



Women in Black  
London

**NO TO ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS**  
**YES TO NUCLEAR BAN TREATY AND GLOBAL DISARMAMENT**

## **REMEMBER HIROSHIMA and NAGASAKI... TELL THERESA MAY to SIGN the UK to the NEW U.N. NUCLEAR PROHIBITION TREATY and END TRIDENT and ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS!**

On **6 August 1945** the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Over **140,000** people were killed instantly. Three days later, on 9 August, a second, plutonium-based nuclear bomb was used on Nagasaki, incinerating **75,000**. Over the next few weeks **tens of thousands more died** from terrible burns, blast injuries and radiation sickness. Those who survived the first year, known as "**Hibakusha**", faced debilitating illness and early death from cancers. Many became infertile or else suffered the heartbreak of multiple miscarriages or babies born with radiation-caused mental and physical disabilities.

**It's taken 72 years, but nuclear weapons have been banned through the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.** Recognising explicitly that any use of nuclear weaponry would have catastrophic consequences for humanity, this important UN Treaty bans the use, development, testing, deployment, possession and transfer of nuclear weapons, and requires the total elimination of all arsenals.

UK diplomats should have participated in the UN negotiations but to their shame were instructed not to attend. Despite claiming to support multilateral disarmament, Theresa May's government has continued to squander billions of pounds on new warheads and nuclear-powered submarines to extend the UK's nuclear arsenal – equivalent to **19,000 Hiroshimas** – for 50 more years or longer. **For what purpose?**

If anyone fired the US-built Trident missiles on one UK nuclear submarine they would unleash 40 warheads on cities full of people like us. The mushroom clouds would entomb the earth in years of radiation, freezing temperatures and darkness, known as **nuclear winter**. Crops would fail in Britain and across the world, causing famine and desperation. Billions could die. Since nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought, the UK now needs to join the UN's multilateral Nuclear Ban Treaty.

**Today Women in Black remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We say "never again"!**

We welcome the 2017 Nuclear Prohibition Treaty, and call on Theresa May to cancel Trident and join the majority of other UN governments in signing this important security and disarmament treaty without further delay.

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**If you are a woman who agrees with us, do join us on our vigils – 6-7pm Wednesdays at Edith Cavell**

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Dear Prime Minister,

August 6 and 9 are the 73rd anniversaries of nuclear bombs being used on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The United Nations has finally negotiated and adopted a multilateral nuclear prohibition treaty, leading to their abolition.

I am asking you to:

- Sign the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and implement this and all of Britain's international disarmament obligations, including the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- Halt UK nuclear patrols, dismantle existing weapons and cancel all leases for US Trident missiles.
- Immediately halt further expenditure on new warheads and submarines designed to carry these prohibited weapons of mass destruction.
- Use the billions this will save for our real security needs, including health, education, poverty reduction, verifying disarmament agreements, and tackling climate change and environmental destruction.

Signed

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