for getting rid of nuclear weapons from Scotland and our world. We are also pleased to note that our individual members and affiliated groups continue to give us the support that allows us to play a major role in the wider Scottish peace movement. I am delighted to be able to end this report by saying that our coordinator Flavia Tudoreanu gave birth to a baby daughter Rose in November.

Chair’s Report
Arthur West

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Several hundred folk from at least thirty-five countries gathered in Dublin in November 2018 for a conference focusing on the actuality of, and resistance to, US and NATO military bases worldwide. Appropriately we began with Ireland and 2 TDs and a Senator challenging the fact that thousands of US troops pass through Shannon airport on their way to bases and battlefields to the East in direct contradiction of Ireland’s constitutional neutrality. This is all in strong contrast to its excellent record on international diplomacy for disarmament. In the United Kingdom the huge bases at Fylingdales and Menwith Hill1 are disguised as RAF units. In Europe, Italy has a surprisingly large number of US bases, almost completely normalised as far as most people are concerned. On top of the central issue that these bases are crucial to the conduct of war worldwide by US/NATO there is a significant social disruption, criminality (including sexual assault on local women) and long-term environmental problems, such as the leaching of perfluorooctanoic acid with implications for human health relating to tumours, neonatal death and the immune and endocrine systems.

Updates were provided on resistance to Germany’s Buchel2 and Ramstein and from Shannonwatch3. The popular resistance in Okinawa around the new base at Henoko4 has particular resonance for Scotland. The base is backed by the Tokyo government but universally opposed by Okinawans, including elected politicians. We also learned of continued direct action and court cases against the expansion of the base at Vicenza in Italy as well as a mass protest there in 2007, which is an example of the strong Italian support for ICAN’s parliamentary TPNW pledge. In the Czech Republic, consistent public resistance to a Bush/Obama plan to site US missile defence systems led to the decision being shelved. The environmental devastation caused by base construction at Jeju5 may be complete, but is still vigorously resisted daily, as are similar developments in the Philippines.

UK CND’s Chair Dave Webb told the conference that the UK campaign against nuclear weapons previously concentrated on the British Trident but is now adopting a more international perspective on the question, particularly in response to the emergence of the TPNW. In that context he mentioned Scottish CND’s Nae Nukes Anywhere March and Rally and associated events Dave underlined the new threats coming from “usable” nukes, aggressive missile “defence” and spoke of the need to pay more attention to the Asian scene. The “Pacific Cold War” theme was developed by Annette Brownlie of the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network6 who told us about the growing US presence in Darwin and the suspicion that it may be a US plan B should protests in Okinawa force withdrawal from there. In the broader sweep of
militarism Frank Keoghan of the People’s Movement in Ireland gave a disturbing account of the rate at which the European Union is progressing its plans for a European defence structure, including a European army. Already signalled in the Lisbon Treaty, the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), aimed at the structural integration of national forces, was initiated in practice last year and involves 25 countries (including the UK). It is unlikely that Brexit will remove the UK from PESCO since the arrangement allows for involvement on non-EU countries. At present there is an ethos of firm collaboration with NATO but there is also the vision of adding a military dimension to a significant global economic player - a new tooled-up power bloc, possibility even with nuclear armed status in view, with serious questions about accountability to the European Parliament. This has sharp significance for Scotland, both presently within the UK and as an aspiring independent nation.

