

# **Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy**

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### **ACRONYM INSTITUTE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018**

**prepared by Dr Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director**

#### **1. Summary**

The Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy is a UK-based not-for-profit civil society organisation with UN consultative status through ECOSOC. With international reach based on over twenty years of work on nuclear and humanitarian issues and treaties, Acronym provides research, ideas and practical strategies to promote and strengthen humanitarian disarmament and security agreements, environmental sustainability and progress for women, peace and security.

Following the UN General Assembly negotiations and adoption of the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), 2018 has been a year of consolidation, outreach and awareness raising. Having played a central role in achieving this Treaty and then sharing in the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Acronym's Executive Director Dr Rebecca Johnson and Communications Manager Clare Conboy were joined in 2018 by Janet Fenton on ICAN's international steering group (ISG) in 2018, where we contributed to strategies and decisions for bringing the TPNW into force and using the Nobel award to enhance awareness of all aspects of humanitarian security and disarmament. Acronym continued to co-coordinate the Management group for ICAN partners in the UK, with enhanced public outreach, especially in Scotland.

Acronym was funded in 2018 by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, with priority given to three areas of our work:

- raising awareness about the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and facilitating its entry into force;
- supporting international disarmament and humanitarian security objectives, with emphasis on treaties that reinforce international humanitarian law and the United Nation's sustainable development goals (SDG); and
- work on enabling the UK to comply with the disarmament and non-proliferation provisions of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and take the necessary steps to join the TPNW -- this work focussed in 2018 on building support for the TPNW in Scotland and holding meetings where feasible in other UK areas to raise awareness of the humanitarian and financial costs and problems of the Dreadnought nuclear submarines and Trident programme.

Acronym's team also participated in international and UK-based workshops and coalitions addressing women, peace and security, establishing a zone free of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in the Middle East, and conflicts and military activities that undermine global humanitarian security, the SDGs, UN Charter and international law.

In addition to this brief summary, our work is evidenced by the meetings, media, written and audiovisual materials and publications listed below in sections 2-5 of this annual report. As

described there in more detail, Acronym was involved in a wide variety of events and activities in 2018. These included meetings in the Westminster and Scottish Parliaments, town halls, universities, colleges, schools, trades unions, Parliamentary Committees, the UK Defence Academy, and local civil society and faith-based groups in Britain and Ireland, at which Rebecca Johnson, Janet Fenton and Clare Conboy talked about nuclear and humanitarian challenges, Britain's existing legal and security obligations under the NPT and the new provisions that will take legal effect when the TPNW enters into force, highlighting the impacts for British security. We also provided briefings for the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, and participated in meetings with governments and NGOs attending the NPT and UN First Committee meetings in Geneva and New York in 2018.

Coordinated by Janet Fenton, Acronym has continued to provide briefings and advisory opportunities for engagement with the Scottish Parliament and Government, building on relationships made through Scotland's UN House as well as other civil society organisations, and taking into account the opportunities and challenges of raising nuclear and security issues within Scotland's devolved administration. Janet Fenton played an initiating role in establishing the Scottish Round Table to explore opportunities for civil society and academic engagement with the TPNW, nuclear warhead convoys and Trident-related activities. As well as her central role in coordinating ICAN partners in Scotland and speaking at local and parliamentary meetings, Janet Fenton co-organised and enabled Acronym's full participation in meetings in Glasgow and Edinburgh during the year, including the international gathering at Faslane in September 2018. These events provided opportunities for ICAN and other international and British experts to establish connections with Scottish academic researchers and civil society partners along with parliamentarians and civic leaders.

