



**Nuclear disarmament not nuclear war**  
CND Conference and AGM  
8th and 16th October 2022



# CND Conference 2022

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# CND Conference 2022 Agenda

## Saturday 8th October CND AGM and Policy Conference

- 10.50: Please join the Zoom meeting from this time so we can start the conference promptly
- 10.55: Council meeting to ratify company members
- 11.00: Conference opens with AGM  
Welcome from the Chair – tribute to Bruce Kent.  
Steering Committee Report  
Election results to be announced  
Resolution: All Officers elected or endorsed in the ballot are ratified  
Resolution: All 15 Council Members elected in the ballot are ratified  
Resolution: All Council members nominated by the nations, regions, specialist sections and Youth & Student CND (names to be read out) are elected
- 11.10: Campaigns presentation and questions  
Resolution: The annual report is accepted  
Resolution: All those involved in working on behalf of the campaign during the year, the Officers, Council, staff, volunteers and members/activists are congratulated
- 11.45 Special resolution: Elections to National Council
- 12.00: Treasurer's report and questions  
Resolution: The accounts are accepted  
Resolution: All those involved in working on the accounts, the Treasurer, AFG, Finance Officer and the accountants are thanked for their work  
Resolution: The accountant Simon Erskine is appointed to report on the accounts
- 12.25: Address and Fundraising appeal by CND Vice-President Canon Paul Oestreicher

End of AGM

- 12.40: Lunch
- 13.15: Policy Conference First Session  
Resolution 1: Nuclear Escalation – Britain's role  
Resolution 2: RAF Lakenheath and the F35  
Resolution 3: New Cold War  
Resolution 4: Global Nato  
Further resolutions may be taken before the break subject to speed of completing earlier business.
- 13.50: Break
- 14.00: Policy Conference Second Session  
Emergency resolutions  
Resolution 5: Nuclear Dump in Cumbria  
Resolution 6: Muslim Community  
Resolution 7: Future Wars  
Resolution 8: Common Security
- 14.45: Chair's concluding remarks

## **Sunday 16th October**

# **Nuclear disarmament not nuclear war**

As part of CND conference 2022, Yorkshire CND is hosting a day of workshops, with a trip to Menwith Hill. Please join us!

Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cnd-conference-2022-menwith-hill-day-of-action-tickets-416031480357>

11:45-12:15 Arrive at The Courthouse, Otley for welcome with refreshments  
12:15-13:15 Workshops on Menwith Hill and military bases in the UK  
13:15-13:45 Lunch  
14:00-15:45 Travel to the base and walk around the perimeter  
16:00-16:30 Discussion on action planning

Transport will be arranged from Leeds station at 11:30, returning at 15:45 or 16:30.

Please let us know if you require transport from rail stations and if you need accommodation (on the Saturday night). For this, and all general enquiries, please contact [info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk](mailto:info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk) or phone 01274 730795.

# Campaigning 2021–2022

**T**O THE continuing tragedy of covid, this year has added a disastrous war, accelerating climate catastrophe and economic crisis that brings poverty, hunger and distress. In January the hands on the Doomsday Clock remained at 100 seconds to midnight but since then we have seen a hugely increased risk of nuclear war and nuclear power disaster in the context of the Ukraine conflict. Our messaging has been as strong as ever: No nuclear war, calling for a new approach to security in Europe and beyond – common security, for all.

The early part of the year saw our ‘Working for Peace in the Middle East’ conference, a powerful discussion with activist experts from the region. But shortly after, the catastrophic invasion of Ukraine began and calling for peace negotiations became a key focus for our work, including a significant national demonstration, and linking with peace activists from both Ukraine and Russia. Raising awareness of the reality of nuclear war has been vital, as global tensions increase. The AUKUS pact presents extra dangers, with the addition of hypersonic weapons to the bad news about nuclear-powered subs. The return of US nukes to RAF/USAF Lakenheath puts us in ever greater danger and hundreds joined us at the base in May, to say No to this development.

With many groups throwing themselves into the Nuclear Ban Communities initiative and more local authorities now backing the TPNW, it was a real boost to see the first meeting of states that have ratified the Treaty, in Vienna in June. Our campaign – Talks not Bombs – to get Britain to observe the conference, was well-supported but the government continued to boycott it. Fortunately we were well-represented by Parliamentary CND vice-chair, Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP. The

NATO Summit also took place in June in Madrid, where we participated in the counter summit, against NATO expansion and militarism, highlighting the provocative nature of their new Strategic Concept which increases hostility towards China. The same month saw us on the TUC demo with our Nurses not Nukes placards as well as at the Glastonbury Festival.

In August, the much delayed 2020 NPT Review Conference finally took place, chaired by Ambassador Zlauvinen, who had met privately with CND representatives to receive the many petitions resulting from our ‘Report the UK to the UN’ campaign – protesting the illegal increase in Britain’s nuclear arsenal. Our fringe event on the UK’s nuclear policies ‘Proliferation not Disarmament’ was very popular.

As always, huge thanks to all those who have worked with us and supported us during the year in the ongoing difficult circumstances – together we have achieved a great deal.

## **Opposing Trident and supporting TPNW**

- Produced new materials including new and updated briefings.
- Produced parliamentary reports and promoted Early Day Motions.
- Participated in ICAN network and convened No Trident Replacement Core Group.
- Continued support for TPNW and Nuclear Ban communities
- Protest at Lakenheath

## **Against missile defence and weapons in space**

- Participated in Global Network against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space and global week of action.

- Jointly launched new report.

## **No to NATO**

- Active in coordination with European groups.
- Participated in June 2022 NATO counter-summit.

## **Nuclear power**

- Participated in events to commemorate Fukushima anniversary.
- Continued to raise profile of nuclear civil-military links.
- Organised against nuclear energy finance bill
- Opposed Sizewell plans

## **Other areas of work**

- Anti-war/nuclear war campaigning including Ukraine war demo and supporting Palestine demos.
- Backing COP26 protests and joining London march
- Joined Nuclear Weapons Research Financing Group, participating in campaign to target banks and pensions.
- YSCND recruitment programme for freshers’ week
- Supporting Just Stop Oil demos
- Labour Party conference stall and fringe event.
- TUC demonstration
- TUC Congress stall postponed.
- Lib Dem conference fringe postponed
- Glastonbury festival
- Continued peace education work.
- Parliamentary CND organisation.
- Regular production of *Campaign* magazine, social media and mainstream media campaigning.
- Continuing online activities including rallies, regular webinars and workshops for groups.
- Social media initiatives including print-off posters for home tweeting.

# Elections 2022

This section contains a list of all candidates who have accepted nomination for CND officer posts and directly elected council members for the coming year, in accordance with the published procedures. The elected positions are:

- Chair (1 place)
- Vice-Chair (3 places)
- Treasurer (1 place)
- Company Secretary (1 place)
- Directly elected National Council Members (15 places)

All elections will be held online before the AGM day itself. Voting will open at noon on Friday 1 October and close at noon on Friday 15 October.

Registered delegates will receive details on how to cast their ballots by email. Any queries should be sent to [conference@cnduk.org](mailto:conference@cnduk.org).

## Voting/Endorsement

Where the number of people standing for a position is the same or fewer than the places available, there will be no election. For the Officer positions where this applies, voters will be asked to endorse candidates. Candidates must obtain more than 50% of endorsements in order to be elected to the post.

