

WHO REPRESENTS ME?

This resource is to help show pupils which elected representative they should contact with an issue. There are two worksheets and accompanying short PowerPoints.

The first worksheet, '**Who Represents Me?**' places some common issues in a word cloud, to be sorted by representative.

The second worksheet, '**Who Represents Me...on Nuclear Weapons?**' uses a word cloud of issues relating to nuclear weapons, designed to explore how having nuclear weapons located in central Scotland impacts the public at local, Scottish and UK levels.

The first PowerPoint, '**Who Represents Me?**' helps pupils understand Scotland's three tiers of democratic representation by mapping issues, including nuclear weapons, to the responsible level of government.

The second PowerPoint, '**Scottish Election - Nuclear Weapons Debate**' helps pupils engage with the 2026 Scottish Parliament election by explaining the reserved or devolved distinction on defence and presenting each major party's position.

Further Research

Below we have included some links to background information and resources, to stimulate further discussions and to supplement the word cloud exercise in the '**Who Represents Me...on Nuclear Weapons?**' worksheet:

1. Nuclear Convoys on public roads

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-7542/> - UK House of Commons Library briefing on nuclear convoys - safety concerns, MOD responses, and parliamentary scrutiny.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Defence_Nuclear_Material_Transport_Operations

<https://www.nukewatch.org.uk/>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/y7K93eEA5oE>

<https://www.theferret.scot/nuclear-bomb-convoys-40-safety-incidents/>

2. Setting up a Peace Garden

<https://web.archive.org/web/20260123045937/https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/activities/2025/post-250814-2/> - A ginkgo sapling from Hiroshima seeds was planted at Glasgow Botanic Gardens on 6 August 2025 by the Lord Provost and Japanese Consul General, marking the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings

<https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/en/about-us/outline-m4p/> - Mayors for Peace

3. Radioactive pollution in Loch Long

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce873653lv0o> - Radioactive water 'leaked into loch' from nuclear base

<https://www.theferret.scot/radioactive-waste-pollution-nuclear-plant/> - Loch polluted by radioactive waste from nuclear bomb plant

4. Nuclear incident emergency procedures

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/61a642c0d3bf7f05539de528/20211129-LAESI-Ed12-MHCLG-Tweak-final.pdf> - MoD document for Local Authorities

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7f5e6ee5274a2e87db56f1/NEPRG02_-_Response.pdf - Response to radiation emergencies across England, Wales and Scotland:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/preparing-emergencies-guidance/pages/18/> - Scottish Government emergency planning guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nuclear-emergencies-information-for-the-public/nuclear-emergencies-information-for-the-public> - UK Government emergency planning guidance

5. UK nuclear weapons based at Faslane

<https://peaceeducationscotland.org/docs/trident.pdf> - resource for pupils covering the UK's Trident nuclear weapons system - what is Trident, where it is based, and the debate around its renewal - through factual information and group activities designed to encourage balanced discussion and critical thinking.

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/locations-and-operations/bases-and-stations/hmnb-clyde> - Royal Navy HMNB Clyde (Faslane), The Royal Navy's official page on the home base of the UK's nuclear weapons system, located on the Clyde 30 miles from Glasgow.

6. Nuclear Free Local Authorities

<https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/> – a network of local councils across the UK and Ireland that campaigns against nuclear power and nuclear weapons

<https://www.nuleaf.org.uk/sccors/> - SCCORS (Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances) - represents Scottish local authorities engaging with the Scottish Government, nuclear regulators and the nuclear industry on radioactive substances and decommissioning.

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