The specific issue of nuclear weapons arose mainly in the context of the European states which host US weapons and in reference to those bases which facilitate missile defence. At the opening of the conference, Mairead Maguire set all this aggressive posturing in the context of the need for addressing human needs, active peace-building and learning skills for conflict resolution but this was not followed up in the plenaries. The identification by platform speakers of the US as a major contributor to war-making and war-planning is justified by the facts, but in general the conference failed to set that threat in the appropriate context of the general and overarching threats to the planet. Climate breakdown had only a marginal mention and there was no acknowledgement that there are nuclear-armed states which are not part of the US hegemony and which also contribute to the nuclear threat. There was no articulation of the likely interplay between threats (e.g. from climate breakdown to increased conflict to increased risk of global war to nuclear annihilation, OR regional nuclear war to hemispheric climate change to starvation to increased conflict to global pandemics). Understandably given travel costs, the panel on Africa were mostly US campaigners, with a strong focus on resistance to Africom⁷ and a perspective on the colonial past and the mineral and resource wealth of so-called underdeveloped countries. WILPF Chad president provided a refreshing feminist imperative on listening directly to the lived experience of women as experts in conflict
Also lacking was the fact that the TPNW brings a new element into the NATO question. While this was not articulated from the platform it was understood by several of those present that the hateful NATO first-strike nuclear policy is just that, a policy, and is not an article of the Treaty itself. Italian activists and Lucas Wirl from Germany informally explained how a NATO member state can in fact sign and ratify the TPNW without breaching the terms of the NATO treaty. This fine wedge might well be driven in further, to the point where some member states, in recoil from the ever more blatant domination of the alliance by the US, will seek a re-balancing or an exit. This tactic, of course, would not make sense for a fresh start Scotland but we should be aware of it as a factor in the global scene.

The conference’s limit in scope also meant that there was little emphasis on the potential of large-scale institutions to effect improvements. There was, for example, no formal mention of OSCE as a positive player on the European scene, nor the role of the EU Parliament and only minor attention (and that in some cases rather dismissive) to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons although the Italian campaigners, for instance, were inspired and hopeful about its value and progress outside of the formal sessions. The focus on solidarity between base resistance movements in different parts of the world makes that omission perhaps more understandable but fails to take on board the fact that grassroots resistance movements can and do feed into and even initiate large-scale institutional change. Despite the presence of strong and articulate women there was little opportunity for them to present a feminist critique of the discourse of hegemony.

I appreciate very much the support of SCND in getting me to this hugely interesting and stimulating event.

References:
We were pleased to attend the CND UK Annual General Meeting in Bristol over 20th - 21st October. Scottish CND was represented by Janet Fenton, Shona McAlpine and myself. Resolutions from the conference that were carried unanimously directed the focus of the organisation towards challenging the ‘special relationship’ between the United Kingdom and the United States of America, promoting the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons at Westminster and among faith groups, opposing the expansion of NATO, resisting the spread of nuclear power, raising awareness of NATO military bases, and continuing their work concerning defence diversification. It was curious to me (a first timer!) to note the absolute lack of recognition of Scottish Independence as a workable strategy for disarmament. At the AGM, we advised the Southern delegates to use Holyrood’s favour of the TPNW to their strategic advantage when campaigning at Westminster, emphasised Scotland’s role in the Trident employment debate, and promoted coalition based campaigning. At the conference the following day, we had some time to share success stories from our Peace Campaigning Academy and the Nae Nukes Anywhere March and Rally, and we were treated to performances of local history. There was a focus this year on the role of the conscientious objectors during the First World War. Sunday’s conference saw speakers role-playing and presenting case histories for two such individuals. This presentation was followed by a wonderful puppet show from local group Remembering the Real WW1. A ‘Protest and Resist’ walking tour of Bristol was also available. These performances provided a much needed lift in the mood of the conference, after Sunday morning’s news of Trump’s retreat from the INF Treaty with Russia, which was met with unanimous condemnation from all present.
Perhaps the most insidious and corrosive effect of nuclear weapons is their psychological effect on us all, even people who detest them. The brain-numbing complexity of the A bomb, the arcane network of manufacture, maintenance, guidance and control, overwhelms our imagination, and cripples our capacity to act.

We face the classic “paralysis through analysis” syndrome. The famous Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno once said that whenever he encountered a really difficult problem, he asked his seven year old daughter the answer. Perhaps we too should consciously and courageously adopt a certain child-like simplicity when thinking about the problem of Scotland and Trident. Add Hugh McDermott’s infamous “Caledonian antisyzgy” to the ancient Scottish curse of the black Abbot (as in “Ah but, whit about x, y, z...?”) – and you can begin to see the problem we have.