## Size and composition of National Council

The Chair, Vice-Chairs, Treasurer and Company Secretary make up the CND officer team along with the appointed

General Secretary. In addition National Council includes 15 members directly elected at Conference as well as representatives from CND nations, regions, areas and specialist sections.

CND National Council meets three times a year in London – in March/April, July and November/December. It is responsible for directing the work of CND between conferences. In particular, Council discusses campaign strategy and oversees financial matters. Council members also participate in working groups on various aspects of CND's work – such as campaigning, international work, conference planning and finance.

Council receives regular reports from, among others, officers, regions and specialist sections. It also receives regular reports about the work of the staff in the CND national office, and is the body responsible for overseeing the employment of national office staff.

## Candidate statements

All candidates who accepted nomination were invited to submit a statement about their relevant experience (up to 50 words), along with a statement in support of their candidature (up to 100 words) and submit a photograph for inclusion in this conference booklet. All statements received have been included.

The statements which appear on the

following pages, in alphabetical order, are intended to give you some information about candidates before you cast your vote.

## Chair

- Tom Unterrainer

## Vice-Chair

- Daniel Blaney
- Sophie Bolt
- Ellie Kinney
- Tony Staunton
- Carol Turner

## Treasurer

- Linda Hugl

## Company Secretary

- Annie Tunnicliffe

## Directly elected

- Peter Adamson
- Adam Beese
- Sarah Cartin
- Jenny Clegg
- Ros Cook
- Tom Cuthbert
- Andrew Gibson
- Philip Gilligan
- Anna Liddle
- Becky Martin
- Sam Mason
- Murad Qureshi
- Mark Soames
- Hannah Tweddell
- Rebecca Warren
- Dave Webb
- Katy West
- Sue Wright

# Candidates

## Chair Tom Unterrainer



I have served as Chair of the Campaign for the past year and previously served as Vice Chair. I am active in Nottingham and East Midlands CND. I

work for the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, where I co-edit The Spokesman journal and books, pamphlets and newsletters on peace and disarmament.

Events since our last conference have drastically increased the threat of nuclear war. Public awareness of our issues has similarly increased. We are in a new phase of our work where such awareness needs to be transformed into understanding of the issues and commitments to campaign for nuclear abolition. This process is all the more necessary given the direction of travel of the British government. In line with NATO and other allies, Britain is preparing to re-arm and to lend weight to global processes that will only cause further tensions and greater danger. We must campaign for a different approach.

## CND Vice-Chair Daniel Blaney



CND Vice-Chair – 2010 to date. Long-standing member of CND Council's Admin & Finance Group and Conference Arrangements

Working Group. Active in Labour CND. CND member over 30 years.

The threat of nuclear weapons being used in war has never been more urgent and CND never more relevant. This is underlined by our work over the last year: Nurses not Nukes, Climate Not Trident, exposing the folly and dangers of nuclear power that won't solve the energy crisis, raising awareness of the implications of Nato expansion.

I've helped raise our profile within the Labour Party, participated in key financial decision-making and worked on adapting conference to an online format since the start of the pandemic. In June I attended the No to Nato counter summit in Madrid. Please vote for me so I can help CND build these broad alliances for international peace and climate justice.

## CND Vice-Chair Sophie Bolt



2021 to date and 2004-2009 Vice Chair CND; 2003 to 2011 Chair, London Region CND; 2009 to 2021 National Council member. Previously

Student CND member. Staffing, financial and production management experience. Over 25 years' campaigning experience.

The conflict in Ukraine represents the biggest threat of nuclear weapons being used since the 1980s. It's alerted a new generation to the deadly reality

of nuclear annihilation. We must mobilise these new supporters to maximise the political pressure on government and force change.

As Vice Chair I've represented CND at national protests and meetings, and the Madrid Anti-NATO Peace Summit. I've helped mobilise for demonstrations at Lakenheath, coordinated CND's day of action against AUKUS, creating a social media campaign and drafting materials. I've supported our parliamentary work developing briefings, and worked to support local groups and Y&S CND.

Please re-elect me so I can continue to build CND's crucial work.

## CND Vice-Chair Ellie Kinney



I have been actively involved in CND since 2015. During this time, I have set up Goldsmiths University CND society, held the position of

Youth and Student CND Co-Convenor and represented YSCND on national council. In 2016, I also worked part-time for London CND, coordinating events to engage London-based students.

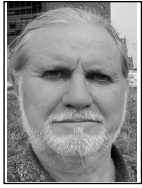
I have 5 years' professional experience of communications, fundraising and campaigning through working with charities including The Big Issue and UK-Med, a humanitarian healthcare charity- skills and experience which I believe to be essential for this role.

Currently, I am a campaigner for the Conflict and Environment, focusing on the impact of militaries on the climate crisis. Through this, I have expanded my network within both the peace and climate movements which I would utilise as Vice-Chair.

As an active member of global movement Youth for TPNW, I would

enjoy bringing an international, youth perspective to the work of CND.

**CND Vice-Chair  
Tony Staunton**



Experience: Building anti-nuclear policy across the trade union movement as a member of TUAG for three decades.

Current Branch Chair, Green Rep and regional Council rep in UCU, President of Plymouth TUC and active socialist. Championing links between Disarmament and climate at Campaign against Climate Change, StW, XR Peace and CND.

Contribution to National Council: No more "business as usual". The upsurge in protest is caused by the global crisis of Capitalism, including accelerating imperialist conflict, the risk of use of nuclear weapons never higher. Extreme weather and deepening climate catastrophe is impacting international tensions. The severe cost-of-living crisis caused by record profits symbolises injustice and social polarisation and has seen an outbreak of national strike action by trade unionists and young workers, alongside the militant protests by climate activists. CND must forge a leading role in this fundamental shift in public consciousness. Co-ordinated extra-Parliamentary mass direct action is the order of the day.

**CND Vice-Chair  
Carol Turner**



Directly-elected NC member for many years, a CND VC for the past 5 focusing on Y&S events, group campaigning and aspects of our international work.

Co-Chair London Region, member of STW National Officer Group, and also active in Labour CND.

Our message for 2023: Nato expansion and Ukraine war bring nuclear conflict closer; US nukes at

Lakenheath put UK at the heart of Nato's Europe operation; Truss's government talking up the Ukraine war and hostility to China make Britain a nuclear target. Counteracting this is a huge job. CND emerged from Covid with more campaigning tools and skills. We need to keep on that path, finding new ways to enthuse a new generation of activists. Pleased to have helped steer London CND in this direction and contributed to CND's national journey with initiatives like Future Wars II conference and Wages Not Weapons campaign. Seeking your support to continuing that work.

**Treasurer  
Linda Hugl**



CND Treasurer for 20 years. As Treasurer I aim to ensure that we make the best use of our finances and other resources so that our campaign is as

effective as possible. I have the experience, working with staff, AFG and officers to make the best use of our current finances. This is crucial in the coming years of political upheaval caused by the invasion of Ukraine, with implications for international co-operation at every level, against the background of the increasingly noticeable effects of climate change. This will greatly affect our campaigns to overturn the decision on Trident and support the nuclear ban treaty.

