# Labour CND Newsletter June 2018

# Trident, Jobs & Defence Diversification Conference

#### 10.30-5pm Saturday 9 June, Birkbeck

Room B 36, Malet St, Bloomsbury, London WC1E 7HX

10.30 Registration opens; 11am Conference opens

Topics include

- International trends and US strategy
- TUC policy
- Labour's Defence Diversification Agency
- Middle East update
- US-EU divided on Iran
- Nuclear winter

#### Speakers include

- Julie Ward MEP
- Ted Seay, arms control specialist
- Kate Hudson, CND General Secretary
- Sami Ramadani, Iraqi Democrats
- Barbara White, Musicians' Union

#### Followed by Labour CND AGM 5-6pm

Labour CND is a specialist section of CND. If you're a member of CND and of the Labour Party, you're welcome to participate in our annual meeting.

No need to book: registration is on the day.

Need more info? Contact Labour CND Secretary carol.wilcox@talktalk.net

#### Merseyside event Nuclear weapons in a dangerous world - a debate Saturday 9 June 2-4pm

Veteran CND campaigner Bruce Kent will address the issue of nuclear weapons in a dangerous world. We will debate the ideas of unilateral and multilateral disarmament. Should Labour support the renewal of Trident?

This public meeting is sponsored by Wallasey Labour Party and Wallasey CND, and supported by the officers of the Wirral District Labour Campaign Forum.

At The Spire, Breck Road, Wallasey CH44 3BD. Register at Eventbrite: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nuclear-weapons-in-a-dangerous-world-a-debate-tickets-46120956021</u>

# Together Against Trump demo

**The date is set. Book the day off work.** Trump is visiting Britain and CND is supporting the *Together Against Trump* national demo. This must be the day we stand up to the nuclear warmonger of our age.

Trump's torn up the Iran nuclear deal. He's threatened to kill millions with US nukes in North Korea. One minute Trump's posing as the peace broker, the next minute he's preparing for war. His presidency threatens the security of the world and it's time for our movement to confront him.

**Friday 13th July** is our chance to rise up and say enough is enough. We reject the collusion of Theresa May and her government with this dangerous US administration and deplore the invitation to President Trump.

Get the word out. Put on transport. <u>Donate</u> to the campaign. <u>Contact us for support</u> and make sure you and your friends are there on the **13th July**. <u>Share the event</u> <u>with your Facebook contacts</u>

Gather 2pm BBC, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA March to Central London

#### Resolutions for Labour Women's Conference

Labour CND supporters are encouraged to submit resolutions to scrap Trident or support the Nuclear Ban Treaty and to support delegates willing to take these issues up at Women's conference on 22 September.

Here is a sample resolution by Finchley & Golders Green, passed on 23 May:

"This Labour Women's Conference:

- 1. **Welcomes** the efforts from North and South Korea to denuclearize the Korean peninsula.
- 2. **Congratulates** ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize in December 2017.
- 3. **Urges** Labour women to read and disseminate the Nobel Lecture delivered by Beatrice Fihn and the Hiroshima survivor Setsuko Thurlow.
- 4. Notes that:
  - a) 122 states adopted the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in July 2017
  - b) 58 states or more have signed this Nuclear Ban Treaty, including Ireland, Austria, New Zealand, Brazil, Nigeria and South Africa
  - c) Ratification by 50 signatories will bring the Treaty into force; at least 9 have already ratified.
- 5. Calls on Labour to support this urgent work to prevent accidental or deliberate use of nuclear weapons by pledging to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons."

## Labour CND AGM 2018

Labour CND is a caucus of CND members who are also members of the Labour Party. Everyone's welcome at our Annual General Meeting on that basis, and encouraged to attend. We work to promote the aims and objectives of CND within the Party. Our annual meeting makes decisions about the direction of our work in the year ahead and elects an Executive Committee (EC), which meets regularly to progress our work.

You can submit a resolution, nominate people to our EC, and vote at the AGM. For full details email labourcnd@gmail.com

The EC team comprises:

elected officers

- committee members directly elected at the AGM
- CND region /area representatives, and Labour Party and trade union reps, appointed by their organisation.

## ELIGIBILITY

Everyone who is a member of both CND UK and the Labour Party is entitled to participate in the annual general meeting of Labour CND. (Proof of current memberships may be required.)

**Individuals** may make nominations, submit a resolution, nominate representatives and cast 1 vote.

**Organisations** may send delegates to the AGM on the basis below. Each delegate must satisfy the eligibility criteria for participation in Labour CND.

Constituency Labour Parties	5 delegates/votes
Branch Labour Parties	2 delegates/votes
National Trade Unions	5 delegates/votes
Regional/Area Trade Unions	3 delegates/votes
Trade Union Branches	2 delegates/votes
CND Regions, Areas, Groups	2 delegates/votes

## REGISTRATION

Advanced registration is not necessary. However, if you wish to do so, please write or email to the address below.

## **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS**

Eligible participants may make nominations for Labour CND officers and Executive Committee members for 2018-19. These must be received no later than <u>FRIDAY 8</u> <u>JUNE</u>. Please indicate whether or not the person being nominated has indicated their willingness to accept nomination. Posts for nomination are as follows:

Chair (1 place) Vice Chair (2 places) Treasurer (1 place) Secretary (1 place) Assistant Secretary (1 place) Directly elected EC member (8 places)

## ELECTIONS

Elections will be by written ballot. Should there be only one candidate for any position, the meeting will be asked to confirm the election of that candidate by a show of hands. A written vote may be requested.

# DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS

Eligible participants may submit one resolution for voting. This must be received in writing by post or by email no later than **<u>FRIDAY 8 JUNE</u>**. All competent resolutions

will be circulated in writing at the beginning of the annual meeting. Amendments will be taken from the floor of the meeting. These must be submitted in writing before the chair closes the debate.

#### VOTING

Voting will be by show of hands unless a card vote is requested before the vote is taken. Competent resolutions will be deemed to be carried if they received the support of a simple majority of those present.

#### CONTACT

Write to:Labour CND, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQEmail:labourcnd@gmail.com

# CND UK Constitution SPECIALIST SECTIONS EXTRACTS

## Articles of Association of Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

#### **Representative Organisations**

7. All Members of CND shall be encouraged to participate in one or more relevant representative organisations. Representative organisations shall be autonomous bodies, formally recognised by CND Council, pursuing CND's objectives within a particular nation, region, district or locality or field of special interest. The relationship between CND and each of its representative organisations shall be governed by a charter laying down the respective rights and duties of CND and the representative organisation.

8. The various categories of representative organisations, their composition, and their rights and duties with respect to CND shall be decided by CND and shall take the fom of regulations made from time to time in accordance with Article 56.

## **Regulations made under section 56 of the Articles of Association**

2.16 CND Specialist Sections shall consist of members and supporters of CND with knowledge and associations in a particular field and approved by CND Council. The CND Specialist Sections shall serve to further the aims of CND within their own sphere of interest.

2.17 CND Specialist Sections shall hold an AGM to which all organisations within the particular field shall be invited to send delegates and where relevant, individual members of the Specialist Section shall be invited. At this meeting the executive

committee shall be elected and if not dealt with at another properly convened meeting of the organisation CND Conference and AGM business shall be dealt with.

## Part Six: Specialist Sections (see also articles 7 & 8)

6.3 Labour CND is the specialist section working within the Labour Party to raise the profile of CND within that party, with particular emphasis on CND priorities as set by CND Conference.