So when we wake up in the morning the day after Independence and stagger incredulously into the sunlit morning of our new freedom, what do we actually do about Trident? We have no want to magic it away, but we want rid of it. ASAP.

The cosmic joke is that in reality we have to do – nothing at all. The boats, all four of them, are berthed at Faslane. They are tied up. And if they are tied up, they cannot be put to sea. They cannot be deployed. And if they cannot be deployed, they cannot be used. It’s the beginning of the end.

An independent Scotland with a written constitution banning nuclear weapons from its land and water outlaws Trident. The British Government cannot deploy Trident, because the Vanguard submarines are in Scottish waters, and Scotland now decides the Life and Death question of War and Peace. This is precisely what Independence means.

While the UK is mulling over the problem, the boats are immobilized. The Scottish Government can insist that the firing pins are removed from the missiles, so that they cannot be fired. And it must demand that the hydrogen bombs are removed from Coulport. These are taken regularly down to Burghfield anyway to make sure they actually will explode when fired (laughing called “integrity verification”), so now they can make the one-way trip to be dismantled.

Any talk of a Guantanamo-type arrangement must be anathema. And, to be honest, I know of nobody in the Independence movement who is making such a craven suggestion. So, the morning after Independent, Trident is toast. Simple. Even a seven year old girl (or boy) can see this.

Join Scottish CND from just 10 pounds per year. Every membership supports our crucial work in the fight against nuclear weapons.
As winter brings 2018 to a close, we at Faslane Peace Camp find ourselves as busy as ever. A retrospective look at the year in passing has found peace campers in court last April for their part in blockading the 2017 DSEI Arms Fair. The UDT arms fair in Glasgow saw peace campers active in organising for the protest and attempting to gain access to an event so unpopular Glasgow City Council vowed to never host it again.

This summer has also seen us hosting part of the Peace Campaigning Academy where we held a workshop on direct action; we also blockaded the South gate of the base as part of International Actions Against Nuclear Weapons on the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing. September brought a massive effort in preparation for the arrival of 600 plus people for the Nae Nukes Anywhere March and Rally. A colourful celebration of ongoing resistance to Trident.

Other than this we have been busy with maintaining the Peace Camp as a visitor centre providing cups of tea and current information on the alarming developments behind the mile and half eyesore of weld mesh electric fence and razor wire that houses HMNB Clyde. We invite everyone to attend our weekly vigil against nuclear weapons at the North Gate every Wednesday between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Often we have to put down our tools to go nuclear convoy hunting. Our location puts us in a good position to monitor and stop the movements of nuclear warheads on our roads. Keep an eye on our social media for announcements about Convoy Camp in Spring 2019.

We would also like to announce the start of a weekly phone blockade of HMNB Clyde, inviting everyone to phone the base between 9:00am to 11:00pm every Monday (phone number – 01436 674321) asking to speak to base commodore Donald Doull or others associated concerning the appallingly unsafe nature of Britain’s nuclear weapons deterrent that continues to threaten the West coast of Scotland from nuclear contamination and our continued survival as a
species. On a brighter note we would like to thank all our supporters and wish everyone involved in the campaign against nuclear weapons fun filled festivities from solstice into the New Year. As always we are open 365 days a year so drop in for a cuppa and a chat, follow us on social media and we will hopefully see you in 2019.

In resistance

Faslane Peace Camp

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**Note from Scottish CND Executive**

