

The Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is a specialist section of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. It seeks to put forward CND's message in the light of the Gospel in churches of all denominations.

Christian CND continues to work in Churches and other Faith Communities encouraging them to see work for nuclear disarmament as part of their Faith commitment, to engage with the government of the day and make public statements on this subject.

As part of its aim to dialogue with decision makers, it holds an annual walk visiting the London embassies of Nuclear Weapons States, the New Agenda Coalition and other relevant nations. In 2010 this also incorporated interviews with representatives of 13 of these embassies.

Conferences and day schools are arranged on both the theology and politics of nuclear disarmament in solidarity with other Faith Communities. Liturgies and demonstrations are held at significant sites.

CCND also helps schools with their curriculum requirements on War and Peace.

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS and

THE ECONOMY



Research and development work progresses with the exchange of scientists with France in the Teutatis Programme, which commits the UK to a 50 year project on the development of new weapons, not discussed in parliament but signed up to in Nov. 2011.

The majority of British people don't want nuclear weapons. Our money must be spent on jobs, pensions, education and health. We must improve the lives of our population without threatening the lives of others.

£100 Billion! What would you spend it on?

At a time when we are all facing cuts in our public services, our wages, pensions, nurses, doctors, teachers and police, the government still intends to go on with the Trident programme of submarine -launched nuclear weapons at a likely ultimate cost of **100 BILLION POUNDS!**

Although the final decision on renewing the current programme is not due until after the General Election in 2015, work has already started on modernisation and new facilities at Aldermaston and Burghfield: a new warhead plant called Mensa, at £734m, a highly enriched uranium plant; Pegasus £634m and a high explosive factory, Circinius. Together with other projects, these come to **2 billion pounds.**

This money has to be found within the existing Defence budget.

But wouldn't cancelling Trident cause unemployment to rise?

New research shows that more jobs would be saved in other public sector areas than would be lost. The workforce is highly skilled with transferable skills in science and engineering which are in short supply.

1) Submarine production: The BAE Shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness is currently building 7 Astute class Submarines which could continue. The core workforce could be retained until 2020 and the yard adapt to build surface ships – ultra fuel-efficient vessels and deep-drilling ships. The engineering skills could be deployed in making turbines.

Thousands of new jobs could be created in the area by funding a local regeneration plan, currently on hold since withdrawal of funding in 2010.

2) AWE, Aldermaston: Many people are skilled in engineering, IT, applied mathematics and physics which are always in short supply.

A large workforce would still be required for several years to dismantle warheads and decommission facilities. Other staff could be retained by expanding AWE's work on verification.

THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE, THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE!