



*Nuclear Free Local Authorities Steering Committee*

# information

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## **NFLA Scotland supports Walk for Peace from the Scottish Parliament to the Faslane Trident base**

The Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) Scotland Forum warmly welcomes the 'Walk for Peace' initiative from CND Scotland. The walk will promote the wide cross-party and public support of opposition to nuclear weapons that exists in Scotland. (1)

The walk will focus interest on this issue by commencing from the Scottish Parliament on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. It will take in public meetings in Currie, Bathgate, Coatbridge, Glasgow and Dumbarton.

A major rally takes place on the 5<sup>th</sup> April in George Square, Glasgow, with speeches from the Lord Provost of Glasgow Sadie Doherty, Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, award-winning broadcaster Lesley Riddoch, Dave Moxham of the Scottish TUC and Revd Sally Foster-Fulton of the Church of Scotland.

The walk concludes outside the Faslane naval base, where Trident submarines are stationed.

NFLA Scotland and CND Scotland have a long history of co-operation on the shared aim of a nuclear weapons free world, and the CND Scotland Co-ordinator attends quarterly NFLA Scotland meetings. The particular aim of the walk is to raise the profile of the nuclear weapons disarmament issue within the current Scottish referendum debate and onwards for the 2015 UK General Election campaign.

Later in the year NFLA Scotland members are seeking to support a similar initiative with the Norwegian group Bike for Peace. This group has partnered with Mayors for Peace and is currently on a global tour promoting the need for a nuclear weapons free world. Just a few days ago, the tour took off from Manchester Town Hall and held events in Coventry and at the Westminster Parliament, with a cross-party meeting hosted by Angus Robertson MP. The Bike for Peace organisers are looking to hold a tour of Scotland's major cities later this year. (2)

NFLA Scotland Convenor Councillor Bill Butler said:

"I am delighted that the NFLA Scotland Forum is supporting CND Scotland's Walk for Peace to promote our commonly held aim of a nuclear weapons free Scotland, UK and world. My own local authority, Glasgow City Council, will be delighted to meet the walkers and participate in a cross-party event showing the high level of consensus in Scotland there is for nuclear weapons disarmament. I wish the walkers well and encourage the public to engage with it as it crosses from the east to the west of Scotland"

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For more information please contact Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary on 0161 234 3244.

Notes for editors:

- (1) Weblinks to the posters advertising the Walk for Peace events can be found at: <http://springwalk.org/?p=664>  
The launch from outside the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh begins at 12.15pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. The March and Rally at George Square, Glasgow starts at 11am on the 5<sup>th</sup> April.
- (2) Manchester City Council media release on Bike for Peace, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014  
[http://www.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/6380/bike\\_for\\_peace\\_set\\_to\\_depart\\_on\\_90\\_day\\_world\\_tour\\_from\\_manchester\\_town\\_hall](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/6380/bike_for_peace_set_to_depart_on_90_day_world_tour_from_manchester_town_hall)

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