

STOP THE WAR COALITION



Stop the War in Ukraine – Peace Now

This union notes:

1. The continuing war in Ukraine, which is resulting in very high casualties, a huge number of refugees, environmental and social destruction.
2. The war is escalating dangerously and threatens a much wider conflict, including the use of nuclear weapons which has been repeatedly threatened by Vladimir Putin.
3. We condemn the Russian invasion of Feb 2022, but also recognise that Ukraine has become the battleground for a proxy war between Russia and NATO which is partly the result of thirty years of failed Western policies, including NATO expansion and US hegemony.
4. The British government has played a leading role in escalating the conflict through unprecedented levels of military support including the deployment of special forces and the supply of cruise missiles, armed drones, tanks and depleted uranium rounds.
5. There are growing military tensions worldwide, as global arms spending is rising, especially in relation to the Indo-Pacific.

This union believes:

1. The war must be brought to an end through a ceasefire and peace negotiations.
2. We should stand in solidarity with ordinary Ukrainians whose country is being destroyed and demand an end to military aggression on all sides.
3. We should oppose the massive levels of arms being sent to Ukraine which are only serving to escalate and prolong the war.
4. NATO's record in countries such as Afghanistan and Libya show it is not a progressive force: escalation risks widening war in the region.
5. The British government is playing a key role in prolonging the war and is aided by the bipartisan approach of the Labour Party which uncritically supports its approach.
6. That it is always working people who are the first victims of war and that record levels of military spending should be redirected to public services, the NHS, social care and schools. The labour movement should stand for peace and not support greater arms spending.

This union resolves:

1. To call upon the British government to stop arming Ukraine and demand a peaceful resolution to the war.
2. To oppose NATO expansion.
3. To support protests called by Stop the War Coalition and affiliate to the organisation.

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