

UN NUCLEAR BAN TREATY ENTERS INTO FORCE

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Stigmatise Prohibit and Eliminate Nuclear Weapons

Salisbury CND is part of a global celebration that the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) is entering into force on 22nd January 2021. This makes it part of international law. This treaty, supported by two thirds of the countries of the world, paves the way for the elimination of nuclear weapons. They represent a threat to human life on this planet and absorb enormous resources that could be used in a positive and much needed way for the greater good of humanity. In the UK alone, the cost of Trident replacement is currently estimated to be £205 billion. The world's nuclear arsenal is currently equivalent to 1.47 million Hiroshima bombs and the discharge, either accidentally or deliberately, of a small proportion of this firepower would result in a nuclear winter that would claim billions of lives. It is urgent that the world takes this opportunity to move towards the elimination of nuclear weapons, before it is too late.

As part of Salisbury CND's efforts to mark this historic occasion, we intended to project images on buildings around Salisbury to draw public attention to the Treaty. Sadly, lockdown intervened, but the photos accompanying this article give an impression of what we sought to achieve.

If you would like to learn more about the Treaty or nuclear matters in general, do visit Salisbury CND's website to explore the resources available there.

<https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk>

If you are not already a member of our local group, do consider joining us to argue for a nuclear free world.



To learn more about the Treaty, the following links may help.

Rebecca Johnson webinar on the TPNW

https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/754-catch-up-with-rebecca-johnsons-webinar-for-abingdon-peace-group

An interview with Beatrice Fihn of ICAN

https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/878-beatrice-fihn-how-to-implement-the-nuclear-weapons-ban-treaty-2

How a US Defense Secretary came to support the Abolition of Nuclear weapons

https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/794-how-a-us-defense-secretary-came-to-support-the-abolition-of-nuclear-weapons