

ACTION for PEACE



A busy year ahead

With November's inexplicable re-election of George Bush it was always going to be a busy 2005. Those across Yorkshire that are concerned about peace and justice issues may not have to look too hard for threats to peace, security, liberty or justice but with those threats come opportunities and 2005 offers these in abundance.

March 19th sees a national demonstration against the occupation of Iraq and coaches are travelling down from across Yorkshire. Details are available from the YCND Office.

In May we expect a General Election. Yorkshire CND is planning to hold a few hustings across the region and if you'd like to take part or help out, let us know. You can also take the chance to write to your MP and your other candidates and remind them of the importance of Star Wars in Yorkshire and of nuclear issues more widely. May is also the time of the Non-proliferation Treaty in New York and we'll work with other CND regions to push the importance of this Treaty, and genuine commitment to nuclear disarmament, with MPs and delegates.

Come June and Yorkshire CND is inviting its supporters to join us up on Ilkley Moor for a stroll and a bit of fundraising on the revived Yorkshire CND Sponsored Ilkley Moor Walk (see inside).

In July the G8 come to town. Hiding away in a walled compound at Gleneagles will be the leaders of the world's 8 richest countries. Just before the meeting there's a blockade of Faslane nuclear base. CND will be there, working to remind the representatives of the world's rich of their

commitments under international law to disarm their nukes, and the necessity to start looking away from destabilising systems like Star Wars and towards genuine security though the removal of the root causes of unrest and instability.



Never Again. This year is the 60th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings

In August we'll see the 60th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings - the horrific start of CND's raison d'etre. Before this important anniversary, Yorkshire CND is planning to work with schools to bring the issues up with a generation of children many of whom have never heard of Hiroshima. In August we're planning a silent march in Leeds followed by a candlelit vigil. If you'd like your school to take part if you yourself want to be involved in August, contact us. We'll have more details in the next newsletter.

Throughout the year Yorkshire CND will continue its hard work campaigning against the US Star Wars plans, both in public and behind the scenes. We're planning a key conference in October with speakers from the USA, Europe and the UK including Jeremy Corbyn MP and Bruce Gagnon of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. Details are inside. We've also just launched a bi-monthly "Missile Defence Bulletin" giving a simple, regular, brief update on Star Wars news. Yorkshire CND Members can get it for free and if you'd like a copy or want to find out more log on to www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk or call the office on 01274 730795.

There will of course be plenty more activity a-sides. There is much to do, but that is a good reason to keep doing it.

get your council on your side!

by Clare Frisby

Nuclear Free Local Authorities is a cross party local authority lobby group. Rather like CND it has members who pay a subscription to fund its work. NFLAs lobby against nuclear weapons and nuclear power. In the UK there are about 80 members. The aims and objectives are not identical to CND's but there is a great deal of crossover. This year Leeds City Council, inspired by its NFLA membership, hosted the fantastic Hiroshima Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition. Rotherham Council with its steel industry has been able to participate in NFLA's lobbying to stop radioactive scrap metals being recycled into new products. More radioactive waste could enter the scrap metal chain as nuclear power stations are decommissioned.



In Yorkshire only Leeds and Rotherham are NFLA members. Not really a reflection of the active, vibrant anti-nuclear community in Yorkshire or of the fact that both Menwith Hill and Fylingdales are in the area. You will find that letters encouraging positive action are more effective than critical ones. A sympathetic Councillor will happily show such a letter to their colleagues and try to do what you have asked of them.

Remember that your councillor may not be taking any action on the nuclear issues so dear to CND because no one has written to them about it? Yet.

