



The Peace Academy



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2018 SEES the 60th anniversary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), its first meeting having been held in February 1958. The organisation developed from a growing movement against the development of nuclear weapons following the US atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and the later testing of nuclear bombs by the USSR and the UK. Nowadays, CND states that its mission is to "campaign non-violently to achieve British nuclear disarmament – to get rid of the Trident nuclear weapons system and stop its replacement". CND also campaigns internationally to oppose missile defence systems, weapons in space, nuclear power and NATO nuclear policies, in addition to encouraging peacefully negotiated solutions to conflicts.

This summer, CND will be running a *Peace Campaigning*

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*Academy in Glasgow from 27 to 29 July. The Academy "aims to teach young people aged 18–30, who reside in Scotland, all they need to know about nuclear weapons, communication tactics, lobbying activities, grassroots empowerment and more". Speakers will include Ross Greer MSP and representatives from the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize winners the *International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons*. Scottish CND and Peace Education Scotland, a charity which engages young people in debates around nuclear weapons, also aim to bring a Hiroshima survivor to the Academy to talk about their experiences as *Hibakusha*, the Japanese word for those who survived the 1945 atomic explosions. *The Ferret*, an award-winning investigative journalism platform, will also run workshops on media work while trade union representatives from the RMT and STUC will hold seminars.*



Confirmed speaker
Ross Greer
MSO with
Peace
Academy
Poster



Scottish CND volunteers at Belladrum Festival

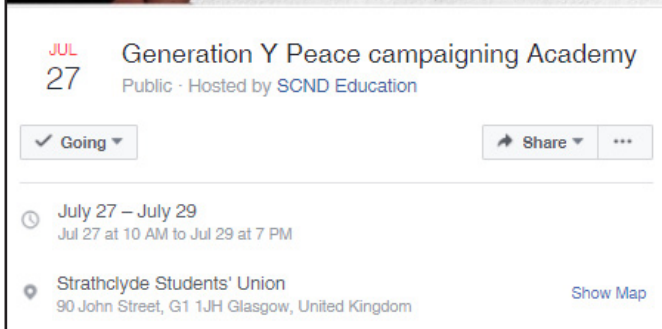
Overlapping the Peace Academy, from 27 to 30 July, is Glasgow's *Mugstock Festival* in Mugdock Country Park. The Festival organisers have invited Peace Academy participants to perform a human peace symbol alongside the headline performance of *Colonel Mustard & The Dijon 5* on Friday 27 – festival entry that evening is FREE to participants! There will also be an *InspYre* social evening on Saturday 28 followed by a visit to the Faslane Naval

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Base and Peace Camp on Sunday 29 for an action field trip.

Peace Education Scotland will be covering accommodation, food, training and transport costs for all participants during the Academy. Organiser Flavia Tudoreanu said "there could not be a better timing for such an event, just last year the United Nations adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. 2018 is the year of youth and the 60th anniversary of CND. The Peace Academy will provide vital skills to young activists in Scotland".

The Peace Academy will take place from 27 to 29 July at the Strathclyde University Students' Union. Accommodation will be provided for 100 participants at the SYHA Glasgow. Applicants should be between 18 and 30 years old and should reside in Scotland. Applications should be made via the Peace Education Scotland website at <http://www.peaceeducationscotland.org/peace-academy>, where all other details are available. The final round of applications closes on 30 June.



Peace Education Scotland with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon

