



## 10 ways to support the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

On 22 January 2021, the [Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#) passes into international law. This is a major milestone for the nuclear disarmament movement – but some nations have not yet signed the treaty, including the UK. We can encourage the UK government to do so as we celebrate this historic shift towards peace.

### 10 socially-distant actions that Friends can take:

**1. Invite local Friends to a Zoom call** where you come together to discuss the nuclear weapons ban. To get everyone ready, you could share the [Nuclear Weapon Ban Briefing \(PDF\)](#) produced by the Network of Christian Peace Organisations.

**2. Use social media** to highlight the destructiveness and immorality of nuclear weapon possession and use, and the need for the nuclear weapons ban. Post your views on Facebook, Twitter or in suitable WhatsApp groups, or share links to relevant articles. If you use Instagram, you could post a photo of you holding a homemade message for peace. Engage thoughtfully with any replies. Check out the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons' tips for [urging action on social media](#).

**3. Write a letter to local and national newspapers** about the treaty, stating your beliefs from a Quaker perspective. Or you could prepare a joint letter, co-signed by supportive local community representatives, faith leaders, and councillors. Collectively call on the UK government to sign the treaty, and ask your local MP to support this process.

**4. Take a photo for your local newspaper.** Organise a small socially-distanced outdoor meet-up with local Friends, perhaps outside council offices, and display a message for peace. Send the photo to the local news desk along with a short article detailing Quaker views on the treaty. For example, 'Local Quakers ask the UK government to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons'.

**5. Take part in phone-in radio programmes** to talk about the importance of the treaty. Join popular discussions on healthcare and the economy to point out that the cost of Trident replacement is estimated to be at least £205 billion. Find further details about the nuclear weapons ban in [this briefing paper \(PDF\)](#) by the International Committee of the Red Cross. Your message can reach thousands of people this way!

**6. Put up a poster in your window**, advocating for nuclear disarmament.

**7. Help kids take part in this historic success.** Encourage local teachers to teach peace using [CND's peace education resources](#). Educate your own children with these resources, and share them at Children's Meeting. You could also share [this animation](#) by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

**8. Write to your bank, pension provider and insurance company**, asking them to divest from all nuclear weapons companies. Highlight the fact that nuclear weapons will be illegal under international law from January, and that now may be the time for them to review their policies.

**9. Support your Quaker meeting to divest from all nuclear weapons companies**, if it hasn't already. Your treasurer can guide you with this. Ask for divestment to be added to the agenda of your next Quaker business meeting.

**10. Organise an online celebration** of the treaty coming into force on 22 January 2021. Publicise the event to your wider community. Encourage participants to share their stories of resisting nuclear weapons and form new like-minded connections. Then keep the pressure up on the UK government!

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