**Company Secretary  
Annie Tunnicliffe**



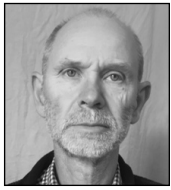
50+ years' experience: 80s: Set up Southdowns CND in Sussex; Chair Oxford CND (Campaign Atom); Greenham

Common: Involved at Greenham couple of years; National Council and setting up NVDA network. Organising demos Molesworth, Upper Heyford etc; Star marches - organised 16 marches to Greenham. Currently volunteering at CND working with Trade Unions. Very interested in and involved in the issue of defence job diversification. I worked with CND on the anti-nuclear day at the Stop the Arms Fair 2019 demonstration and have plenty of experience in organising actions. In my working life I have been a consultant and trainer for companies and organisations on a wide range of issues and am used to thinking strategically. Now retired. If I say I will do something, I will do it!



# Directly elected National Council members

## Peter Adamson



Re-engaged with CND post Iraq war after first being a member in the 1980's. Took part in the No to NATO demonstrations in

Newport, Wales in 2014 and subsequent Newport CND group. Participate in CND Cymru actions, when able. Palestine Solidarity Campaign supporter.

I am proficient in using IT since I had short career as a librarian with Cardiff University before resigning in 2011. I have home internet and have taken part in Zoom and Teams calls during the Covid lockdowns. Enthused by Jeremy Corbyn's leadership I joined the Labour Party and I am still a member. I have been a Community Councillor in Abertillery since 2017. I joined CND Council in October 2021 and would like to continue for another year. I'm not in full time work and thus I have the flexibility and time to give over to this important role.

## Adam Beese



Labour Party member (Maryhill & Springburn CLP 2016-2020; Cumbernauld & Kilsyth CLP) 2020 – present

Council rep (directly elected) 2011 – 2020 and 2021 - present Scottish CND council rep: 2004 – 2010 Administration & Finance Group 2011 – 2020 and 2021 – present Membership Administrator Scottish CND (voluntary): 2005 – 2013 Conference Arrangements Working Group: 2011 – 2020 and 2021 – present International Advisory Group: 2006 – 2020 and 2021 – present

I am active in Cumbernauld & Kilsyth CLP and support the work of various local organisations that help vulnerable people who have been most hit hard by the COVID pandemic in addition to the climate crisis, linking these issues to the ongoing Ukraine conflict that also has the involvement

of NATO expansion. I have interests in political science, areas being opinion polls, elections, voter turnout, and international relations.

Scrapping Trident, its replacement, and all other nuclear weapons remains an essential aspect of CND's work, and I would like to play a part building the campaign both on a UK and international basis.

## Daniel Blaney

See statement for Vice-Chair

## Sophie Bolt

See statement for Vice-Chair

## Sarah Cartin



Former CND Vice Chair, Yorkshire CND Co-Ordinating committee member & staff member. As a member of CND for almost 20

years, I remain involved in local and national campaigning against the use and replacement of nuclear weapons. My employment and volunteer experience is in public sector and member-led organisations.

Increasingly, we are living in a period of history on the brink. The crises of climate, costs of living and energy have been exacerbated by a government that has repeatedly failed to take action and has continued to manipulate the war in Ukraine for their own ends. Our commitment to a future for the peace and safety of all through the abolition of nuclear weapons is more critical than ever. We provide a clear, rational, safe alternative, and we provide hope. I will continue to work to build a future of peace.

## Jenny Clegg



CND Council; International Advisory Group; Greater Manchester CND; Nuclear Education Trust (CND rep); International Peace

Bureau (CND rep). Spoken for CND/StWC at events on AUKUS/NATO; written articles on these; also spoken at local rallies warning of the nuclear dangers of the Ukraine war.

With the Ukraine war, nuclear risk is rising alarmingly; problems arose originally from failures to agree on nuclear arms control. Both Europe and the Pacific region are undergoing massive militarisation; the UK has led in stirring tensions, obstructing peace negotiations; Lakenheath is upgrading into NATO's European nuclear weapons. At this time of emergency, the 5 yearly NPT Review Conference failed to reach agreement. With the cost of living rising, the Tories talk of increasing military spending by 25-50%. The public, deeply concerned over the multiplying crises and the deteriorating world situation, is ready for CND's message: no nukes!

## Ros Cook



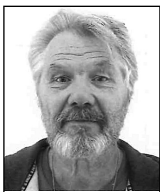
CND National Council representative for Sussex Peace Alliance 2009-2014, since October 2015 Directly Elected. A

qualified journalist, campaigner and writer, active with ICAN and in WILPF, I aim to galvanise support for the TPNW and the end of nuclear power aligned with movements working for environmental, social and racial justice.

My activities around COP 26 have given me increased opportunities to spread awareness, particularly of the TPNW. Building bridges with like-minded organisations enables me to

give relevant feedback to Council and to communicate more widely the need to abolish nuclear weapons, phase out nuclear power and factor in the role of militarism and war when discussing current crises, often online and via social media. The outcomes of the 1MSP in Vienna offer significant opportunities to broaden a movement for a more just and sustainable world, demonstrating that the elimination of nuclear weapons is both possible and imperative to get there.

### Tom Cuthbert



A regional rep for Leicester CND from the 1980's to nomination as Chair for St Albans CND, following the NPT in New York. Green party member and other networks. Research, discussion, learning from campaigners worldwide is built into the experience I want to share with National Council .

Our disarmament program is vital for the global need of divestment from war to sustainable development, justice for women, climate change action, rebuilding democracy & human rights. Our vision is clear, existential threats undeniable, UK parliamentary will for nuclear disarmament needs life support. International distrust was evident long before war in Ukraine, and tension with China. Tragic conflicts in 2022 bring urgency to our pressure for nuclear disarmament. Expose the danger of nuclear deterrence and technological determinism in Conservative policy we can campaign for Common Security. Informed people's thinking for peace, is the agenda to replace a provocative and bankrupt UK government.

### Andrew Gibson



I have campaigned for CND over many years, as Secretary of Nottingham CND and later Campaigns Outreach Officer at Greater Manchester CND. I am active in the Pugwash Conferences, an NGO for anti-war scientists. I think my experience with digital campaigns, research, and peace movement partners could be helpful.

Recently at Greater Manchester CND, I led on digital campaigning and organised trainings on social media. I would like to use this experience to help Council take informed decisions about campaigning in a modern context and how to communicate with younger audiences.

At Pugwash, I worked a lot with students and organised conferences on peace issues for younger people. I would like to facilitate better understanding between different generations within the peace movement.

I have experience initiating research projects and would like to help Council stay up-to-date with cutting-edge research on technology and disarmament.

### Phillip Gilligan



Currently: Coordinator, Cumbria & Lancashire Area CND and Co-ordinator, South Lakeland & Lancaster District CND with emphasis on raising anti-nuclear perspectives in local media, with local organisations and at local events . Formerly: Chair, Greater Manchester & District CND (recruitment, staffing, etc) + campaigner with Rochdale & Littleborough Peace Group.

It is essential that we are heard; locally, nationally and internationally, and that we campaign alongside relevant others notably environmental campaigners and trade unionists. The mainstream promote the madness of nuclear weapons and nuclear power. We need to highlight their immorality,

dangers and costs; build resistance and dissent; emphasise nuclear issues within responses to the climate emergency; oppose military aggression and warmongering wherever it originates; demand an end to the arms trade; promote a 'green', sustainable, peaceful future and diplomatic solutions; expose and oppose the nuclear infrastructure (warhead convoys, nuclear waste dumps, etc.). We must promote a sustainable nuclear-free world.