Scottish CND’s AGM called for support for the people who choose to live at Faslane Peace Camp. Generations have been part of a visible protest since 1982. International campaigners at Nae Nukes Anywhere March and Rally in September 2018 were very appreciative of the camp, and visiting it was a sombre and informative experience for the Peace Campaigning Academy students in July 2018. As we start another year, it is a good time for individuals and local groups to hatch some plans and get in touch with the camp to organise visits, gifts of provisions, equipment, cash, or to organise supportive events.
Scotland: A Peace of History is a celebration of Scottish CND’s sixtieth anniversary which has seen countless peace walks, demonstrations, fasts, petitions, blockades and rallies. Eighty years of key events within the exhibition show the progression of nuclear weaponry from the first ‘A bomb’ to the multi-billion dollar global industry that exists today and the rich history of opposition. The launch event occurred in mid December at the Mitchell Library and despite the classic Glasgow rain it was well attended by people of all ages and activist backgrounds. The official opening featured moving speeches from the Chair and Vice Chairs of Scottish CND with an engaging and lively performance of peace songs from years gone by from Protest in Harmony. Andy Arthur, our graphic designer, has done a phenomenal job, especially with the portraits of peace which feature John Ainslie and Naomi Mitchison. The event was a huge success. We hope that Scotland: A Peace of History will spend 2019 touring the country with your help! We would love every member, supporter and local CND group to host the exhibition in their local area for as long or as short a time as they want. The project is also an educational venture, and local schools may be interested in hosting for a while, it could be useful to show this exhibition during a particular time of year or event e.g. Hiroshima day, a local festival or on International Peace Day. Scottish CND can also provide stall materials such as leaflets, DVDs, badges and stickers to accompany the banner and testimony video. Don’t be overwhelmed by the size, the whole exhibition fits inside a car!
This would not have been possible without the help from all our volunteers and staff who spent hours organising materials brought to us by our members, supporters and held in archives across Scotland. Now we want to hand this amazing piece of work over to you!

*Photos by Tara Drummie (taradrummie@hotmail.com)*

Do you have an events space, church hall, local museum or even a school corridor you could display the banner in its full glory for all of Scotland to view and learn more about our movement? If so, get in contact with scnd@banthebomb.org or write to our office in Glasgow (77 Southpark Avenue, Glasgow, G72 8LE) or call us 0141 357 1529.

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**THE UK’S ATOMIC FORTRESS**

**DOUROREAY**

A civilian nuclear research facility between 1955-94 it was home to numerous test reactors. The Royal Navy opened HMS Vulcan on the site in 1963 as the home of UK nuclear submarine reactor development. Five generations of military reactors were developed here, the latest being decommissioned in 2015. Dounreay has an infamous reputation for the lax attitude to waste disposal, which culminated in an explosion in a shaft in 1977. The quantities and types of waste released from the site can never be truly known. Decommissioning “the most complex nuclear closure site in Europe” to an “arsonist end state” is scheduled to last at least 2032.

**HMNB CLYDE**

Consisting of the Faslane submarine base and Cross Sound nuclear warhead store, this is the home of the UK’s nuclear “deterrent”. It opened in 1954 as a home for the UK’s Polaris submarines, the first arriving in 1967. Between 1992 and 1995 those were replaced by Vanguard submarines. The Navy is concentrating all of its nuclear submarines at Faslane, and by 2030 will have ten to 11 vessels. The site has a long history of accidents and safety failures. It has long been the focus of anti-nuclear campaigning in Scotland and there has been a permanent protest camp outside since 1982.

**ROSYTH**

Since 1960, some Cold War nuclear submarines have been at Rosyth, pending a plan for their disposal. Seven boats are now here and the MoD has yet to successfully decommission a single retired nuclear submarine. They have previously considered dumping them at sea.

**CONVOYS**

The MoD uses ferry convoys on the Scottish truck road network to move Trident warheads between the AWRE in Burghfield and Coulport for maintenance. Movements are estimated to be around 25-30 warheads per year. The MoD is secretive and has left questions unanswered as to safety in the event of an accident. A release of nuclear material or even a partial detonation is a possibility.

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Forthcoming Events in 2019

Scottish CND hold a stall every third Thursday of the month at Buchanan Street steps, Glasgow @ 3:00pm

Scottish Peace Network vigil every third Thursday of the month at Buchanan Street steps, Glasgow @ 5:00pm

Wednesday vigil every week at Faslane Naval Base, North Gate @ 4:00pm

Peace Education Scotland will be holding monthly film screenings starting in Glasgow with the film We Are Many from the end of February, follow @ ScottishCND on social media to find out more!

Scottish CND will be holding ‘Days of Action’ in 2019 as part of the Scrap Trident coalition. These will begin in March, more details to follow. Check @ScottishCND on social media for further details.