In addition to nuclear weapons, Acronym has continued to support the UN SDGs. Work on SDG 16.4 has been led by Dr Natalie Goldring in her capacity as Acronym's Director of Conventional Arms and Trade. Dr Goldring continued in 2018 to work closely with the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) in its global outreach and work to implement the Programme of Action (POA) on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW). While serving on the Leadership Team for IANSA, Dr Goldring contributed to briefing papers and training sessions for diplomats as well as civil society meetings in the United States on issues ranging from the 'Doomsday Clock and the Ban Treaty' to the arms trade and peace-building through disarmament. On behalf of Acronym and IANSA (of which Acronym is a partner), Dr Goldring presented on 'Synergies between the PoA and other key instruments' at the March 2018 meeting for the Third Review Conference on the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, held at the United Nations in New York. Dr Goldring subsequently delivered the IANSA statement to the UN First Committee in October on 'Partnering with civil society to enhance efforts to control small arms and light weapons'. In her work with the Arms Trade Treaty Dr Goldring also serves on the Rapid Response team of Control Arms. Three of Dr Goldring's publications in 2018 related directly to her conventional arms work on behalf of the Acronym Institute.

Dr Johnson's publications in 2018 focussed mainly on US-Korean nuclear issues, in conjunction with her participation in the International Panel on Fissile Materials meetings in Seoul in April and then with 'Women Cross DMZ' and Nobel Women's Initiative in Seoul and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in May. By contrast, Clare Conboy's audiovisual publications spanned a wide range of military challenges, from nuclear weapons to fully autonomous weapons systems (a.k.a 'killer robots'), publishing interviews with Acronym and other spokespeople for ICAN and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots (CSKR).

Board membership remained the same in 2018, comprising David Atwood (Chair), Professor Christine Chinkin, Advocate Nomi Bar Yaacov and Lord David Ramsbotham. Further details can be found in the Acronym Institute's 2018 Annual Report.

## **2. Meetings and events in 2018**

16 January, Rebecca Johnson, powerpoint presentation on 'ICAN, Europe and the TPNW', organised by European Horizons group, University of London UCL

18 January, Janet Fenton, powerpoint presentation on 'ICAN and the TPNW', organised by UN House Scotland, on behalf of UNA Scotland.

22-23 January, Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton, participated in Roundtable on a WMDFZ in the Middle East, organised by UN House and BASIC, and hosted by the Scottish Government in Edinburgh, followed by a meeting at the Scottish Parliament.

29 January, ICAN partners in UK Strategy meeting (London) organised by Acronym and Article 36.

31 January, Rebecca Johnson presented on 'The Ban Treaty and its implications for the UK', Mayors for Peace and NFLA public meeting, Sheffield Town Hall.

27 Feb, Janet Fenton, representing Acronym at a briefing with HC Disarmament on TPNW, UN Geneva

10 March, Janet Fenton Power point presentation on TPNW Chesterfield organised by Quakers and CND

13 March Janet Fenton, short presentation updating on TPNW at Nuclear Disarmament Cross party Group Scottish Parliament

19 March, Natalie Goldring presented on 'Synergies between the PoA and other key instruments', on the IANSA Panel on 'Key Issues for the Third Review Conference on the Programme of Action', at the Preparatory Committee meeting for the Third Review Conference on the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, UN, New York.

19-20 March, Rebecca Johnson participated in Cross Party Conference on Violence against Women in Politics, London.

21 March, Rebecca Johnson participated in Save the Children meeting on Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas, London.

23 March, Rebecca Johnson presented on 'ICAN's strategies to bring the TPNW into force', Mayors for Peace and NFLA meeting, Leeds Civic Hall.

26-28 March, Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton participated in ICAN's International Steering Group (ISG) face-to-face management and strategy meeting, Stockholm.

7 April, Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton coordinated the WILPF UK Training Day on the TPNW and UK nuclear policies.

14-17 April, Rebecca Johnson speaks on TPNW, NATO, NWFZ and related issues during the meetings of the International Panel on Fissile Materials (IPFM) in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

16 April, Natalie Goldring joined a panel on 'Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons: The Doomsday Clock and the Ban Treaty', together with Daniel Ellsberg and Steve Fetter, discussing the role of the TPNW and Bulletin of Atomic Scientists in engaging citizen advocacy, linking also with Dr. Ellsberg's recent book, *The Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner*, University of Maryland.