### Anna Liddle



I was the CND Peace Education Officer from 2006-2014 and was instrumental in the development of the programme. Since leaving CND employment I have been a member of national council. I am currently a Lecturer in Education at Sheffield Hallam University.

My recent PhD was in how schools teach about peace and war which gives me knowledge that will be useful to bring insight into discussions at council meetings. My recent postdoctoral work was on a project about young people's citizenship, including their trade union membership. I have knowledge of the university sector and current educational policies. Having worked in the national office and a regional office, I can also bring insight into the needs of the staff.

### Becky Martin



Dr Becky Alexis-Martin is a pacifist academic. Her work explores nuclear warfare, social justice, and human rights. She has authored more than sixty news articles, chapters, and peer-reviewed articles on nuclear issues, including "Disarming Doomsday: The human impact of nuclear weapons since Hiroshima." She is a current CND education patron.

National Council would benefit from my knowledge and reputation as

an expert in nuclear issues. I could provide an authoritative academic perspective and a strong voice to help raise awareness of the international and ongoing legacy of harms from British nuclear activities. I could use my existing network to support and expand the reach of the CND. I am a young academic. As such, I would personally wish to support and encourage young people's engagement in nuclear issues as a priority – and to foster innovative methods of education, campaigning and raising awareness of nuclear harms.

**Sam Mason**



I have been active in CND and anti-nuclear campaigning since the early 1980's. I have been on CND council for two years now and

regularly speak at CND events as a trade unionist, advocating for a security strategy based on peace, addressing climate change, and socially useful production.

I have served on the National Council for two years and been a member of the Trade Union Advisory Group in this time. With the war in Ukraine, increasing global aggression, the growing climate catastrophe, energy and economic crisis, I aim to contribute a trade union voice that can alert to discussions within the labour movement and ensure our responses address workers' concerns. I hope this insight to the debate can continue to help shape strategies to build support for CND's policies, and progress the wider aim of Just Transition rooted in a peace agenda.

**Murad Qureshi**



I been actively involved in Anti-war movement for past decade or so at STW Coalition & more recently Liberation (movement for colonial

freedom). I am well informed about geo-politics of the world today in places like Afghanistan, the increasing global tensions between US & China;

US & Russia and also between Pakistan & India in South Asia.

I am a committed anti-racist, anti-war and anti-nuclear, when we have a British government pushing through further defense expenditure and increase of our nuclear capability, in breach of international agreements. We must pledge ourselves to redouble efforts for peace and disarmament, particular with a new PM committed to 3% GDP spending on the military.

I will be useful in working with the rest of the anti-war movement in the UK and beyond with my experiences over the past decade at STW coalition. Furthermore, I have keen knowledge of the Pakistan-India conflict, a forgotten nuclear threat and the growing tension between India and China which we must not lose sight of as well.

**Mark Soames**



Experience of CND: I have been involved in CND since the age of 15, spending my school holidays volunteering in the

office. I was on Council as Co-convenor of YSCND 2014-2017 approx. and thereafter directly elected until 2021. I am now looking to return to Council after a year off.

Having sat on Council for approximately seven years until last year, I have an excellent understanding of CND's structures, governance, and methods. I have been involved in CND for the best part of 15 years and along with others, I was partly responsible for the efforts to revitalise and relaunch Youth and Student CND from 2014 onwards. I am now no longer a youth or a student so would like to return to Council and use my experiences from those efforts to contribute positively and cooperatively to Council, and to CND on a national level.

**Tony Staunton**

See statement for Vice-Chair

**Carol Turner**

See statement for Vice-Chair

**Hannah Tweddell**



Student CND 2003–2007; Directly Elected Council member 2006–2008 & 2011–2016 & 2020 - present; Yorkshire CND

Development Worker 2008-2011; CND Vice Chair 2016-2019; Bristol CND Chair 2012–present. Experienced in running regional and local campaigns as well as organising students on sustainability related campaigns. Led local organisation of 2018 national conference.

As the crushing financial impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic continue to be felt, on top of over a decade of austerity as well as the cost of living crisis, we must continue to be pushing the arguments to scrap Trident. Continuing to make links with other campaigns including climate change, anti austerity and others in the peace movement to mobilise. Supporting local groups to campaign including through the Nuclear Ban Communities initiative. Continuing to lobby national government and work with international peace partners. I will bring my knowledge of local and regional campaigning as well as experience as Vice Chair to Council.

**Rebecca Warren**

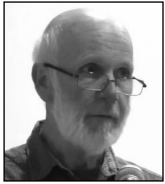


Active supporter and campaigner for CND for many years. Member since 2015. Member of National Council and AFG (the Administration and Finance Group) since 2018.

I am a qualified accountant with over twenty years' experience, and a prolific multi-issue campaigner, notably for Amnesty UK (Board

member and Finance Committee member); ShareAction (Treasurer); and Campaign against Climate Change (Treasurer). Also a member of the Green Party. One of the great things about campaigning on multiple issues is that they synergise. I would like to continue to use my wide-ranging financial skills and experience for the benefit of CND.

**Dave Webb**



CND member for over 30 years, previously chair of CND until 2021. Vice President of the International Peace Bureau,

Convenor of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. Still wishing to remain active on CND Council and contribute where and when possible. Our work now is more important than ever. We are moving closer to nuclear catastrophe than we have ever been and instead of working for talks and negotiations to end the war in Ukraine, the UK is feeding weapons in to keep it going and the war is being used to test and develop new weapons systems. NATO is expanding, the NPT negotiations have ended in failure, and it seems likely that US nuclear weapons are

returning to Britain. The UK government sees no other way forward than militarism and they even continue to contribute to the militarisation of outer space. We must oppose all these developments, work closely with campaigns focussing on the protection of people and the environment and emphasise the links with nuclear weapons.

**Katy West**



As Membership Database and Systems Officer for CND between 2005 and 2008 I worked with staff, volunteers, CND groups and affiliated organisations. Since 2009 I have been an elected member of CND National Council, Company Secretary and a member of AFG & CAWG and I was CND Vice Chair from 2015 to 2016.

Since leaving the CND staff team I have worked and been a workplace Union Rep at various charities and believe I can provide a useful insight into membership and fundraising and HR policy, by combining my knowledge of the processes and priorities of CND with the additional experience of working within larger

NGOs. All organisations must respond to the changes that the current national and global changes will bring about and I would like to continue helping CND to do that.

**Sue Wright**



A lifelong supporter of CND, I retired from headship in 2010 and became actively involved in Norwich CND.

Coordinated meetings, now Chair, involved in organising many local events, including Symbol Tour. Represented Norwich CND at annual Peace Camps.

I believe maintaining links with other peace and environmental groups is a vital part of our work. I attended national conferences in Bristol and London and although there was a strong group of dedicated young people, the majority of active members appeared to be from my generation. As a teacher I believe the curriculum is failing the young people of today, not giving them the information they need to make decisions about their future, and am in the process of joining Peace Educators. The East of England currently has only one representative on the Council. Living so close to Lakenheath, I believe we need more representation for our area.

# Resolutions 2022

## Special resolutions

### Elections to National Council

Council notes that directly elected council members (15) currently have a term of office of one year (page 6 of the constitution, clause 34).

Conference resolves to extend a term of office for directly elected council members to two years. This would result in reduced administrative effort for the CND Office, whilst also allowing directly elected council members the latitude to contribute more fully to the functioning and effectiveness of CND.