The non-NFLA member authorities in Yorkshire are: Barnsley, Bradford, Calderdale, City of York, Craven, Doncaster, Hambleton, Harrogate, Kirklees, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby, Sheffield and Wakefield

Bradford, Kirklees, Sheffield, and Leeds and Rotherham are members of The Mayors for Peace <http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/mayors/english/> - an international coalition of local authorities who lobby for nuclear disarmament. For more information about NFLAs contact Stewart Kemp or Clare Frisby at the Nuclear Free Local Authorities - Telephone 0161 234 3244 or email office@nuclearpolicy.info

general election

There's a General Election expected this May. Yorkshire CND is working to get details of all candidates and will be producing an election pack for you to help raise some of the important local nuclear issues easily. If you'd like a free pack, just fill in the form on the right and we'll get one to you when it's ready.

festivals and fundraising

Last June a sterling team of people worked for Yorkshire CND on the luggage lock-ups at Glastonbury Festival, whilst in a new venture for us we had two teams of 6 working for the Workers Beer Company at Leeds Festival during August bank holiday weekend. In both cases lots of money was raised for Yorkshire CND and everyone had a good time at the Festivals.

Glastonbury Festival - Luggage Lock-Ups

We expect to have our usual allocation for the luggage lock-ups at Glastonbury this year - contact us if you would be interested in doing this. You will be required to attend the festival from the Tuesday afternoon/evening 21st June till very late Sunday, preferably Monday lunchtime 27th June and to work the equivalent of 3 eight hour shifts including 1 night shift during that period. In return you will receive a [free ticket to the festival](#) and camping space in the workers' village.

Workers Beer Company - Leeds Festival and others

We are also hoping to provide teams of bar workers again this year for Leeds Festival (26th -28th August) and possibly for other festivals as well IF there is enough interest AND IF we can get the places (competition for these can be pretty strong). However, the Workers Beer Company has introduced a new system, and the deadline for getting involved in this is very tight. **YOU NEED TO ACT NOW!** We need to register you with the Workers Beer Company by sending them certain basic information + a colour passport style photo by 28th February. Workers for the various festivals will then be drawn from those who have registered. Overall the system will mean that we'll be able to offer you a definite place (or not) much earlier in the process. Festivals worked by the WBC include: Homelands, REM at Loch Lomond, Glastonbury, NASS (Royal Bath & West Showground), T in the Park, Respect Festival (London), Reading, Leeds and Thames Festival. The 'deal' is basically the same - you do some work, which raises money for us, and in return you get a free ticket and a few other perks.

If you would like more information, registrations forms etc, please email denise@yorkshirecnd.org.uk immediately. Please include a contact phone number in your e-mail.

NEXT DAY OF DANCE - MAY 7th 2005

The 22nd Day of Dance will be on Saturday 7th May at the Victoria Hall in Saltaire. There will be the usual exciting variety of dance workshops of all kinds throughout the day plus a Family Ceilidh in the early evening and a selection of evening dance events later on, all on one evening ticket. If you would like to be sent a booking form e-mail denise@yorkshirecnd.org.uk or download from the website: www.dayofdance.co.uk

PEACE & CRAFTS FAIR

The Bradford Peace & Crafts Fair has been booked for Saturday 26th November 2005 at the Victoria Hall, Saltaire. The format will be similar to last year's very successful event. Booking forms will be available soon for those craft stall holders or campaigning groups who would like to get in early! email denise@yorkshirecnd.org.uk



international conference on Star Wars

On Saturday October 1st this year Yorkshire CND will be holding a one day Star Wars conference in Leeds.

As readers of Action for Peace will know, US Star Wars plans are advancing monthly and the consequences of this are being seen in nuclear proliferation in other key states.

Plans to deploy space weapons are developing and other Star Wars systems, like the Air-Borne Laser, are entering test phase. The US wants to put Star Wars missiles in Europe too, and the UK is one possible host country. Despite these and other disturbing developments, the media is not covering this issue to anything like the level it deserves.

This conference is a chance to learn about what's happened and, crucially, what's planned. It's an opportunity to find out what's being done across the world to stop Star Wars, as well as how you can play a part.

With activists from key front line Star Wars sites in Alaska, Vandenberg and Eastern Europe, experts including Bruce Gagnon of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space and politicians including Jeremy Corbyn MP this conference merges expertise and knowledge with grass roots action.

We'll be taking bookings soon and we hope to provide limited accommodation free of charge in and around Leeds. Take the chance to hear from a host of great speakers and activists by getting your name on the list early.

