

Join THE EARLY BIRDS:

and start the day the disarmament way

Outside the Scottish Parliament, on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30 - 9.30 am from the end of October until the Christmas recess (or maybe until we have a nuclear weapon free Scotland!)

There is a rota at the Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre for groups or individuals to 'book in'. There will also be a weekly briefing from the P&J on the week's Parliamentary business, and leaflets, banners etc. can be kept there. If you are in or near Edinburgh and would like to help with supporting the vigil, please get in touch.

In June 2007 the Scottish Parliament voted against the replacement of Trident, and promised a Conference on Scotland Without Nuclear Weapons (SWNW). This was in the middle of the Faslane 365 direct action campaign that brought thousands of protesters to Scotland. They were committed to making their visions for a just and peaceful future visible. Many used their bodies to directly block the access to the nuclear submarine base to the workers, and others made creative and colourful protests that linked their particular concerns to Trident. The year ended in October, and later in the month, the promised SWNW Conference took place and a SWNW Working Group was set up.

All those at Faslane 365 and the conference - and many others too - want to remind the Scottish Parliament that we are still here, and we still want the MSPs to act against Trident and we will support them by keeping the focus on, and backing up their actions.

Starting at the end of October, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings we can say good morning, and talk with them about (for instance)

- conversion of Trident related jobs to socially useful work,
- stopping the dangerous nuclear convoys on the roads,
- how Scotland can uphold international law and help make the world safer,
- any other aspect of what could be done to make Scotland nuclear-weapon-free

Generally, if two or three people are at the entrance, they are not asked to move provided there is plenty room for people going up and down the Canongate's rather narrow pavement. MSP's and others who work at the Parliament enter by the two entrances in the Canongate, and other visitors use the main entrance opposite the Queens gallery, so a total of only six people can easily make sure that a friendly greeting is offered to all on their way in.

You might want to bring leaflets about your special concern, a flask of coffee, or wear a teeshirt or a badge about why you are there, as there is not much room on the pavement.

If you can come, please have a look at the guidelines, and email the Centre and let us know which day(s). We will send a wee map nearer the time, along with the rota.

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