20-22 April, ICAN campaign meetings in Geneva, Clare Conboy spoke on audio-visual and social media, Janet Fenton spoke on developments in Scotland, and Rebecca Johnson spoke on the nuclear armed states, as well as updating on the Korean Peninsula developments.

23 April – 4 May, NPT PrepCom, Palais des Nations, Geneva, with full participation by Clare Conboy and Rebecca Johnson on behalf of Acronym. Janet Fenton also participated, representing various Scottish networks as well as Acronym.

- 2 May, Acronym Institute co-organised an NPT side event with QUNO, BASIC and the South African Mission, on 'Preventing nuclear use: the roles of the NPT, TPNW, security assurances and NWFZ', Palais des Nations, Geneva.

9 May, Janet Fenton, feedback presentation on the NPT prep con for Scottish Parliamentarians, at Nuclear Disarmament Cross party Group Scottish Parliament

12-13 May, Janet Fenton powerpoint presentation and workshops on TPNW, UN process and gender and nuclear weapons, at the AGM of SERVAS International, an official UN affiliated organization since 1998

21 May, Janet Fenton, introducing screening of ICAN and IPPNW videos Edinburgh YESHUB

21-29 May, Seoul, Rebecca Johnson participated in week of meetings and events organised by Women Cross DMZ and Nobel Women's Initiative, focussing on peace and denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula, role of women and the TPNW (includes speaking at the National Assembly and in a press conference with members of the Defence Committee).

26 May, Janet Fenton, powerpoint presentation and workshop on TPNW, in Forres, organised by Churches together and Murray Peace Group

28 May, Janet Fenton, powerpoint presentation and workshop on TPNW, Skye organised by Quakers and Skye and Lochalsh Peace Group

30 May, Janet Fenton, inaugural meeting of Scottish Round Table to bring together Scottish ICAN partner organisations and their supporters to lobby and inform each other and politicians in Scotland about the TPNW and the work of ICAN.

2 June, London, Clare Conboy organised the event 'Hope in the time of Trump and North Korea' on behalf of Acronym Institute and Brentford and Isleworth Quakers, at which Rebecca Johnson was a panellist.

4 June, RUSI meeting on UK-French relations and deterrence, in which Rebecca Johnson participated.

11 June, Janet Fenton, Powerpoint presentation on TPNW and gender and nuclear weapons for SNP members, Liberton branch

12 June, Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton participate in meetings at the Scottish Parliament on the Korean denuclearisation, the TPNW and Singapore Summit.

14 June, Rebecca Johnson accepted the UNIGlobal "Freedom from Fear" award on behalf of ICAN with a speech on women's work for peace from Greenham to ICAN, Liverpool.

15 June, Rebecca Johnson co-facilitates workshop with CAAT on 'Moving Beyond Weapons-Based Deterrence: challenges and opportunities' at the Rethinking Security conference, London.

16 June, Janet Fenton, presentation on TPNW at YES Rally, Edinburgh

22 June, Janet Fenton Women's workshop on Gender and Nuclear Weapons, YESHUB Edinburgh

22-24 June, Global Conference to Resist Weaponisation and Nuclearisation of Space, Oxford, Keynote ppt presentation by Rebecca Johnson.

27 June, Janet Fenton, ICAN UK Partners meeting, Manchester

2-4 July, Workshop on WMD Free zone in the Middle East, Zurich, attended by Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton

10 July, UK Parliament, Rebecca Johnson spoke at meeting to launch Commander Robert Green's book on security without nuclear deterrence.

12 July, Janet Fenton, Powerpoint presentation on gender and nuclear weapons and the convoy, Buchlyvie village (on convoy route) organised by Women for Indy.

13 July, Natalie Goldring gave a briefing on 'Program of Action (PoA) on SALW – What happened? What's next?' on the Programme of Action Review Conference for the Forum on the Arms Trade, Washington, DC.

16 July, Janet Fenton, 'Women and Peace, The TPNW and Scotland's position', panel discussion with Emma Harper MSP, organised by The Stove, community project in Dumfries

5 August, Powerpoint presentation and workshop on TPNW and nuclear victims for Hiroshima Peace vigil, Isle of Arran, organised by Church of Scotland and Arran CND.

