

25 years investigating the UK nuclear weapons programme



Chair's report



On behalf of the Board I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2025, our 25th anniversary year. With thanks to all our supporters, staff and volunteers, now and over the years, for all their dedication to this work.

Our Achievements

In Spring we completed recruitment for a new Research Manager and report author. The recruitment team shortlisted from 35 applications and we were delighted to welcome Okopi Ajonye in April. The next few months focussed on induction into the organisation, our networks and our place in the peace movement and he was soon producing newsletters and articles, giving presentations and producing a new research report.

We published two new briefings, one on the Faslane and Coulport submarine bases in March and in the Autumn we collaborated with Nukewatch to respond to the government's unexpected announcement that it intends to arm the RAF with nuclear capable jets and nuclear bombs. We co-published *Smoke and Mirrors* highlighting all the issues with nuclear fighter jets. We also began work on *Dead Weight* – researching the US B61-12 nuclear bombs and began planning for a House of Commons discussion event in 2026. A webinar on the little known or discussed issues attracted our largest audience yet. Our planned briefings on Barrow nuclear submarine construction site and Rolls Royce nuclear reactors were rescheduled to 2026.

We published four newsletter updates during the year providing the details on many of the issues affecting the UK nuclear weapons programme. All our newsletters are at www.nuclearinfo.org/newsletters

Highlights of 2025



The staff team, Board members and volunteers

Staff updates

Introducing Okopi Ajonye, Co-Director. Okopi joined us in April as our main researcher, report author and spokesperson. He has already given many media interviews and been quoted in mainstream and specialist press. He has given several conference presentations and written articles and briefings on the UK nuclear weapons programme. Okopi previously worked with the Campaign Against Arms Trade and Demilitarising Education and works alongside long-serving Co-Director, Trish Whitham who focusses on operations.

We were also pleased to be able to appoint volunteer Ming Lai Ho as part-time Researcher/Administrator. Ming has expertise in media and data management. We were very grateful for support from David Cullen and Dr Tim Street during the staff restructure and induction period.

Faslane and Coulport briefing

This overview of the Royal Navy's nuclear submarine base in Scotland was published in March, it includes a history of the two main sites and details the key facilities as well as known future development plans. This is the third in our series of UK nuclear programme briefings and follows on from the Devonport and Faslane briefings. We plan to complete the set with briefings on Barrow and Rolls Royce during 2026/2027.



Smoke and Mirrors report

At the NATO Summit in June 2025 the UK government announced that it intended to purchase twelve F-35A Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft from the US which can be armed with hosted US nuclear bombs. This adds a new nuclear capability on top of our existing deployed nuclear armed submarines and is at odds with the government's obligations to international nuclear non-proliferation treaties.



A very topical and informative webinar was hosted by Okopi Ajonye with Professor Paul Rogers, Professor Nick Ritchie, Eliana Johns, Federation of American Scientists and Peter Burt, Nukewatch. Watch on our YouTube channel. A Parliamentary Briefing on the topic was planned for the new year.

Financial activities

Balance sheet

	2025	2024
Current assets		
Bank accounts – current	1,468	1,499
– deposit	31,503	30,929
	32,971	32,428
Debtors and prepayments	-	6,733
		39,161
Current liabilities		
Accruals	(292)	(20)
Creditors	(489)	(1,419)
Net current assets	32,190	37,722
Funds		
Unrestricted funds	11,550	10,254
Restricted funds	20,640	27,468
Total funds	32,190	37,722

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Note: Restricted funds support NIS's educational aims and are supported through grant funding. Unrestricted funds are spent on work which may not qualify as charitable such as political work or legal costs.

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Income and expenditure account

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
Income				
Grant: Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	56,600	56,600	62,260
Grant: ICAN	-	-	-	4,360
Grant: Lansbury House Trust	-	-	-	3,000
Grant: Marmot Charitable Trust	-	-	-	6,150
Legacy Fund	-	500	500	500
Donations	1,617	-	1,617	2,139
	1,617	57,100	58,717	78,409
Expenditure				
Staff costs	716	48,704	49,420	64,003
Training	-	36	36	-
Travel	-	700	700	3,226
Office costs	58	10,476	10,522	9,115
Board expenses	-	306	306	304
Volunteer expenses	-	240	240	485
Projects/events	-	3,466	3,466	5,918
	762	63,928	64,690	83,051
Net movement in funds before interest and tax	855	(6,828)	(5,973)	(4,642)
Investment income	575	-	575	885
Taxation	(134)	-	(134)	(144)
Net movement in funds	1,296	(6,828)	(5,532)	(3,901)
Balances brought forward at 1 January	10,254	27,468	37,722	41,623
Balances carried forward at 31 December	11,550	20,640	32,190	37,722

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