

TRANSITION JOBS FROM ARMS TO RENEWABLES

We call on the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government to develop proposals to convert employment in arms manufacturing into jobs in renewable energy

A move to renewable energy would generate more jobs than the entire arms industry – offering better employment opportunities for workers in Scotland.

Scotland has just over 10% of the UK's arms industry jobs. At the same time, Scotland is in a powerful position to play its part in developing renewable energy sources, with the best sites for wave technology, offshore wind and largest tidal stream resources in the UK. Research in 2011 concluded that wave and tidal power could provide 5,300 new jobs by 2020.

Harnessing our potential

Despite huge government subsidies to the arms industry, the general trend is for arms manufacturing jobs to decline. Developing more renewable energy jobs could provide more balance to this picture. Renewables need highly-skilled engineers, have a similar breakdown across broad categories of skill levels and employs many of the same branches of engineering.

Many of the companies making arms in the Clyde region also already make, or have the potential to make, vital parts for developing the wave power industry.

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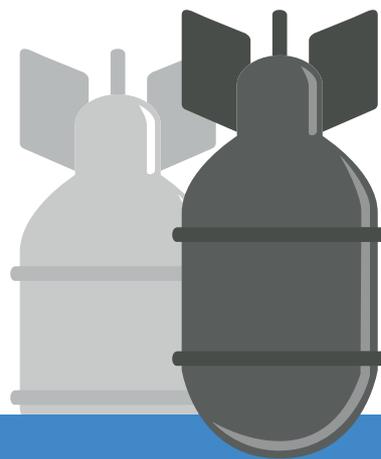
MSPs and Scottish government should engage with workers, unions and local authorities and draw up practical plans for arms conversion protecting skilled employment and pay.

A safer world

Real security involves tackling the causes of problems, and climate change is among the biggest we face. If we really want a safer world, we must cut carbon emissions fast.

CAAT has a vision: guaranteeing highly skilled manufacturing jobs now and in the future; jobs in an industry that is growing not declining; jobs which create a safer, rather than a more dangerous world.

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NO MORE PUBLIC MONEY TO ARMS MANUFACTURERS

We call on the Scottish Government to end public agency funding to arms firms in Scotland

Scotland is putting tax-payers money into an industry which has a devastating impact on human and international security. Weapons fuel conflict, support repression and make the world a more dangerous place for everyone.

Scottish agencies Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise have given over £18m to arms manufacturing firms since 2007.

In 2016-17, more than half a million pounds was given to arms companies, to support areas such as marketing, strategic development, training and innovation.

Many of these companies have routinely armed human rights abusers all over the world, and are the last companies that should be getting public money.

Companies in Scotland receiving public money include:

- **Selex**, who were criticised in 2012 over reports it sold radio equipment to the Assad regime in Syria despite EU sanctions

- **Raytheon**, who manufacture 'smart bombs' in Fife that have been used against civilians in Yemen

- **Chemring**, who produce CS gas used against protestors in Egypt and Hong Kong

- **Leonardo MW Limited** – formerly Finmeccanica – who have sold drones to Pakistan and helicopters to Algeria, Libya and Turkey

- **BAE Systems** whose warplanes have played a central role in Saudi Arabia's attacks in Yemen. Its armoured vehicles were used by Saudi Arabia in Bahrain to support the repression of democracy protests in 2011.

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