6 August, Hiroshima commemorations in Tavistock Gardens, London, Rebecca Johnson spoke on the importance of supporting Hibakusha by bringing the TPNW into force.

10, 15 and 24 August, Janet Fenton, The End of The Bomb, three performed dialogues for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe presented by YESHUB Edinburgh

14 September, Natalie Goldring spoke on a panel on 'Empirical analysis as a basis for disarmament proposals, together with Lisbeth Gronlund, Chalmers Hardenbergh, Milton Leitenberg, and David Wright, as part of the Conference on 'Toward a Theory of Peace: Randall Forsberg and Her Legacy', Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

19 September, Darmstadt Germany, Rebecca Johnson spoke on the Nobel Peace Laureates Panel at Darmstadt University on 'Nonviolence in working for Peace' with Lech Walesa, the Dalai Lama, Claudia Roth (Vice President of the German Bundestag).

21-22 September, Rebecca Johnson joined other ICAN campaigners for public events in Glasgow and Faslane as part of "Nae Nukes" anniversary of both UN International Day of Peace and the TPNW being opened for signature at the UN organised by Janet Fenton and several Scottish partners of ICAN.

23 September, Janet Fenton and Rebecca Johnson participated in the roundtable on women, peace and disarmament, UN House, Edinburgh.

25 September, Rebecca Johnson gave a ppt lecture on the TPNW for British, Canadian and American officers at Shrivenham Defence Academy, followed by a more informal discussion meeting on 'Women, Peace and Security' with a group that included officers that serve on nuclear submarines and the Trident nuclear system.

29 September, York, Janet Fenton Presentation on TPNW and updates for Northern Friends Peace Board

6 October, Coventry, Janet Fenton Power Point Presentation on gender and nuclear weapons for Coventry CND.

9-17 October, UN First Committee, New York, attended by four members of ICAN's team, who also participated in the Humanitarian Disarmament Gathering of NGOs and face-to-face meeting of the ICAN Steering Group.

- 16 October, Rebecca Johnson gave a talk on the NPT, CTBT and TPNW to the UN Fellows organised by UN Office of Disarmament Affairs.
- 17 October, Natalie Goldring delivered the IANSA statement to the UN First Committee, on 'Partnering with civil society to enhance efforts to control small arms and light weapons', UN New York.

17 October Manchester, Janet Fenton powerpoint and presentation, 'A Faith perspective on the TPNW' for Christian CND.

21 October CND Council, Janet Fenton gave TPNW input to panel discussion on campaigning on disarmament across the UK.

22 October, Rebecca Johnson gave a powerpoint presentation on the TPNW to launch of new Pugwash students group at University of Warwick.

23-24 October, Rebecca Johnson joins the Peace Train from Chester to Shropshire, Newport Wales and then London, showing the Nobel medal, meeting and talking about the TPNW with peace groups at the stations on the way.

26 October, Natalie Goldring joined the panel of the IANSA side event on the 'Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons: What's next?', co-organised with the Mission of France to the UN, with panellists Ambassador Hwang (France), Himayu Shiotani (UNIDIR), Daniel Prins (UNODA) and Deidre Mills (Permanent Representative of Jamaica).

3 November, Swansea, Janet Fenton participated in panel discussion with Fabian Hamilton MP, Mark Drakeford AM and Ann Feltham on making a New Lucas Plan for defence conversion, and led a workshop on lobbying for the TPNW at the Labour CND Cymru Day School on Defence Diversification.

7 November, Janet Fenton devised a day's activity on gender and nuclear weapons in Glasgow, including presentation and interactive workshop on international relations and gender studies at a special meeting of undergraduates organised through Scottish branch of WILPF.

8-9 November, together with teachers and Wiltshire Creative Arts, Rebecca Johnson talked about weapons of mass destruction, Hiroshima Hibakusha Setsuko Thurlow, climate change and the Nobel Peace Prize to students of two Salisbury schools.



