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Academic Qualifications

BA (hons) International Relations Keele 1978
BD (hons) Old and New Testament Glasgow 1985

Military Experience

1971 – 1975 Junior NCO in Black Watch serving in UK, Hong Kong and N Ireland
1976 Commissioned in Territorial Army
1977 Commissioned in Regular Army (Intelligence Corp) serving in UK, Germany & N Ireland
1980 Resigned commission as a conscientious objector

Church Experience

1980 – 1982 Youth Worker for Church of Scotland in Glasgow
1986 Ordained as Minister in Church of Scotland
1986 – 1991 Community Minister, Easterhouse, Glasgow

Employment with CND

1991 - Coordinator, Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Glasgow

Research reports

Incidents in Hong Kong 1967 –1970 (the overspill of the Cultural Revolution), written while serving with the Black Watch in Hong Kong, 1973
The current debate on NATO nuclear strategy, Keele University, 1978
Cracking under Pressure: response to defects on British nuclear submarines, SCND, 1992
The Safety of Trident: An assessment of the radiation risks associated with the UK Trident programme, SCND, 1994
Trident: Britain's Weapon of Mass Destruction, SCND, 1998 (analysis of the targeting and effect of the British nuclear weapon system)
The Future of the British Bomb, WMD Awareness Programme, 2005.
Cancelling Trident: the economic & employment consequences for Scotland, STUC and SCND, March 2007 (joint author)

Advisory role

For several years I have provided advice on nuclear weapons issues to local authorities in Scotland, Members of Parliament and Members of the Scottish Parliament.
I have been involved in a number of "Rhu Consultations" on British nuclear weapons policy. The discussions, hosted by the Church of Scotland, involved civil servants, military representatives, academics and campaigners.
In September 2005 I participated in a RUSI seminar on the future of UK nuclear weapons.
In October 2005 I circulated copies of my report on the Future of the British Bomb to the nuclear policy unit at the MoD. This was at an early stage of their consideration of future options.
In January 2007 I gave evidence to the House of Commons Defence Committee on the future of the UK's nuclear deterrent.
I am Secretary of the Cross Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament at the Scottish Parliament and I am currently advising the Scottish Government on a planned summit on Trident which is due to take place in October 2007.