*Peter Adamson*

Cawg writes: the effect of this special resolution would be to add the following words in bold to amend Article 34 of the Constitution so it would then read:

“CND Council members elected at the Annual General Meeting shall, subject to Article 39 below, serve until the end of the Annual General Meeting following their election, **save for those elected under Article 32 (b), where the term of office shall be two years.** Retiring CND Council members shall be eligible for re-election. In the event of a casual vacancy in CND Council occurring amongst members of CND Council elected at the Annual General Meeting during the year, the remaining members may fill such vacancy from amongst those who stood for election at the previous **relevant** Annual General Meeting. In the event of resignation during the year of nominees of representative organisations elected at the AGM, (or their replacement) the representative organisation may nominate a replacement with the agreement of Council. Representative organisations may nominate an alternate director to their nominee elected at the AGM to attend specified Council meetings with the agreement of Council.”

## Ordinary resolutions

### 1. Nuclear escalation – Britain’s role

The past two years have seen a sharp escalation in global tension and an increase in nuclear dangers. At the same time the world faces a series of interlocking crises, largely triggered by our unsustainable and unjust economic system: the climate emergency, pandemics, the cost of living crisis, water shortages, a crisis of agricultural production, population movement and displacement. The ongoing war in Ukraine is exacerbating not only the nuclear danger but many other crises.

The scale of global problems necessitates global cooperation, prioritising people’s needs, abolishing nuclear weapons and underpinned by a common security approach to resolving conflicts. While there is increasing recognition of this necessity, particularly in the global south, Britain has chosen to opt for a militarist expansionary approach, a ‘global Britain’ based on threat and force rather than collective problem solving and peaceful even development.

This is particularly marked in the nuclear weapons sphere. On top of the ongoing replacement of the Trident nuclear weapons system, we have seen the nuclear arsenal increase, the expansion of the nuclear use policy, the withdrawal of transparency, the adoption of the AUKUS agreement, and most recently the return of US/NATO nuclear weapons to RAF/USAF Lakenheath in Suffolk. All this is compounded by NATO’s hostile orientation to China, and Britain’s adoption of the same US-driven policy. Conference recognises that the threat of nuclear war has significantly increased and that Britain’s role has been wholly negative and escalatory.

#### Conference agrees to:

1. Raise awareness of the increasing risks and the reasons for them, and mobilise society against war and nuclear weapons.
2. Advance the case for an alternative vision of global society – just, peaceful and sustainable – based on a common security approach.
3. Campaign against British government policy on Trident, AUKUS and at RAF/USAF Lakenheath.
4. Strengthen and extend civil society alliances against war and nuclear weapons, both nationally and internationally.

*Kate Hudson*

## Amendment from CND Trade Union Advisory Group

1. In third paragraph, after "AUKUS agreement" at line 5, insert "the support of the Trades Union Congress for expansion of military and nuclear armaments spending," and
2. After "Conference agrees to", insert new Point 4: "4. Campaign to overturn trade union policies that support military expansion, Trident, AUKUS, and USAF activities at RAF Lakenheath;"
3. Renumber existing point 4 as point 5.

## 2. RAF Lakenheath and the F35

### Conference notes that:

- F35-A jet fighter aircraft arrived at Lakenheath during December, 2021.
- Lakenheath is an integral part of a European US/NATO nuclear weapons base network.
- Lakenheath's nuclear weapons store has been upgraded, implying that US nuclear weapons are returning to Britain.
- Lakenheath is building a new 'campus', with six F35-A flight simulators for pilot training.
- The new F35-As will operate alongside the F15-E fighter aircraft that have previously been based at Lakenheath.
- The new US B61 Mod 12 nuclear guided missiles have been specifically designed to be launched from F-35s. The B61-12s are potentially satellite guidable to within 30 metres of a command bunker target, so may 'only' need a yield of 50 kilotons (three and a third times that of the Hiroshima bomb) to destroy a bunker.
- The F-35/B61-12 combination runs the risk of appearing more potentially 'usable' for a first strike against a nuclear-armed nation.
- F35 deployment could lead to an incident that could spark off a nuclear holocaust that could destroy all human life.
- The F35s are also designed to deliver cluster bombs banned under the Cluster Munitions Convention (2008) that the US, unlike the UK, have not signed. Lakenheath is nominally an RAF base, making the UK potentially liable.
- The F35s are also very fuel intensive, and the jet fuel used by the F35 is, by far, the single largest category of energy consumed by the US government and its Defense Department.
- So, the F35/B61 combination poses two threats to all human life (and to that of many other species).

### Conference resolves to:

- Strengthen links between peace and anti-nuclear activists and anti-climate change activists, and, where necessary, to raise awareness among climate activists of the importance of opposition to the F35s.
- To establish contacts with US campaigns against the F35s, such as the strongly anti-pollution based campaign against the US National Guard F35 training base at Burlington, Vermont.
- To increase the scale and frequency of demonstrations and support for other actions at RAF Lakenheath.

*Norwich CND*

## 3. New Cold War

### Conference notes that:

1. In the last year the world has become an extremely dangerous place with the war in Ukraine vastly escalating the risks of nuclear confrontation as NATO and Russia edge towards direct confrontation;
2. The US pursues an aggressive nuclear first use policy; Russia states it will use nuclear weapons if faced with an existential threat; the breakdown of the INF treaty in 2019 has been profoundly destabilising; nuclear weapons systems are proliferating in Europe; and AUKUS expansion is stoking the Pacific arms race;
3. US foreign policy pits 'democracies against autocracies' using the Ukraine crisis to create a Cold War-style 'bloc confrontation', dividing governments just as they urgently need to pull together to avert further humanitarian disasters from climate change, the continuing pandemic and now threats to energy and food security;
4. Not only has the UK government obstructed Ukraine-Russia peace negotiations, it is sending nuclear submarines to Australia and considering a 'NATO-style international cooperation' against China' seen as the UK's biggest long term threat.
5. In these circumstances, CND welcomes the renewed attention to common and indivisible security; noting:
  1. the IPB, ITUC and Olof Palme International Centre report, carrying forward the 1982 Palme Commission's opposition to the nuclear arms race, maintaining: 'States can no longer seek security at each other's expense; it can be obtained only through cooperative undertakings'.
  2. China's Global Security Initiative's opposition to 'the pursuit of one's own security at the cost of others' security'.

**Conference resolves to** continue working with StWC and other peace/antiwar movements in the UK and internationally to:

1. Build support for a ceasefire and peace negotiations in Ukraine;
2. Build opposition to AUKUS and NATO expansion in the Pacific;
3. Develop the common security agenda for a new European and global security order, with particular emphasis on nuclear disarmament and the principle of indivisibility;
4. Continue campaigning to oppose the Cold War-style confrontation against China, emphasising the necessity of international cooperation to promote arms control and tackle the issues of climate, health and economic security.

*International Advisory Group*

### **Amendment proposed by CND Trade Union Advisory Group**

1. At "Conference Notes that:", Point 5.1: delete "ITUC" and replace with "International Trade Union Confederation"
2. In the sentence beginning, "Conference resolves to continue...", insert comma after "Coalition" followed by "trade unions,".