15 November, Janet Fenton with UN House Scotland, participated and assisted with arrangements for a private briefing on nuclear weapons with IRRC at the Scottish Parliament with MSPs and Government Ministers

17 – 18 November, Janet Fenton Participated in the Conference of the Campaign to Oppose US Military Bases which took place in Dublin hosted by World without War (US) and the Peace And Neutrality Alliance (Ireland)

22 November, Janet Fenton, participated in the UNHS and UNESCO launch of their Global Education Monitoring Report

29 November, Daiwa Foundation, London, Rebecca Johnson joins Japanese panellists Michimasa Hirata and Tsutomu Ishiai to discuss 'Approaching a new nuclear threat age, what can we learn from Hiroshima?'

3-7 December, Rebecca Johnson attended iPCS course on Conflict Resolution, Transformation and Peace-Building

13 December, Rebecca Johnson joined Ray Acheson (WILPF), Renata Dwan (UNIDIR) and Anna Stavrianakis (University of Sussex), on a panel at LSE (University of London) on a 'Women and Weapons', chaired by Dr Christine Chinkin, director of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security.

15 Dec, Janet Fenton, presentation on the UN process and the TPNW at the launch event for the Peace of History Exhibition by the Peace Education Scotland at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow.

### 3. Publications in 2018

Rebecca Johnson, 'The "Libyan model" is unhelpful: Korea needs its own process for peace and nuclear disarmament' InDepthNews, 22 May, 2018

<https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php/armaments/nuclear-weapons/1890-the-libyan-model-is-unhelpful-korea-needs-its-own-process-for-peace-and-nuclear-disarmament>

Rebecca Johnson, 'As Trump and Kim shake hands, what does this mean for Koreans?' openDemocracy, 13 June, 2018

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/as-trump-and-kim-shake-hands-what-does-this-mean-for-koreans/>

Natalie Goldring, 'Quick Guide: Results of the Review Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons', IANSA, October 2018.

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/bb4a5b\\_f1eac007da1c4d46b253f62d044dd2d1.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/bb4a5b_f1eac007da1c4d46b253f62d044dd2d1.pdf)

Natalie Goldring, 'SALW', *First Committee briefing book*, Reaching Critical Will, September 2018.

<http://reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmamentfora/1com/1com18/briefingbook/FCBB-2018-salw.pdf>

Natalie Goldring, 'Reflections on UN Alliances', *Small Arms Monitor*, Reaching Critical Will, Vol. 10 No. 6, July 3, 2018. <http://reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmamentfora/salw/revcon2018/sam/SAM10.6.pdf>

### 4. Media in 2018

Al Jazeera news, 11 January, interview with Rebecca Johnson

BBC Radio 4 World Tonight news, 5 February, interview with Rebecca Johnson

BBC Radio 5 Live interview, 11 March, interview with Rebecca Johnson

BBC Radio 4 Moral Maze on Russia-UK relations with Rebecca Johnson, 21 March (repeated 24 March)

### 5. Online audiovisual materials/videos for websites and social media in 2018

The following materials were produced by Clare Conboy for use on websites, social media platforms and archival platforms such as Flickr associated with Acronym's work and partners, notably ICAN, ICAN-UK,



and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robot. This content was for information, education and outreach to media and influencers, with three principal audiences in mind: campaigners, who need to be kept abreast of developments in UN and related meetings that they can adapt and share in their own regions; young people (16-35 age range) who are concerned about humanitarian, environmental, security and disarmament issues; elected representatives and policy-makers. Unless otherwise stated, the following list of materials were produced and edited by Clare Conboy while she served as Acronym's communications and web manager in 2018.

