



**extinction
rebellion**

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Ring Out the News Nuclear Weapons are Outlawed on 22 January!

The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), adopted by 122 UN countries in 2017, will now enter into international law on 22 January 2021.

Nuclear abolition is necessary to prevent nuclear war and its extinction level threats to our environment and climate.

STOP CLIMATE CATASTROPHE and WAR

This UN-negotiated Nuclear Treaty bans the use, production, possession, testing and proliferation of nuclear weapons and mandates their verified elimination.

It also outlaws all activities that could enable anyone to threaten to use or acquire nuclear weapons, as it bans their possession, transfer, development, testing, stationing, stockpiling and deployment.

The Treaty forbids states parties and their residents to "assist, encourage or induce" *anyone* to commit any actions that are prohibited by the Treaty. This applies to companies as well as individuals, so let's persuade them to divest from nuclear production.

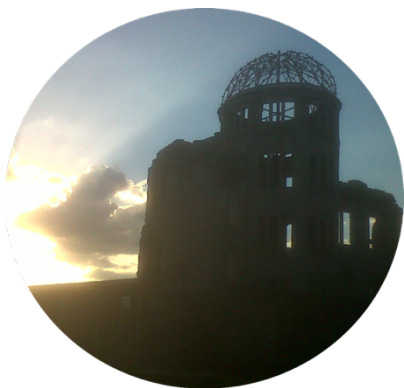
These clear prohibitions cut through the fictions of nuclear deterrence, which for decades have been the main justification for NATO's 'nuclear sharing' policies. The Treaty takes away any legitimacy claimed by the nuclear armed states – Britain, China, France, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, the United States and their allies. No more can leaders hide behind false claims that peace and security necessitate military policies, perpetual threats and the capability to launch nuclear weapons of mass destruction and cause global extinction.



**TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR, BRITAIN MUST JOIN THE BAN TREATY
AND GET RID OF TRIDENT**

HUMANITARIAN IMPERATIVES AND OBLIGATIONS

The Treaty's preamble describes the humanitarian reasons for banning and eliminating nuclear weapons, explaining:



"the catastrophic consequences of nuclear weapons cannot be adequately addressed, transcend national borders, pose grave implications for human survival, the environment, socioeconomic development, the global economy, food security and the health of current and future generations, and have a disproportionate impact on women and girls, including as a result of ionizing radiation..."

The Nuclear Prohibition Treaty also requires the elimination of all nuclear arsenals and provides the principles and pathways to get rid of the weapons safely and securely.

What can we do in the Covid Lockdown?

- ➔ Ring in the Ban on 22 January at 12.00 noon – from churches to front doors – ring bells, bang pots and pans, share the good news!
- ➔ See ICAN for more info: <https://www.icanw.org/>
- ➔ Persuade your MPs, Councils and friends to support the Ban Treaty.
- ➔ Publicise on social media, with #nuclear ban, #UK4TPNW @Xrpeace
- ➔ Contact hello@nuclearban.co.uk to ask for info or speakers on the Treaty, draft motions for Councils etc.
- ➔ Sign CND petition: <https://cnd.eaction.org.uk/TPNW>

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