### **4. Global NATO**

With a New Security Concept adopted at its Summit in June, NATO has gone global. Identifying Russia as the greatest direct threat, it also claims China to be a 'systemic challenge' so opening a new era of confrontation and militarisation across the world.

The No to NATO statement on the Summit highlights:

- the false picture of NATO as an organisation of a so-called democratic versus an authoritarian world, which is used to legitimise its militaristic and confrontational course;
- its claim to be working towards disarmament and arms control whilst expanding its Rapid Reaction Force on a massive scale;
- the destabilising impact of the arms sales of member states which account for two thirds of the total global
- its continued commitment to nuclear weapons as an essential part of its military strategy, refusing to comply with the obligations of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and rejecting the TPNW.

The No to NATO statement following the Summit:

- condemns NATO expansion with the inclusion of Finland and Sweden, which was accompanied by support for Turkey's war policy against the Kurds;
- notes also the strengthening of ties with partners in

the Indo Pacific, risking a dangerous ratcheting up of tensions which can lead into an unprecedented arms race in the region;

and calls on social movements such as trade unions; environmental movements; women's, youth, anti-racist organisations to:

- i. "resist the militarisation of our societies that can only come at the expense of social welfare, public services, the environment and human rights"
- ii. "work together for a different security order based on dialogue, cooperation, disarmament, common and human security...so preserve the planet from threats and challenges posed by nuclear weapons, climate change and poverty"

**CND Conference endorses** the No to NATO statement and pledges to disseminate it across social movements to promote discussion about, and commitment to, a common security approach.

*Greater Manchester and District CND*

### **5. Nuclear Dump in Cumbria**

**Conference notes that:**

1. West Cumbria and the Irish Sea are already contaminated by the presence of vast quantities of untreated nuclear waste in Sellafield and the surrounding area, including 140 tonnes of plutonium.
2. Previous attempts to develop underground nuclear waste facilities in Cumbria in 1997 and 2013 were abandoned, in the wake of evidence that the area is unsuitable for such a facility because of its geological characteristics.
3. Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) and its collaborators are currently 'investigating' three 'search areas', and an area off-shore in Copeland and Allerdale, as potential locations for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF), which would become the repository of Britain's radioactive waste, including waste from both existing and future nuclear weapons systems and nuclear
4. There is growing opposition to the prospect of such a 'repository' in Cumbria from local groups, including Radiation Free Lakeland and Millom and District
5. More than 50,000 people have signed a petition saying "that seismic testing of the Irish Sea for a deep nuclear dump is not acceptable."
6. The radioactivity of some of the nuclear waste will not wane for many tens of thousands of years, while a GDF is, over such a long period of time, likely to leak radiation at some point.

**Conference resolves that CND should:**

1. Reaffirm its opposition to attempts to develop a so-called GDF for nuclear waste in Cumbria.
2. Call on local groups and affiliated organisations to actively support national and local opposition to such a facility.
3. Review relevant briefing papers and other materials to ensure that they include up-to-date information regarding GDF and nuclear waste.

*Cumbria and Lancashire Area CND*

**6. Muslim Community****Conference notes that:**

Religious faiths are an important part of life in the UK. CND currently has links with a number of faith-based organisations, including one Specialist Section, Christian CND, which is steadily growing in size and influence and whose role is (a) to take CND's messages appropriately to the churches and (b) to bring distinctively Christian perspectives to the wider disarmament movement.

The second largest faith group in the UK is Islam: according to the 2011 census, nearly 5% of the population identified as Muslims. Although there is no 'Muslim CND' as such, CND has good links with the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB), going back 20+ years. There is always scope to increase the number of Muslims involved in the anti-nuclear movement, and there may well be people within the existing CND movement who could share their practical experiences to support this.

**Conference resolves to:**

Request National CND to review and report on CND's current links with Muslim organisations and with its Muslim members, and any transferrable experiences from the work of other sections of CND. The purpose is to establish whether there are further opportunities to encourage and support the involvement of British Muslims in the anti-nuclear movement.

*Christian CND*

**Amendment proposed by Greater Manchester and District CND**

Between "report" and "on" insert "before the 2023 AGM", and after "organisations" and "and key individuals" so the sentence reads:

Request National Council review and report before the 2023 AGM on CND's current relationship with Muslim organisations and key individuals,

**7: Future Wars****Conference notes that:**

1. In 2018 Yorkshire and London Regions of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament held an international conference on "Emerging Weapons Technologies".
2. Since then, developments have moved on apace. There have been major unnerving developments in several important military areas, including nuclear weapons, space technology, missile defence, cyberwarfare, hypersonic weaponry, surveillance, artificial intelligence (AI) and autonomous robotic systems.
3. Some surveillance technologies are also being used to target campaigning groups and individuals, while others (such as microwave and sonar technologies) are being seen as possible methods of crowd control.
4. Many new technological developments are being tried and tested in war zones such as Ukraine, which become a showcase for arms developers.
5. All of the above make a large contribution to the huge military carbon boot print.
6. Many of these developments are not widely known about and the ethical, legal, and policy implications of employing these technologies need a much wider public debate.
7. The UK government views these emerging technologies (especially space technologies) as important developments for warfighting and is encouraging universities and companies such as Lockheed Martin to conduct research and development opportunities on them in the UK.
8. These future war technologies are a huge threat to international security and to our right to demonstrate and protest against government policy.

**Conference resolves to:**

9. Continue to support the Global Network's "Keep Space for Peace" week in October.
10. Support the development of a joint project with Drone Wars UK to hold a conference on these issues this year.

To support the introduction of conference follow-up sessions with Drone Wars UK, to be held in major cities around the UK and organised with local campaigners to focus on local military establishments and academic and industrial contributions to future wars and weapons production.

*Yorkshire CND*



## Amendment proposed by Greater Manchester and District CND

At end of the resolution add further paragraph to resolve to:  
 "Work with organisations like Demilitarise Education (dED) who work with students to research university involvement in the military and defence sector and populate the universities and arms database [1]. This is to persuade universities to sign the Demilitarise Education Treaty [2]"

1 - <https://ded1.co/universities/>

2 - [https://ded1.co/universities/university\\_db/treaty/](https://ded1.co/universities/university_db/treaty/)

## 8. Common Security

### Conference notes that:

1. Future US nuclear rearmament at USAF Lakenheath and Trident Replacement of the Dreadnought fleet are flagrant breaches of UK treaty obligations. International trust in any future UK government, will be a factor in a change to Common Security principles.

2. The departing words of ex-PM Boris Johnson were 'No.1 Stay close to America, stick up for Ukraine, stick up for freedom and democracy everywhere'
3. With the choice of Johnson's continuity candidate made in American style TV debates, the next leader of the Conservative Party and PM was selected by 0.3% of the electorate.
4. The authority of a new Conservative Government is in deficit to real democracy, the fraud established before a presumed general election in 2024.
6. Nuclear re-armament will open a moral sinkhole under all parties aspiring to government in future. So 2023 is a vital year to confront both Tory and Labour leaderships with the stark choice 'Nuclear Disarmament Not Nuclear War'

### Conference resolves to:

Establish for members and our wider public the principles of the Common Security Report 2022 as a bridge to understanding, acceptance and implementation of The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by any incoming UK government.

*Tom Cuthbert*

# CND Accounts 2021

The financial statements indicate that the total CND funds at the end of 2021 stood at £653,402, compared to £416,266 at the end of 2020. It was higher than that predicted when the 2021 budget was set (£639,531). The increase in funds compared with 2020 is £237,136; the fall in funds the previous year was £32,937.

