

Nuclear Weapons



UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

What are nuclear weapons?



- Make a mind map of all the things you know about nuclear weapons.
- To learn more about nuclear weapons, have a go at the nuclear weapons quiz, available here: <https://tinyurl.com/yebhwjk8>
- What surprised you? Why?

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UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)

On 22 January 2021, over 75 years since the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the TPNW came into force. Over 50 countries have agreed that they won't possess, develop, test or use nuclear weapons, that they will help victims of nuclear weapons usage and testing, and will help clean up the environmental impacts of nuclear weapons.

However, not all countries have signed the treaty, including the nine countries with nuclear weapons. Despite this, campaigners say that the law will put pressure on the countries which haven't banned them, so they will be less and less likely to produce and use them. For campaigners, it is an important step in creating a world free from nuclear weapons.

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Why is the TPNW important?

What are some of the moral issues with nuclear weapons?

Does it surprise you that not all countries have signed the TPNW?

Why do you think that they haven't?

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How can you support the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons?

Choose one of the following activities:

- Create a poster, display or assembly to raise awareness
- Create a prayer card to hand out to pray for countries to sign the treaty
- Write to your MP
- Research and support campaigns from Pax Christi, ICAN, CCND or CND



For more information on the TPNW, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/8aec8nsv>