



**£205 billion for Trident??
NHS not Nukes
Save Lives & Build Peace**

Human Security V Nuclear Insecurity – Tell Labour To Choose Peace & Health

Nuclear weapons are a massive problem for global security. They don't prevent wars or give anyone safety or security. They are called 'deterrents' but deterrence often fails, as the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Gaza genocide tragically demonstrate. Nuclear weapons didn't prevent the Ukraine war, but they do increase the risks of nuclear war – whether by miscalculation, misguided politicians or military mistakes. The existence and possession of nuclear weapons like the UK's Trident put the whole of humanity at risk.

The UK has an opportunity now to change history for the better. Instead of wasting over **£7billion a year of our taxes** on continuing to make British warheads and submarines to carry US Trident missiles around the world, the Labour government could cancel Trident and join the new multilateral UN treaty that bans nuclear weapons and creates the legal obligations, practical steps and verification systems to abolish all nuclear arsenals and enhance security for everyone. This UN agreement is called the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), and it already has the support of more than 130 UN governments who are determined to prevent the horrors of nuclear war.

Joining this important Treaty and disarming Trident would set an important example to the world – and other nuclear-armed countries. At a time when Chancellor Rachel Reeves is looking for where cuts can be made to restore and improve health, care and education services, scrapping Trident would free much needed resources for the NHS and tackling other real and urgent security threats such as climate destruction and violence against women and girls. Committing to nuclear disarmament and verification will also create new jobs.

Use Our Taxes for Real Security – Scrap Trident & Restore Our NHS!

Nuclear weapons costs keep rising beyond the hefty £205 billion envisaged in 2006. For what? The so-called 'nuclear deterrent' doesn't deter and it cannot be fired without destroying Britain along with most of the world.

Women in Black calls on the Labour Government to scrap Trident and take security-enhancing decisions to join the UN's Nuclear Prohibition Treaty and contribute UK skills and funding to achieve nuclear disarmament.

To Chancellor Rt Hon Rachel Reeves, 11 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA

From promises to restore the NHS to tackling climate destruction, we all know that courageous decisions are needed to get the financial priorities right. We urge you to fund what is necessary for everyone's safety, wellbeing and security by cutting funding to nuclear weapons.

Please read the UN-negotiated Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Half the world is already making legal, political and practical progress on abolishing nuclear weapons. Signing this important Treaty would set an intelligent, forward-looking example to the world that the Labour government wants to enhance Britain's role and influence for peace and security based on 21st century realities.

We call on you to prioritise our human security, safety and health needs over the outdated ideologies of nuclear force possession. This would also free resources for tackling climate destruction, restoring the NHS and investing in the public services which we need to address the poverty and inequity which currently besets our country.

Signed..... Date

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Women in Black hold vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London WC2. Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to militarism and war.

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