**Income** was £261K higher than in 2020 (£807K v £547K) before investment income is taken into account. Grant income fell by £30K, mainly due to lower CNDPE grants but appeal income increased by £43K, following a number of strong appeals. Subscription and regular giving income increased by £24K due to an increase in subscription fees.

Merchandise income also increased from £12K in 2020 to £26K in 2021, partly due to working with Teemill, which has expanded the range and number of sales. Legacies increased by £216K due to the arrival of the legacy from Walter Wolfgang Investments gained £19K in 2021 compared with a £17K gain in 2020.

**Expenditure** was reduced by £7K in 2021 (£590 v £597K). There was a significant drop in campaigning costs in both 2020 & 2021 due to no or few external events taking place during the various lockdowns. Peace education costs were significantly decreased due to the work being put on hold, at 8hr/w, due to lack of long term funds. Membership & fundraising costs increased by £10K, partly due to increased merchandise costs but also general admin expenses. Policy costs were significantly reduced (from £1,617 to £15) due to the holding of conference and all council meetings remotely.

People costs decreased by £41.5K compared with 2020 (£280.5K v £322K in 2020), largely due to the significant reduction in the CNDPE staffing and slow recruitment. Total staff costs amounted to 47.6% of all

expenditure, lower than the 56.6% of 2020 (which was high due to the overall decrease in expenditure in 2020).

**In conclusion**, 2021 was much better than 2020, due to the very significant legacy received, other improved income levels and a small decrease in expenditure. There would have been a small loss of ~£5K in the absence of legacy income, which is a positive trend that must be continued.

**But we must be aware that the pandemic lockdown caused a significant decrease in expenditure, much of which won't be reproduced in future years. There is now a larger cushion because of the legacy, but we must put that to good use, as agreed for the 2022 budget, to improve our income generation. We HAVE to stop**

**running at significant losses each year or we will again be in danger simply running out of money.**

Many thanks to CND staff, members of the Admin and Finance Group and our many volunteers for their work. In particular I'd like to record my thanks to Finance Officer Malek Araj and Database Manager Kirsty Stewart for their work in getting the information together for these Financial Statements. In addition our former Finance Manager, Eve Cuthbert, although mainly focusing on the NET Financial Statements, also helped with the work for the CND Financial Statements. Many thanks to all.

CND's Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2021 are available on the website and can also be requested by contacting the CND office.

Income	2020	2021
Subscriptions & regular giving	£325,315	£349,161
Appeals	£109,991	£152,261
Grants and donations	£63,519	£33,566
Other fundraising activities	£18,819	£27,787
Legacies	£26,121	£241,989
CND's management charges to NET	£1,206	£1,301
Interest	£1,652	£688
Misc income	£50	£518
<b>Total</b>	<b>£546,673</b>	<b>£807,271</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Campaigning activities:		
– Direct campaigning costs	£36,512	£49,485
– Regions	£72,750	£68,500
– Specialist sections	--	£(500)
– External campaigns	--	--
– Peace education	£1,259	£(200)
Membership and fundraising	£63,527	£72,283
Policy and decision making	£1,617	£15
Staff costs	£322,122	£280,520
Support costs	£98,885	£119,515
Taxation	£313	£131
<b>Total</b>	<b>£596,985</b>	<b>£589,749</b>
Investment gain/loss	£17,375	£19,614
<b>Overall surplus/loss</b>	<b>-£32,937</b>	<b>£237,136</b>
<b>Campaigning reserve</b>	<b>£260,152</b>	<b>£301,712</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>£416,266</b>	<b>£653,402</b>

# CND's strategic objectives

*External Objectives:*

## 1. Elimination of British nuclear weapons and global abolition of nuclear weapons

- Cancellation of Trident by the British government and policy not to replace or enhance Trident nor develop, purchase or deploy other nuclear weapons or allow the deployment of any foreign nuclear weapons on British soil or in British waters.
- An all encompassing Fissile Material cut-Off Treaty is agreed.
- Implementation of an arms conversion policy by the British government.
- Immediate negotiations leading swiftly to the rapid, timetabled abolition of nuclear forces worldwide and the conclusion of a global nuclear ban treaty.
- Prevention and cessation of wars in which the nuclear weapons of Britain or other countries might be used and strengthening the UN role in peaceful conflict resolution.

## 2. Abolition of other threats of mass destruction or indiscriminate effect

- Full international compliance with agreed Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).
- A strengthened Biological Weapons

Convention (BWC) agreed.

- Global abandonment of space weapons and missile defence programmes. An international agreement on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space.
- Implementation of a ban on the manufacture, testing and use of Depleted Uranium weapons.

## 3. Nuclear-free, less militarised and more secure Europe

- Extension of the influence, resources and funding of the Organisation for Security and Co-Operation on Europe (OSCE).
- No military nuclearisation of the European Union.
- Withdrawal of all US military bases and nuclear weapons from Europe and no nuclear or other expansion of NATO.
- Formal Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones in Europe established.
- Britain withdrawn from NATO and all foreign military bases on British soil closed.

## 4. The closure of the nuclear power industry

- Prevention of new build nuclear power stations and replacement of nuclear by universally acceptable sustainable energy technologies

- Establishment of safe policies on nuclear waste storage and on re-use of contaminated land.
- stopping the re-use, trade in and transport of plutonium and depleted uranium.
- independent control and verification of plutonium, uranium and depleted uranium stocks.

*Internal Objectives:*

## Growth in active campaigning leading to increased effectiveness of CND's political influence.

- Facilitate campaigning by individuals.
- Further support for NVDA networks
- CND's media profile heightened.
- Strengthened local groups/regions/nations structure.
- Build alliances with organisations and communities with shared or linked goals.

## Increase in CND's disposable income.

- More members/supporters.
- More effective membership fundraising.
- New income sources developed.
- More affiliated organisations.

October 2017

### Statement of Aims

CND campaigns non-violently to rid the world of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction and to create genuine security for future generations.

#### CND aims to:

- Change government policies to bring about the elimination of British nuclear weapons as a major contribution to global abolition;
- Stimulate wide public debate on the need for alternatives both to the nuclear cycle and to military attempts to resolve conflict;
- Empower people to engage actively in the political process and to work for a nuclear-free and peaceful future;
- Co-operate with other groups in the UK and internationally to ensure the development of greater mutual security.

# Guide to CND rules on Conference

1. The constitution of CND is laid down in the documents 'Memorandum and Articles of Association' (Memarts) and 'Regulations made under section 56 of the Articles of Association' (Regs). These lay out the aims and the rules that we operate under and should be referred to for detailed advice. They can be found on the website: [www.cnduk.org/about/cnds-structure](http://www.cnduk.org/about/cnds-structure).
2. Most of these rules can only be changed by 'special' resolutions to the AGM that are agreed by 3/4 or 2/3 majorities; depending on which section they are in. They are 'special' resolutions because there are specific rules about how they are put.
3. The constitution also gives permission for Council to be able to change some rules, sections 5, 6 & 7 of the Regs; the last of these deals with conference and standing orders (SO). There are some changes made in 2022 to reflect practices adopted in an online conference, and emphasising the importance of gender balance in debate.

