

University of Bradford

Submission to the Secretary-General's report on Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation
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The Department of Peace Studies and International Development continues to embed nuclear disarmament education across its academic programmes and extracurricular initiatives. Throughout the 2024–2025 academic year, the department advanced a range of activities designed to cultivate students' theoretical understanding, practical skills, and critical engagement with global disarmament efforts.

1. Training and Capacity Building

Kingsley Osuagwu, a departmental representative, participated in a specialist training session organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) for National Contact Points and key stakeholders. This training enhanced understanding of treaty obligations, reporting mechanisms, and operational aspects of international disarmament law, contributing to the department's educational and research capacity.

2. Participation in International Conferences

Master's students from the Peace, Conflict and Development, and Peace, Resilience and Social Justice MA observed the Third Meeting of States Parties (3MSP) to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in New York (1–6 March 2025). This opportunity enabled students to observe diplomatic negotiations first-hand and engage with multilateral treaty processes, thereby enriching their academic and professional development.

3. University-led Events and Symposia

On 6 December 2024, the department convened the Interdisciplinary Disarmament Symposium, featuring participation from across the university. Peace Studies students Qurat Al Ain and Haris Naeem served as student speakers, exemplifying leadership in academic discourse. Twenty students engaged critically with issues at the intersection of nuclear disarmament, emerging technologies, and peacebuilding, reflecting the department's commitment to fostering interdisciplinary analysis.

4. Integration of Disarmament into the Academic Curriculum

Nuclear disarmament themes are systematically embedded within the curriculum. At the postgraduate level, the core module "Peace in a Changing World" examines disarmament, arms control, and the governance of weapons of mass destruction, emphasizing critical approaches to security studies. At the undergraduate level, "Issues in World Politics" introduces first-year

students to foundational concepts such as the NPT, TPNW, and ethical debates surrounding deterrence theory, using case studies and simulations to promote applied understanding of negotiation processes.

5. Student Participation in External Conferences

Mary Awas and three colleagues attended the 8th Annual Student/Young Pugwash (SYP) Conference in London, focusing on youth engagement in science and disarmament. Dr Becky Alexis-Martin delivered the keynote address, reinforcing the department's influence in wider academic and policy circles. Participation in this event enhanced students' understanding of contemporary nuclear security and ethics while providing important networking opportunities