



Summer 2018

Welcome to the latest edition of Banner from South Cheshire and North Staffordshire Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. If you require this newsletter in an alternative format or wish to contribute a piece for the next edition, please email scanscnd@ymail.com or call 07778 913528.

Stoke-on-Trent Together Against Trump

On Friday 13th July, SCANS CND joined North Staffordshire Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (NorSCARF) and many others to protest against Donald Trump's visit to the UK to meet the Queen. The Hanley demonstration was organised to coincide with the national march in London and regional protests. The open-mike style event attracted speakers addressing a wide range of issues for which Trump is criticised, from his threat to world peace to his treatment of child migrants at the Mexican border. Many thanks to everyone who came along.



Trump is committed to strengthening the US's nuclear arsenal, proposing a 30 year programme of nuclear weapons development and modernisation at the cost of \$1.2 trillion. Trump also withdrew the United States from the 2015 nuclear agreement under which sanctions were

lifted against Iran in return for curbs on its nuclear programme.

Read about the national demonstration in the latest Campaign magazine, which highlights CND's activities <https://cnduk.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/August-2018.pdf>

Stall at Stoke Vegan Festival

We had a stall again at the Staffordshire Vegan Festival on Saturday 30th June. The event raised money for ASHA, who support asylum seekers to live in safety and with dignity.

We'll be at the next local vegan fair on Sunday 16th September from 11.30 to 4.30 at Oddfellows Hall, Greengate Street, Stafford, ST16 2HP.



Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki



On Saturday 4th August we had a street stall in Hanley to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the first atomic bomb being dropped on the city of Hiroshima, Japan by US air forces. Up to 180,000 people died, out of a population of 350,000. Three days later, a second bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki, killing between 50,000 and 100,000 people. You can find out more

at <http://www.cnduk.org/campaigns/global-abolition/hiroshima-a-nagasaki>

As well as paying our respects to the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the stall displayed leaflets and information campaigning against the UK's nuclear programme, Trident, whose bombs are many times more powerful than the ones used in 1945.



Prospective MP attended July SCANS CND meeting

At our July meeting, we were pleased to welcome Mark McDonald, the prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for Stoke-on-Trent South. While not endorsing all of CND's policies, Mark did indicate that he was opposed to Trident renewal and, if elected, would raise the issue in Parliament at every opportunity. This is a refreshing change from the position of the other local MPs, who appear to support Trident renewal.

Get involved in SCANS CND or start a local group

If you'd like to get involved in SCANS CND please come along to the AGM or one of our meetings - details listed below. We hold our meetings in Newcastle-under-Lyme and stalls tend to be in Hanley. Our meetings are informal and friendly. They are held monthly at the moment. Do come along if you can.

If you'd like there to be a CND group closer to you, you can explore starting one. Years ago there were CND groups in many other towns in the area, including Crewe, Nantwich, Sandbach, Congleton, Alsager, Kidsgrove and Leek. Starting a new group can seem like a daunting task but SCANS CND can help.



Upcoming CND Events

Saturday 8th September: TPNW Training Day (Manchester)

There is a training day in Manchester (from 10.30am – 4pm) to raise awareness and develop campaigning skills around the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) – sometimes called the Ban Treaty. Email Greater Manchester and District CND at GMDCND@GN.APC.ORG to book your place.

Monday 17th September: SCANS CND Annual General Meeting

The AGM, originally scheduled for Saturday 8th, will now take place on Monday 17th September at the Quaker Meeting House, 2 Miller Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5

1QJ. The meeting will start at 7pm. Our speaker is Dave Webb, national Chair of CND since 2010 and also Chair of Yorkshire CND. He is the convener of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space (<http://space4peace.org/>), a member of Scientists for Global Responsibility (<http://www.sgr.org.uk/>) and formerly a Professor of Engineering at Leeds Metropolitan University.

If you are likely to have difficulty getting to the meeting, please get in touch. We can help with the costs of transport and/or paying for a child-sitter or carer. If public transport is not available to or from where you live, we can arrange lifts or pay for a taxi.

22nd September: Nae Nukes Anywhere

There is an international rally at Faslane hosted by Scottish CND, with speakers from many countries. There will be a march from the Peace Camp entrance to the North Gate of Faslane naval base, which is about a mile. For more details see <https://cnduk.org/international-nuclear-ban-rally-in-scotland/>

22nd October/ 19th November: SCANS CND meetings

These take place at the Quaker Meeting House, 2 Miller Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1QJ, starting 7pm.

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And don't forget that you can join SCANS CND for £8 per year for waged and £4 for unwaged, students, over-60s and other concessions. Email scanscnd@ymail.com for a form.

You can become a member of national CND at <http://www.cnduk.org/support-cnd/join-cnd>