26th January 2019 @ 3:00pm the Quaker Meeting House in Edinburgh will be the next venue for Scotland: A Peace of History. An updated calendar of tour dates can be found www.banthebomb.org/history

12th - 14th February 2019 Scottish CND will be hosting discussion on Europe, NATO, Brexit and PESCO and the way forward for Scotland. Meetings will be held in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Further details to be confirmed. Sign up to our mailing list at www.banthebomb.org to find out more.

Scotland: A Peace of History will be on tour around the country, visit www.banthebomb.org/history to see the calendar.
Women resisted WW1, and the intrepid determination of 1200 spirited women around the world who overcame multiple obstacles to gather in The Hague in 1915, as war raged, is still an inspiration. A key organiser was Chrystal MacMillan, a feminist lawyer from Edinburgh. The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) drew up 21 proposals to negotiate peace – and then formed delegations to lobby. Women from peaceful countries went to belligerent ones, and vice versa. This resonated with Scotland’s fiercely anti-war workers’ movement and the Women's Peace Crusade in Glasgow.

WW1 brought change for women in the UK. Often represented as a wholly liberating experience, a chance to work and earn and gain suffrage, the opportunities war provided to women were not all enduring or positive. While women stepped up to traditionally male jobs, large numbers were hired in the munitions industries. The pressing need for munitions prompted the government to fund day nurseries. There was no provision for women working in other forms of employment so their choice was dictated more by pragmatism than patriotism. Munitions work was relatively well paid and childcare was provided, but it was unpleasant, dangerous and involved very long hours. Women also worked as railway guards and ticket collectors, bus and tram conductors, postal workers, police, fire-fighters and as bank clerks. Some women operated heavy or precision machinery in engineering, or led cart horses on farms. They received lower wages than the men had, and as soon as the war ended were shamed for expecting to keep jobs that veterans needed. Governments enlisted women in the war effort by reorganising their lives. By rationing, they altered the food women could obtain and eat; by imposing censorship, the government restricted information about the impact on ‘enemy’ civilians. War placed enormous expectations upon able-bodied men to serve in the military and also upon their female counterparts at home. Changes were for the duration of the war only. In 1914, workers flocked to Glasgow and landlords reacted by raising rents, thinking that if sitting tenants would not pay up, others would. However, the women were already campaigning against greedy landlords who neglected repairs, Mary Barbour and Helen Crawfurd led 20,000 tenants on a rent strike that soon spread beyond Glasgow by organised and effective women who didn’t stop there.

Fast forward to 1999, when Trident was ruled illegal under international law. Three women who damaged £100,000 worth of equipment at Faslane were cleared after Sheriff Margaret Gimblett ruled their action as justified under International Humanitarian Law – they had reasonable excuse because they acted to prevent a war crime. WILPF sees ‘security’ as more visionary than a gendered analysis of strength based on violence and power. A group of women recently held their first meeting in Glasgow to support the work of WILPF’s disarmament programme at the UN, Reaching Critical Will, in their efforts to get the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons into force.
Thanks to each and every one of our members and supporters for your incredible generosity to Scottish CND. I am, at times, overwhelmed by your kindness to this organization we all hold so dear. Without you we would not be able to function as the effective campaigning force we are. My promise to you is that I will continue to strive to spend every penny gifted wisely, in pursuit of a Nuclear Free Scotland and world.

During my first year as Treasurer I have been on a steep learning curve, with both Flavia and Arthur providing much needed support and advice. We have worked hard to determine the true cost of running the organization and what savings can be made without detriment to our objectives. In our effort to determine that ‘true cost’ I have cajoled, persuaded and even demanded that members attending meetings on behalf of Scottish CND claim expenses, which some members have done for years without claiming anything. We now have a form where a member acting on behalf of Scottish CND can claim expenses and, if they wish, donate some of this back to our organization. Once again, I have been amazed at the generosity shown. Member expenses have risen on the balance sheet, with a corresponding increase in donations.

Lush provided us with funding to attend a number of festivals without any cost to Scottish CND, most of these were one day festivals, enabling us to spread our message to as many people as possible. The most common response is “CND? I didn’t know you were still on the go”. We most certainly are ‘still on the go’ and, with your help, continue to flourish. Flavia’s other successful funding request was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund. They provided a sizeable donation to enable us to buy equipment needed for Scotland: A Peace of History exhibition project. The exhibition will be available to view soon and we hope to have it on display in venues across Scotland. The display and transport will be costly, but worthwhile.

The Nae Nukes Anywhere March and Rally in September was a huge undertaking for Scottish CND. We not only managed to hold a successful rally to celebrate the Ban Treaty but did so at very small cost to us, largely due again to your generosity. The astonishing amount raised in donations in advance and on the day itself reduced our debit balance to around £900. Every step we take is a step closer to a Nuclear Free Scotland and consequently, a nuclear free world.

Finally, a wee confession and plea! The hard work on the accounts is completed by Flavia who now has the assistance of Cristina. The credit for a balanced account is theirs, not mine. This year, we will work to identify a less complicated system of recording the accounts to enable the workload to be shared. If you have experience of an accounting system which works well please get in contact. All advice gratefully received!

Note from our Treasurer...

Ann Ballinger

If you have a submission for the next edition of Nuclear Free Scotland email emma@banthebomb.org to be featured!
We have been putting a focus on trying to get more young people involved by providing training locally and getting young people to attend the Peace Campaigning Academy. Andy Hinton and Felix Mensah have spoken to pupils at Fraserburgh Academy and are hoping to speak at other schools. We are very excited that a new CND group has started operating at the University (though it has yet to be formally recognized as a Society) and we have already established close links. Gillian (several times) and Jonathan have spent time at the Faslane Peace Camp. We held an electronic music ‘Beats not Bombs’ fundraising gig aimed also at attracting more young people. We organized a coach and greatly enjoyed the ‘Nae Nukes Anywhere’ rally at Faslane on 22nd September. Some of us attended the very lively Scottish CND AGM in November.

Isle of Arran CND

The newly-formed and thriving Isle of Arran CND group commemorated Hiroshima Day in two ways this year. Fifty CND supporters gathered on 5th August in Lamlash where a local member rang the church bells and the address by Reverend Lily McKinnon was followed by a two minute silence. Local MP Patricia Gibson gave a supportive speech and we heard from both Janet Fenton and David Mackenzie. Origami peace cranes were displayed and messages of peace and hope placed on a cardboard peace tree. Hiroshima Day itself was marked by a gathering at the real Peace Tree in Whiting Bay, planted on Hiroshima Day in 1987. In September, a coach load of Isle of Arran CND supporters of all ages travelled to the international rally at Faslane; it re-inspired us to keep campaigning vigorously from here on.

Stirling CND

Stirling CND members continue to monitor the nuclear weapons convoys travelling on central Scotland’s roads, the most recent passing through Stirling and the surrounding area on Sunday 13th January 2019 (the Scottish Greens...
have posted a good video on Twitter). We await the outcome of the Scottish Government Review of Nuclear Weapons Convoys due early this year we believe. Based on the outcomes of this review we will reopen dialogue with our local councils in the Stirling area on their role in helping to potentially stop these convoys and to better inform local citizens of the implications of this deadly traffic. In November 2018, working with other local peace groups, Stirling CND held an alternative Remembrance Day commemoration which involved placing knitted white peace poppies at key sites of commemoration around the town. Each year in addition to our alternate Remembrance Day event we also commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki days in August at the Peace Garden in Bridge of Allan. Recently, our group was also present at the Faslane ‘Nae Nukes Anywhere March and Rally’. You can follow us on our Stirling CND Facebook page. Stirling CND continues to meet on a regular basis, if you live in the area please do not hesitate to get in touch with Kenneth Wardrop, Chair (kennethmwardrop@gmail.com) for details of forthcoming meetings.

