

My name is Ros McEwan, I am a practicing Buddhist and am here because I feel I **have** to do my bit to raise awareness and take a stand against these **ILLEGAL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!**"

IF YOU WANT PEACE PREPARE FOR PEACE"

...If you care anything about your personal security, you should first of all pray for order and tranquillity throughout the four quarters of the land, should you not?'
(In this case land is the earth)

'On Establishing the correct teaching for the Peace of the Land'
Nichiren Daishonin (13th Century Buddhist Priest)

I BELIEVE:

- The **REAL** problem in the world are what Buddhism explains as the 3 Poisons Greed, Anger and Ignorance.
- Simply put- Greed the drive to take more than you need.. Anger -the desire to control, dominate. Ignorance of the innate dignity and potential of every single living being.
- The Arms Trade and War are a huge money making opportunity for the owners and shareholders of the Arms companies..the **COST** the taxpayers TRILLIONS which could be spent on far better causes- not least eradicating hunger and protecting the environment
- Nuclear weapons are not a deterrent, they are a provocation! a reason for more and more countries to try and develop their own in response.
- Nuclear weapon do **NOT STOP WARS**- which not only destroy lives, and the economy but have a **HUGE** carbon footprint!
- Nuclear weapons are weapons of mass destruction. **THERE ARE NO POSITIVES**- they put the **ENTIRE** planet at risk - their deployment will inevitably will not only kill 100's of thousands of people , but also trigger a Nuclear Winter which will affect the entire globe!
- The industry provides jobs, but at what cost to the rest of the human race! The people who work at these bases may depend on it for their livelihood , but their contribution whatever it may be, is supporting the existence of these weapons of mass destruction , which are **ILEGAL** under International Law negatively affects others throughout the world, including their own families and loved ones!
- **WE NEED TO DISARM and INVEST OF ENVIRONMENTALY SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES AND PROGRAMMES** which will enhance the **wellbeing of all of on the planet!**