

Build trade union support for peace! Affiliate to CND!

HELP US BUILD support for CND in the trade union movement:

Is your branch affiliated? If not, please consider taking a motion along to your next meeting. Here is a model, but feel free to adjust it to meet your union specifics.

Please keep us up-to-date with its progress via kate.hudson@cnduk.org

This Branch notes:

- That the Trident nuclear weapons system is composed of four nuclear-armed submarines, each carrying up to 40 nuclear warheads. It will begin to reach the end of its life around 2032 and currently costs taxpayers £2-£3 billion per year to maintain.
- That the Government intends to replace Trident at a cost of at least £205 billion over its 30-year lifespan.
- That billions continue to be slashed from public services in Britain every year.
- That Britain's nuclear weapons system has the power to kill 320 million people.
- That Trident is inordinately expensive and provides a disproportionately small number of jobs for the money it consumes.
- That the United Nations adopted a Global Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty in July 2017.

This Branch also notes:

- The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's report on 'Trident and jobs: the employment implications of cancelling Trident replacement'.
- The Leader of the Opposition's call for a Defence Diversification Agency.
- The TUC's proposal for the creation of one million climate jobs.

This Branch believes:

- Replacing Trident will waste billions of pounds of taxpayers' money that could better be spent on jobs, pensions, education and health to improve the lives of the British people without threatening the lives of others.
- Replacing Trident undermines Britain's commitment through the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to get rid of its nuclear weapons.
- Replacing Trident will send the wrong signal to nonnuclear weapons states around the world who may seek their own nuclear weapons.

This Branch resolves:

- To support the campaign to cancel Trident replacement.
- To affiliate to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.