

## Trident Replacement

This is a crucial issue affecting Britain and the rest of the world. We need a full and open debate inside and outside parliament before any decision is taken

The rationale for Trident was always weak, but now it is non-existent. New 'threats' from alleged 'rogue states' lack credibility

Trident (and its likely successor) is independent in name only. It cannot be used except with the technical and political support of the United States

Who is the enemy? If the weapon is targetted at Third World or non-nuclear states then it is sending the wrong message and will encourage nuclear proliferation

Opinion in Scotland is heavily weighted against replacing Trident. A System 3 Poll in the Herald newspaper recently showed 78% against

Replacing Trident will cost approximately £15 billion to build and around £30 billion for maintenance and decommissioning - compare this to the amount of health care, education, welfare this money could buy

Replacing Trident will pose a new threat to the people of Scotland as well as peoples across the world.

### Without Trident

**We'll live with less fear.** Conflict will always occur but we'll be committed to resolving it without resorting to the utter destruction caused by nuclear weapons. And we'll be safe from 'accidents'.

**We can build stronger communities.** Investment in strong, healthy and sustainable communities can replace the billions lost to funding the Trident system (or its replacement).

**We can hold up our heads on the world stage.** Instead of behaving like a bully, Britain can demonstrate genuine civility and commitment to peace building.

**We can choose our friends.** We won't be locked into a 'relationship' with the USA or any other country determined by investment in weapons of mass destruction.

**We can influence people.** Who knows the extent of our capacity to promote peaceful conflict resolution and transformation.

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