

# Peace Round-up – 16 August 2019

A selection of items from a range of sources. Inclusion here does not imply full endorsement, but is based on current concerns of NFPB and its members.

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## Faith leaders urge Boris Johnson to offer more refugees sanctuary

Open letter to prime minister says UK should accept at least 10,000 refugees each year

<https://bit.ly/2MrR5aj>

## UK reclaims place as world's second largest arms exporter

Figures reveal record £14bn sales last year with nearly 80% going to Middle East

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jul/30/uk-reclaims-place-as-worlds-second-largest-arms-exporter>

## Analysis: Boris and the Bomb - why Faslane is an apt place for the new PM's first Scotland visit

Is there a more apt way for Boris to show 'the ties that bind the UK' than US-controlled weapons of mass destruction with a renewal cost of £205 billion?

<https://www.commonspace.scot/articles/14540/analysis-boris-and-bomb-why-faslane-apt-place-new-pms-first-scotland-visit>

## The making of a nonviolent faith

The first part of our interview with long-time Christian peace activist Pat Gaffney

<https://peacenews.info/node/9442/making-nonviolent-faith>

## The difference between a campaign and endless action

An extract from Daniel Hunter's *Climate Resistance Handbook*

<https://peacenews.info/node/9440/difference-between-campaign-and-endless-action>

## From clickbait to community: social cohesion in Brexit Britain

In this long read, Madeleine Ward considers how Brexit is impacting social cohesion in communities across the U.K.

<https://www.theothinktank.co.uk/comment/2019/07/10/from-clickbait-to-community-social-cohesion-in-brexit-britain>

## Silent Spring to Strident Summer: The Politics of Global Heating

Paul Rogers . Evolution of the ecological movement since the 1960s and of scientific and direct action to respond to the catastrophic threat of climate breakdown.

<https://www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk/silent-spring-to-strident-summer-the-politics-of-global-heating>

## Honouring conscientious objectors

Readers respond to news that English Heritage is launching a project to highlight the stories of conscientious objectors imprisoned in Richmond Castle

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jul/26/honouring-conscientious-objectors>

## Lapse of US-Russia arms treaty will heighten missile threat, says UN

INF treaty, which kept nuclear missiles off European soil, was 'an invaluable brake on nuclear war', says António Guterres

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/aug/01/inf-treaty-us-russia-arms-control-to-end>

## Moving mindfulness from 'me' to 'we'

If mindfulness is to become a force for social and political change it needs to radically expand its scope beyond individual therapy.

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/transformation/civic-mindfulness>

## **The nuclear scientist who tried to stop Hiroshima**

... story of Joseph Rotblat – CND founding member and Nobel laureate – who, despite working on nuclear weapons research, rigorously opposed the bomb's use and devoted his life to promoting peace.

<https://cnduk.org/the-nuclear-scientist-who-tried-to-stop-hiroshima>

## **Death of the treaty that removed missiles from Greenham Common**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/aug/01/death-of-the-treaty-that-removed-missiles-from-greenham-common>

Cruise missiles were removed from the UK in 1991, ending their controversial deployment at Greenham Common in Berkshire, because of the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty, which is now expected to lapse on Friday.

## **Knife Crime Survey**

information will be used to shape the contents of our [Fellowship of Reconciliation] campaign about knife crime

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedIA6\\_MkiXzfmD\\_t1tPgWrE7m2eK3sd3hb rT--ywFlzA5dKg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedIA6_MkiXzfmD_t1tPgWrE7m2eK3sd3hb rT--ywFlzA5dKg/viewform)

## **How Scots can align with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

<http://www.nuclearban.scot/how-scots-can-align-with-the-treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons>

The minority of states which have refused so far to engage with the TPNW are the nuclear-armed states (9 in all), their client and dependent states and those states (like Australia and Japan) who for some reason consider themselves to be under the US “nuclear umbrella”. ... The question for citizens of those states is: What can I and we do in this hostile regime to support and advance the Treaty?

## **Ellen Moxley 12/3/1935 to 8/7/2019**

Facebook post of obituary for former NFPB member Ellen Moxley <https://www.facebook.com/NFPB1/posts/2607695102609158>

## **When Trump's hate tweets make news, here's what to do**

From American Friends Service Committee  
<https://bit.ly/2yI5Bmv>

## **For a World without Nuclear Weapons – An appeal on the 74th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6 and 9 August 1945**

*Church and Peace* appeals to Christian churches and communities throughout Europe - Wethen, 7 August 2019

<https://www.church-and-peace.org/en/2019/08/appeal-world-without-nuclear-weapons>

## **The International Security Echo-Chamber: Getting Civil Society Into the Room**

many peace and rights activists around the world are considering how to change the dynamic and ensure people affected by conflict are listened to in the debates that shape international security interventions.

<https://www.justsecurity.org/65243/the-international-security-echo-chamber-getting-civil-society-into-the-room>

## **New Education Secretary under scrutiny over 'military schools'**

Newly appointed Education Secretary Gavin Williamson is facing questions over his previous support for introducing "military schools".

<https://ppu.org.uk/news/new-education-secretary-under-scrutiny-over-military-schools>

## **Friends urge prime minister to seek peace**

Northern Friends Peace Board (NFPB) has put its name to a letter urging the prime minister to seek peace in a time 'when communities are being fragmented by financial hardship and political uncertainty'.

<https://thefriend.org/article/friends-urge-prime-minister-to-seek-peace>