Edinburgh CND

Edinburgh CND dedicate this article of our dear member, Anne Scott, who died on 29th July 2018. This busy half year we sold ‘Plants for Peace’ at the Meadows and Leith Festival, ran regular street stalls, showed a film at the Edinburgh World Justice Festival, had speakers, celebrated the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapon’s first birthday, commemorated Hiroshima, went to the Edinburgh Festival, travelled on the Sheila Skinner Memorial Bus to blockade Faslane Naval Base, supported the Faslane Peace Camp, marched ‘All Under One Banner’, held office with Scottish CND, opposed NATO, the Glasgow Arms Fair and Trump. Our challenge to Edinburgh area members is this: Do ONE more thing with us (minimum) for peace this year!). Get in contact: www.edinburghcnd.org
Ayrshire CND

Ayrshire CND continue to meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Vineburgh Community Centre, Quarry Road, Irvine, KA12 0PS. Members and supporters of Scottish CND living in Ayrshire are very welcome to attend the group’s meetings. The group organise regular street stalls and public meetings, including a programme of free film showings planned for 2019 while supporting the work of Scottish CND. For more information on the group please phone or text Arthur West on 07826127759.

East Kilbride CND

We had an excellent meeting which can be seen in videos so I will not dwell on this except to say that it inspired us to set up East Kilbride branch of CND two weeks later. For many years we have held a memorial for the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the memorial tree which was planted many years ago by East Kilbride CND, they also installed a plaque. This year the event was hosted by East Kilbride CND and we have put up a new plaque to continue the tribute. The event was well attended, both by our MSP Linda Fabiani and our MP Lisa Cameron who gave moving speeches. There were poems and songs. Although we are a very new branch we managed to run a bus to the Nae Nukes Anywhere March and Rally at Faslane which was very uplifting. These have been our major activities in 2018 and we hope to do more in the future.

Don’t Bank on the Bomb Scotland

Don’t Bank on the Bomb Scotland is supported by Scottish CND, Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre, Edinburgh CND and MEDACT. The network meets every two to three months and anyone who is interested from Scottish CND or the wider peace movement is welcome to attend. Phone or text Arthur West on 07826127759 for details of meetings. The main purpose of the network is to campaign for Scottish organisations and financial institutions to divest from companies that are involved in the production and maintenance of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems. DBOTB are part of the ICAN network in Scotland. Stop Funding the End of the World is a guide that was researched and written by Linda Pearson as part of DBOTB Scotland. The guide can be downloaded at www.nukedivestmentscotland.org.
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Don’t see a group near you? Scottish CND can provide support to start your own local group. There was a time where each local authority had an active CND group.

Contact: emma@banthebomb.org to find out more about getting your local area involved in the campaign!
For a few hours on Saturday 22nd September 2018 the North Gate to Faslane Naval Base, the Clyde estuary home of the UK’s Trident submarines, became a hostile environment for nuclear weapons.

In putting together the Nae Nukes Anywhere event, Scottish CND planned something more than a demonstration or a protest. The vision was for a celebration of transnational solidarity around the rejection of nuclear weapons in particular the hope and pathway provided by the new UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The plan came off, in the main thanks to a very special group of TPNW advocates from far and wide who gave a simple message: *We salute your resistance and we are with you.*

Loudest cheer of the day from the folk who had gathered in the sunshine from all over the United Kingdom and beyond was when Tim Wallis (from the United States) mentioned the decision of the Californian senate to back the TPNW. The nerve that story touched is the growing understanding that taking on nuclear weapons is about more than dealing with the particular manifestation on your own patch, be it Trident or Dimona. It is a matter of touching the determination of people everywhere.

A warm Scottish welcome to the visitors came from poet and novelist, Jackie Kay. Although she is the non-political Scottish Makar, she said she was determined to be at the rally.

There is so much more we can all do to comply with the TPNW at personal, local and national level. In Scotland’s case there is the risk that we will be satisfied with simply being against nuclear weapons and fail to explore all the routes that lie open.
The Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is at the forefront of campaigning for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The last year has seen the success of the Peace Campaigning Academy, launch of Scotland: A Peace of History and a huge international rally to bring friends from across the world. We could not have done this without your donations and support.

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