

DONT BANK ON THE BOMB!



NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT FOR HEALTH

For the health of people and planet, the elimination of nuclear weapons and prevention of their use is an urgent priority.

Our health systems could never adequately respond to the use of nuclear weapons. A single nuclear explosion would cause unimaginable short and long-term harm to health: catastrophic death and destruction, severe burns and blast injuries, acute radiation exposure, cancers, genetic damage, severe psychological trauma, and intergenerational harm.

DIVESTMENT: OUR MONEY OUT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The UK government spends billions of pounds on nuclear weapons every year, contracting private companies like Babcock International, Lockheed Martin, Rolls Royce and BAE Systems to maintain and expand its nuclear arsenal.

As a movement for health justice, we continue campaigning for the total abolition of nuclear weapons. Divestment is one major way we can take action. Together, we're calling on our banks and financial institutions to divest our money from the private companies profiteering from nuclear weapons manufacturing.



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NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT FOR HUMAN SECURITY

The broader impacts of nuclear weapons use are also well-researched. We know that the resulting radioactive fallout would contaminate waterways, land and food. We know that use of less than 1% of the world's nuclear weapons is predicted to cause global climate disruption and widespread famine.

Manufacturing the most destructive weapons imaginable is not how we will achieve a truly safe and secure society.

As a movement for health justice, our campaigning towards nuclear disarmament is united with calls for human security: healthcare, housing, liveable incomes, healthy environments and strong communities.

NUCLEAR SPENDING IN THE UK

The UK has 225 nuclear weapons it can launch from submarines. In 2023 alone, Britain increased spending on nuclear weapons by 17%, up to £6.5 billion. And over the past five years, British spending on nuclear weapons rose by a staggering 43%.

Companies like Babcock International, Lockheed Martin, Rolls Royce and BAE Systems make billions from nuclear contracts, but they're also funded significantly through investments made by our banks and financial institutions.

That's why we're taking action and applying pressure on nuclear weapons manufacturers. We're calling on financial institutions to divest our money from companies lining their pockets by producing the most destructive weapons imaginable.

TAKE ACTION WITH US!

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CONNECT WITH DBOTB! JOIN MEDACT'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS GROUP MAILING LIST FOR DON'T BANK ON THE BOMB CAMPAIGN UPDATES, NETWORK MEETINGS, AND SUPPORT.

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DO YOUR RESEARCH! DO SOME DIGGING INTO YOUR BANK, PENSION FUND & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. FIND OUT WHERE YOUR MONEY IS GOING TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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BRAINSTORM IDEAS! OUR CAMPAIGNS ARE STRONGEST WHEN WE USE A RANGE OF CREATIVE WAYS TO TAKE ACTION. GOT AN IDEA? GET IN TOUCH, OR BRING IT ALONG TO THE NEXT DBOTB NETWORK MEETING!

