

Peace Campaigning Academy

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Around 70 participants between 18 - 30 years old gathered at the end of July to join the Peace Campaigning Academy organised by Scottish CND Education. The 3 day long training programme included a multitude of workshops and sessions meant to raise the level of understanding of nuclear weapons and

to build up the skills needed to campaign on peace and other issues. Some of the topics covered included: public speaking & presentations, driving legislative change, run your own campaign, moral arguments, direct action, work with press, fact checking and investigative journalism, fundraising,

video making for campaigners and lobbying. We had a great panel of speakers and facilitators including a survivor of the 1945 Hiroshima bombings, Mr Masashi Ieshima. Other speakers included trade unionists, parliamentarians, journalists, Nobel Peace Prize Winner ICAN and experts in various other fields. The event included a visit to the Mugstock Festival



where Mr Ieshima addressed the audience and we, along with the festival goers, formed a human peace logo. Mr Masashi said to the crowd: "Humans cannot coexist with nuclear weapons. Let us work together for a world of peace."

On Saturday night we had a Ceilidh, where participants, volunteers and other long standing supporters had the chance to meet and share ideas and on Sunday, we visited the Faslane Peace Camp where workshops were held on direct action and nuclear convoys and had a bus tour of



the nuclear weapons base.

This has been a fantastic event, first of this kind in Scotland, which would not have been possible without the funding received from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust or the help of our fabulous

team of over 20 volunteers. The participants thoroughly enjoyed their experience and we are getting very good feedback. Some of our participants left very motivated and there are now discussions of building an Aberdeen University CND group as well as a local group in Fife.

