

# MERSEYSIDE C.N.D.

## AUTUMN 2019 UPDATE

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*The only sure way to eliminate the threat posed by nuclear weapons is to eliminate the weapons themselves.*

— Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General



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# NUCLEAR FOLLY

Nuclear weapons in the age of cyber warfare and drone technology



## Public Meeting Open To All with Professor Paul Rogers

19:00, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

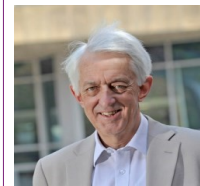
Wirral Multicultural Centre

111 Conway Street, Birkenhead, CH41 4HF



Organised by Birkenhead Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament  
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### About Professor Paul Rogers



Paul Rogers is Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford and Senior Fellow in International Security at the Oxford Research Group (ORG).

He lectures at universities and defence colleges in various countries and has written numerous works on security issues, which include: *Losing Control: Global Security in the 21st Century*, *Why We're Losing the War on Terror* and *Military Action Against Iran: Impact and Effects*.

His monthly briefings can be read at <https://www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk/Pages/Category/paul-rogers-briefings>

## C.N.D. CONFERENCE 2019

### AGM and Policy Conference

Saturday 19th October

St. Thomas's Hospital, London

#### Resolutions include:

- Preventing the resurgence of intermediate range missiles
- Safeguarding and strengthening arms control
- Increasing tensions between the U.S. and Europe
- Campaigning against the militarisation of space

If you would like to attend the Conference as an individual, you can register on the CND website: <https://cnduk.org/conference-2019-register-as-an-individual/>



### I.P.B Triennial Congress: 20 October 2019

CND is privileged to host the Triennial Congress of the Nobel Prize winning International Peace Bureau on the Sunday of our conference, under the banner '21<sup>st</sup> Century security: challenges and solutions'. Joined by activists from around the world, we will have a global take on the problems we face, seeking global and local

alternatives, for a vision and reality, of peace and justice. Themes include: common security, resource wars, climate change, nuclear dangers and human rights.

IPB President, Reiner Braun said: *A conference between a very successful national organisation and the biggest international peace network can create new ideas for world peace. The INF Treaty shows dramatically that a great war is not any longer excluded. What can we do globally, nationally, regionally and locally for peace?*

## NUCLEAR BAN COMMUNITIES

*Towns and cities around the world are becoming nuclear ban communities as they sign up to support the UN's Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*

Manchester recently became the first city in Europe to back the Treaty after its city Council unanimously passed a resolution in support of the nuclear ban. And this movement isn't confined to the U.K., as Washington, Paris and Berlin have all passed motions of support.



We are encouraging all Merseyside CND members and supporters to contact their Liverpool City Councillors, asking them to table this motion at a future council meeting. A draft can be downloaded from the C.N.D. website: <https://cnduk.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/model-resolution-for-councils.pdf>

## LUCAS PLAN AND TRADE UNIONS

*"Production still follows the dictates of the market, not of social need and environmental protection"*

On 17th July Merseyside CND and Merseyside Pensioners' Association hosted an extremely successful meeting with former Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards' Committee member John Routley.

John was part of an effort to apply the knowledge and skills of the Lucas workers to 'socially useful products' which benefited society. Our meeting was an attempt to reignite that effort in the 21st Century, i.e. the formation of a New Lucas Plan.

To this end, a series of workshops has been held in Manchester, which, it has been proposed, will spread out across the country.

Watch this space for news of these workshops in Merseyside.

A 30 minute documentary about the Lucas Plan, shown at our meeting, can be viewed online at <https://vimeo.com/305253552>

## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

*"A special day that calls for all countries to get rid of nuclear weapons"*

### Stall and Leafleting

12:00—14:00

Thursday 26th September

Church Street, Liverpool  
(outside Primark)

If you are able to help, please  
contact the Merseyside CND office



## HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI DAY 2019

*Remembering the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 74 years after the atomic bombs were dropped*

Merseyside CND members and supporters gathered at St. John's Gardens with former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Cllr. Christine Banks, to commemorate the 74th anniversary of atomic bombings of Japan. Julie Lamin and Liverpool Pax Christi's Jan Harper read moving survivor testimonies, Barbara Hardcastle recited *Girl from Hiroshima* by Nazim Hikmet and Neville Grundy provided the music. A big thank you to all those who came.



Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day photos taken by John Usher

