



# BUILD PEACE SAVE OUR PLANET

[XR Peace](#) is a movement within Extinction Rebellion that highlights the military causes and impacts of climate chaos. We take action for peace, disarmament, real security, environmental protection, human rights and climate justice.



Climate destruction and war have the same root causes as inequality, racism and misogyny. These patriarchal evils are perpetuated by greedy military-industrial systems of exploitation, cancerous growth and profiteering.

Armed conflicts and inhumane weapons kill millions and cause great misery and poverty. They contribute to global insecurity, hunger and environmental harm. Refugees, especially women, children and marginalised people, pay the highest price. Wars are destroying our climate, humanity and Mother Nature.

## **Military spending fuels climate destruction**

All armed invasions cause terrible humanitarian consequences. If nuclear war is launched, millions could die of injuries and radiation sickness, followed by years of 'nuclear winter' and collapse of global biodiversity and agriculture, causing mass famines that kill billions.

UK military spending in 2018 created 11 million tonnes of greenhouse gas (GHG) and carbon damage to our climate, according to [Scientists for Global Responsibility](#). BAE Systems produces 30% of this harm, not counting weapons use and the nuclear-armed subs deployed at Faslane. Just one flight of a US F35 bomber at RAF Lakenheath causes more GHG emissions than an average adult living in Britain for 2 years.

**Higher military spending means higher climate damage.**

## **WAR IS ECOCIDE – MAKE URGENT CHANGES NOW TO CREATE REAL SECURITY – BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE**

From guns and bombs to nuclear missiles, explosive weapons cause massive environmental destruction and human suffering. Our global survival depends on working together locally and globally to end militarism and redirect resources to meet the challenges ahead. The essential jobs we all rely on and need are in health care, education, green energy, and making our food, water, lives and environments safe.

Governments must defend us from future destruction and disasters by urgently cutting military budgets and activities now. We must stop British and multinational industries from continuing to make and trade the weapons that drive wars, human misery and climate chaos.

We need effective counterviolent and nonviolent policies to promote justice and climate security, share resources and resolve conflicts.

## **UNITE TO SURVIVE**

➔ **Develop effective peace-building approaches, skills and resources to address causes of insecurity and resolve problems and conflicts.**

➔ **Call on UK to sign the [UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons \(TPNW\)](#) and work with all nations to implement the Treaty and prohibit and eliminate all nuclear arsenals, including Trident.**

➔ **Boycott and divest from all companies that develop, make and sell weapons, from guns and bombs to nuclear and other WMD.**

➔ **Call on UK and all governments to publish military GHG emissions.**

➔ **Do not permit or fund nuclear power or nuclear weapons.**

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