

# LONDON CND

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APRIL 2008: LONDON ELECTIONS SPECIAL

# London needs a Mayor for Peace

**W**ith the London elections less than two weeks away, all eyes are on Mayor Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson, who are neck and neck in the polls. Every vote will count in this election.

Londoners are faced with a stark choice: a Mayor for peace or a Mayor for war.

Ken Livingstone has been a long-standing member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. He has been a strong voice in CND's campaign against the replacement of Trident, and against government plans for a new generation of nuclear power plants. He has consistently spoken out against the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq. And he is a strong advocate for the 'Mayors for Peace' campaign which represents hundreds of city Mayors across the world pressing for peace and global nuclear disarmament.

In contrast, Boris Johnson voted for the Iraq war. He voted for the replacement of Trident, and questioned what the government was going to do to 'reverse the decline in physics in schools and universities, so that we can be sure that we have enough British scientists with the

necessary security clearance to build these submarines'. He is also a supporter of nuclear power. And he has stated that he put his full weight behind the re-election of US President George Bush.

There are other candidates who are friends of the peace movement: Sian Berry from the Green Party, and Lindsey German from the Left List. Both these candidates are calling for their supporters to cast their second vote for Ken. How people cast their second vote will be decisive in who is elected Mayor.

With government plans to push ahead with Trident's replacement and new nuclear power plants, and its continued support for the on-going illegal occupation of Iraq, a strong voice in London urging peace and nuclear disarmament remains crucial. A pro-nuclear, pro-war Mayor would be a disaster for London.

Given the stakes in this election, it is absolutely crucial that the peace vote is mobilised. Please encourage all your friends and family, colleagues, and your local communities to turn out and use their votes to ensure that, on 1st May, London elects a Mayor for peace.

# WAR AND PEACE: CANDIDATES' POLICIES



**BORIS JOHNSON**, Conservative

- Voted for the invasion of Iraq and the replacement of Trident.
- Supported the re-election of George Bush

**'It was mesmerising, in April 2003, to stand in Baghdad and look at the contrast between the Americans and the people they had liberated. The Iraqis were skinny and dark, badly dressed and fed. The Americans rode in their Humvees... they**

**were taller and squarer than the indigenous people, with heavier chins and better dentition. They looked like a master race from outer space...'** Boris Johnson



**SIAN BERRY**, Green Party

The Green Party have been strong supporters of CND's aims and consistently campaigned for peace, against nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

- To help Sian Berry's campaign, contact 020 8690 0658, mobile 0793201 3187.



**LINDSEY GERMAN**, Left List

Opposed Iraq war, and Trident replacement. Lindsey is convenor of the Stop the War Coalition which has worked with CND to organise mass demonstrations against the Iraq War and against the renewal of Trident.

- [www.lindsey4london.org](http://www.lindsey4london.org)

**KEN LIVINGSTONE**, Labour

- Opposed the invasion of Iraq and calls for an end to the occupation
- Opposed the replacement of Trident and for the global abolition of nuclear weapons
- Waging a tireless campaign against nuclear power
- Member of 'Mayors for Peace' anti-nuclear campaign



**'I am proud as Mayor to support the anti-war movement and to join the millions of people who demonstrated against the war in Iraq. The majority of Londoners, and every major candidate at previous elections opposed the invasion of Iraq - as do myself, Brian Paddick for the Lib Dems, and Sian Berry for the Greens. Boris Johnson enthusiastically backed the invasion of Iraq. It would be grotesque if Londoners, who oppose the Iraq war by an overwhelming majority, were to have a Mayor who supported it.'**

Ken Livingstone

- **Londoners for peace** are distributing leaflets at tubes, train stations, markets, shopping centres and events across London. Help is urgently needed: call 07930 235791.

**BRIAN PADDICK**, Liberal Democrat

- Opposed the Iraq war
- In favour of keeping a reduced nuclear arsenal while pushing on the International stage for the abandonment of these weapons.



## EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

You have **two votes** for Mayor on 1st May — a first choice and a second choice.

If no candidate receives more than 50% of the first choice votes, then the top two candidates go to a second round.

All the second choice votes from the candidates that have been eliminated are then redistributed to the remaining two candidates.

**These second preferences could determine who is elected Mayor.**

Both Sian Berry and Lindsey German are calling for their supporters to give their second vote to Ken Livingstone.

## MAXIMISE THE PEACE VOTE!

- Encourage all your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours to make sure that they vote on 1 May.

- Get involved in leafleting activities to spread the word and maximise the peace vote !