To get your name on the list and have information sent to you as soon as it's available, fill in the form below, call us at Yorkshire CND on 01274 730795 or email infor@yorkshirecnd.org.uk

take a summer stroll for peace

Yorkshire CND is reviving its classic sponsored walk on Ilkley Moor this year after a gap of several years. The walk takes place on Sunday 19th June and is a beautiful ten(ish) mile stroll around some of Yorkshire's finest moorland. On a clear day at one point on the moor you can even catch a view of the sprawling Menwith Hill US spy base - a grim reminder of the need for these campaigns.

We're inviting our members and supporters to come and join the fun. We'll provide all the maps, support and info you need. You provide yourself, your boots and, of course, your hat. To take part we ask that you gather as much sponsorship as you can - £20 would be a good lowest target. If you can't come along but would like to sponsor a walker, you can always sponsor Yorkshire CND's convener Dave Webb who's planning to do the whole walk.

To take part or to show your interest, fill in the form below and send it in to us. Alternatively, phone or email using the contacts overleaf.



Name _____

Address _____

email _____

ILKLEY MOOR SPONSORED WALK

I want to come on the Ilkley Moor sponsored walk (We'll send full details later on)

I'll aim to raise £_____ sponsorship for Yorkshire CND

STAR WARS CONFERENCE

Please put me on the list for the Yorkshire CND Star Wars Conference and send me details later on: _____ (tick)

ELECTION PACK

Please send me a Yorkshire CND election pack when it's ready: _____ (tick)

Please return your form to Yorkshire CND, FREEPOST BD2869, Bradford, W. Yorks, BD5 7BR

Thanks!

CONTACT YORKSHIRE CND

Write to: Yorkshire CND, 22 Edmund Street, Bradford, BD5 0BH
tel: 0845 4583315 fax: 01274 414413
email: info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk web: www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk

Dates for your diary

- Every Monday: Leeds Stop the War Coalition meetings, Leeds Civic Hall, 7pm - 9pm
- Every Tuesday: Join the CAAB demonstrations at the main gate of Menwith Hill from 6pm - 8pm. CAAB - 01482 702033 / 01943 466405
- Every Saturday, Leeds Stop the War stall in Leeds, Briggate, 2pm

MARCH:

4th **Menwith Hill and protest.** A talk by Lindis Percy. Hathersage in the Hope Valley, Derbyshire. 8pm in the Methodist Hall, Main Road, Hathersage. Further details from j.e.hughes@sheffield.ac.uk.

5th **Europe for Peace Conference** - Mechanics Institute, Manchester. A joint conference between the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (UK) and Mouvement de la Paix (France). Information from Greater Manchester and District CND - 0161 2738283

8th **Women only Blockade of the A59 at Menwith Hill** for International women's Day - Helen John 01943 468593

19th **National Demonstration Against the Occupation of Iraq**, London. Details of Yorkshire Coaches available from the Yorkshire CND office - 01274 730795

APRIL

27th - 5th **Global Network Conference, New York, followed by the Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference**

MAY

7th **Day of Dance**, Saltaire. 50 dance, music and song workshops in aid of Yorkshire CND. details and booking forms from Yorkshire CND - 01274 730795

21st- 22nd **Foundation Training:** Learn a practical process for communicating effectively and compassionately in stressful situations in your home, work and community. York. More Information from Selma Khan: 01653 693690 email: selmakhan@onetel.com

Help us to make a difference

Join the Yorkshire campaign for nuclear disarmament

Membership rates:

Household = £12 Individual = £9

Youth (under 23)/Student/Unwaged/Pensioner = £5

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

tel _____ email _____

I want to join by **Standing order** (our preferred way to pay): Please pay Yorkshire CND £_____ each month/year (delete) starting on _____ until further notice.

Name of my bank _____

Address of bank _____

My Account Number _____ My sort Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

I want to join by **annual cheque**.

I enclose a cheque made payable to "Yorkshire CND" for £_____

Please complete the form and send it to Yorkshire CND, Freepost BD2869, Bradford, West Yorks, BD5 7BR
Thank you!