## Membership

4. Company Members are individuals and organisations that support the objects of CND, pay their subscriptions, are admitted by Council, and agree to be liable for £1 if CND is wound up. A special meeting of Council will be convened the morning of Conference to ratify any outstanding Company Membership applications.
5. Individuals and organisations who haven't accepted or are unwilling to accept liability can be members of CND, but have no voting rights at Conference or AGM.
6. Voting rights at Conference are the same as at the AGM.

## Voting

7. Individuals have only one vote each. Organisations have up to five votes each and one or more delegates can hold these votes. The maximum number of delegates is the same as the number of votes an organisation is entitled to. An individual can vote as an individual and as a delegate. For votes on resolutions

where a full count is required, procedures will have been sent to delegates in advance of conference.

8. The entitlement of votes (and delegates) per organisation is:
  - Christian CND, Labour CND, Ex-Services CND, Y&SCND & Student CND, Nations & Regions 5 votes each;
  - CND Groups, 1 vote per 5 Company Members to a maximum of 5 votes, all of which can be held by one delegate;
  - Affiliates with more than 5,000 members, 3 delegates with one vote each, with between 2,000 and 5,000 members, two delegates with one vote each, with less than 2,000 members, one delegate with one vote.

(CND Areas that once made up a Region are entitled to five votes between them).

## Resolutions

9. Ordinary (policy and organisational) resolutions and strategic objectives, even if passed overwhelmingly, do not change the Memarts or Regs and are subservient to them.
10. Strategy resolutions provide the priorities for CND activities. There should be a strategy debate at every Conference so that we are clear about our priorities and don't overburden our resources.

There are a number of rules, see the Conference Standing Orders, about the number and length of strategic objectives and sub objectives and when changes can be made.

11. Ordinary resolutions that refer to issues not included in the strategic objectives have a low priority but those that do refer to strategic objectives and sub objectives do affect how the objectives are carried out.
12. Although Conference takes the highest level of decisions for CND, Council can take practical considerations, especially financial ones, into consideration before implementation of any of its decisions.

# Standing orders

## Part 2: The Conduct of Conference

### Order of business

12. No changes or additions to the order of business set out in the Final Agenda shall be allowed except by:
  - a. The suspension of Standing Orders under SO 25.
  - b. A proposal from the Steering Committee accepted by Conference.
  - c. Rules for discussion.
13. The CAWG shall set time limits for speeches which shall be set out in the Final Agenda. These limits may be reduced by the Steering Committee or by the Chairperson, if in their opinion the timetable demands it.
14. If, after a resolution has been proposed, there is no speech against, the Chairperson may, at his or her discretion, put the resolution straight to the vote.
15. The proposer of a resolution shall have the right to reply to the debate immediately before the vote is taken, unless the procedure in SO 14 is being invoked. A speaker exercising the right of reply shall not introduce new matter.
16. A resolution or amendment, once on the Final Agenda, may not be withdrawn except by leave of Conference.
17. Except as provided for in SO 15 no one shall speak more than once to any resolution or amendment.
18. Speakers shall be selected by the Chairperson, from those who indicate their wish to speak. In choosing speakers the Chairperson shall attempt to provide a balanced debate between different viewpoints, and in particular shall attempt to call speakers alternately for and against. The Chairperson shall also have regard to the number of times a person has already been called to speak and gender balance.
19. The Steering Committee will assist the Chairperson (who will have the final say) in organising the voting on amendments to resolutions to avoid contradictory resolutions. It will aim to facilitate the moving of procedural resolutions to avoid unnecessary time loss during debates. The steering committee may make necessary adaptations to standing orders 19 and 20 during a public health emergency should the entirety of conference take place virtually and report those adaptations at the beginning of conference.
20. Votes shall be taken by a show of voting cards. The Chairperson will, in the first instance, be responsible for deciding the outcome of a vote, but a count by tellers will be carried out if requested by the Chairperson or by 30 voting delegates. If the outcome of the vote is close, any voting delegate may call for a recount, the result of which will be final.
21. Whenever the Chairperson speaks any person speaking shall immediately give way.
22. The following procedural resolutions may be put during debate. The proposer of a procedural motion shall be entitled to one minute to explain the reasons for the procedural motion. A spokesperson for the Steering Committee may then speak for one minute, after which the motion will be put to the vote.
  - a. A motion that the resolution be taken in parts (to be specified).
  - b. A motion to refer the resolution under debate. The motion must specify the body to which the resolution is being referred.
  - c. A motion to move next business.
  - d. A motion that the debate should continue.
  - e. A motion that the resolution should now be put.
  - f. A challenge to the Chairperson's ruling.

Motions a), b), c), d), and e) are carried by a simple majority.  
Motion f) requires the support of two thirds present and voting to be carried.

No procedural resolution other than the above may be put. When the mover of a resolution has summed up no procedural motion may be raised until the vote has been taken, except in the case of motion f) and then only when the challenge refers to the conduct of the vote.

### Reports to Conference

23. All reports may be followed by questions from the floor. All or part of a report may be referred back to Council if the Conference so desires. Reports shall be endorsed by simple majority.

### Elections

24. Elections for officer positions shall be conducted by

the system of single transferable vote, except where the position is uncontested, in which case the endorsement of more than 50% of voting delegates shall be required. In the case of only two candidates for Chair and/or Treasurer only one vote will be cast. In all cases, all candidates shall appear on the ballot form(s) in alphabetical order for each officer position.

25. In elections for National Council, the names of all candidates shall appear on one ballot form in alphabetical order. Delegates shall receive a number of ballot papers equal to their voting entitlement. On each ballot paper, delegates shall be entitled to vote for a number of candidates equal to the number of places available. Ballot papers with more than the required number of votes shall be considered spoilt. In both cases, the criteria for deciding whether or not a ballot paper is spoilt shall be clear intent. The final arbiter of what constitutes clear intent shall be the tellers, who may consult with the Steering Committee.
26. Candidates accepting nomination as national, regional or specialist section representatives for National Council on the due date shall then withdraw their name from the ballot for directly-elected National Council members.

#### Points of Order

27. Any person may raise a point of order concerning these Standing Orders, and shall be entitled to be heard forthwith provided that they:

- a. State the Standing Order covering the matter they wish to raise.
- b. Have not previously raised a point of order in that debate.
- c. Shall not speak for more than one minute. When the mover of a resolution has summed up no point of order may be raised until the vote has been taken.

#### Suspension of Standing Orders

28. Any of these Standing Orders may be suspended with two thirds of those present and voting to do so. The proposer of such a suspension shall be entitled to one minute to explain the reasons for the suspension. A spokesperson for the Steering Committee may then speak for one minute, after which the motion will be put to the vote.
29. Conference is the supreme decision making body of CND and it is expected that all resolutions passed be fully implemented. However, CND Council has the right to take into account practical considerations, particularly financial considerations, in considering such resolutions.

#### Speech time limits

- Proposers of Resolutions: 5 minutes  
 Proposers of Amendments: 3 minutes  
 Speeches during debate: 3 minutes  
 Proposer's right of reply 4 minutes

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## Glossary

AUKUS	Australia, United Kingdom and United States (Trilateral Military Partnership)
AFG	Administration and Finance Group
CAWG	Conference Arrangements Working Group
CNDPE	CND Peace Education
COP	Conference of the parties (i.e. to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change)
ICAN	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NET	Nuclear Education Trust
NPT	Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
TPNW	Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
TUC	Trades Union Congress



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