*'Elizabeth Minor on Trump's Nuclear Doctrine'*, 5 Feb 2018

<https://www.facebook.com/icanuk/videos/1651777044903811/>

*'ICAN's Bea Fihn will be visiting the UK'*, 11 March 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/icanuk/videos/1695478757200306/>

*'Activists chained to the Houses of Parliament'*, TPNW awareness action on 20 June 2018, edited Clare Conboy [https://twitter.com/ICAN\\_UK/status/1009446658990575618](https://twitter.com/ICAN_UK/status/1009446658990575618)

*'Church of England to support #nuclearban Treaty?'*, 29 June 2018, edited Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/icanuk/videos/1832389553509225/>

*'NuclearBan Treaty turns 1 today'*, 7 July 2018, produced and edited Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/icanuk/videos/1845056535575860/>

Twitter: 564 views, Facebook: 557 views

*'ICAN statement to the NPT 2018'*, 25 April 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/acronyminstitute96/videos/1615775711869045/>

United Nations, Geneva. 1,800 views.

*'Live from the UN in Geneva. Side event with QUNO'*, 2 May 2018, filmed by Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/acronyminstitute96/videos/1622681381178478/>

United Nations, Geneva. 476 views.

*'The #nuclearban treaty gives us hope, we have a promise to keep. Dr. Johnson spoke at today's memorial in London for #HiroshimaNagasaki in Tavistock Sq'*, 6 August 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy

<https://twitter.com/AcronymInst/status/1026571621329514496>

London. 378 views.

*'Mr Johan H. Andresen, Chair of the Council on Ethics of the Norwegian Government Pension Fund Global'*, 8 August 2018, edited Clare Conboy

<https://vimeo.com/283950627>

United Nations, Geneva.

*'Companies investing in Killer Robots?'*, 20 August 2018, edited Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/948102715392719/>

United Nations, Geneva. 881 views.

*'Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Jody Williams'*, 25 August 2018 edited Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/511587092598999/>

1,400 views.

*'Live from the #CCWUN United Nations Geneva, an expert panel on 'Ethical aspects of fully autonomous weapons'*, 28 August 2018, filmed Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/2191943484425083/>

United Nations, Geneva. 1,900 views.

*'Midweek rundown at the #CCWUN'*, 29 August 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy

<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/937203806469165/>

United Nations, Geneva. 1,500 views.



'Live from the #CCWUN, Mary Wareham delivers a statement on behalf of the Campaign to Stop #KillerRobots', 29 August 2018, filmed Clare Conboy  
<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/289073235023450/>  
United Nations, Geneva. 1,800 views.

'What's Gender got to do with it? Feminist approaches to disarmament and killer robots', 30 August 2018, filmed Clare Conboy  
<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/1878201562257013/>  
United Nations, Geneva. 1,000 views.

*'Hear from Sri Lanka Campaign to Stop #KillerRobots campaigner @yanitra\_k', 1 September 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy*  
<https://twitter.com/BanKillerRobots/status/1035885538723737600>  
United Nations, Geneva. 301 views.

'Director of the Center for International Security and Politics (Kazakhstan) Alimzhan Akhmetov', 3 September 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy  
<https://twitter.com/BanKillerRobots/status/1036599217102434305>  
United Nations, Geneva. 145 views.

'Google engineer on banning Killer Robots', 5 September 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy  
<https://twitter.com/BanKillerRobots/status/1037300957552553984>  
United Nations, Geneva. 4,878 views.

'We are in New York at the UN General Assembly', 16 October 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy  
<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/307902210039069/>  
United Nations, New York. 2,800 views.

'Live from the United Nations in New York, our expert panelists discuss 'Retaining meaningful human control of weapons systems', 17 October 2018 Filmed Clare Conboy  
<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/700684860301407/>  
United Nations, New York. 875 views

'Live from the #UNGA in New York, Peter Asaro from Campaign to Stop Killer Robots co-founder ICRAC delivers our statement to #UNGA #FirstCommittee', 18 October 2018, filmed Clare Conboy  
<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/2101152670136484/>  
United Nations, New York. 1,800 views.

'A voice coming from the most affected areas of military battles, the Middle East', 5 November 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy  
<https://twitter.com/BanKillerRobots/status/1059366534588420096>  
United Nations, New York. 157 views.

'Dr. Lucy Suchman on why we need to ban #KillerRobots', 20 November 2018, filmed and edited Clare Conboy  
<https://twitter.com/BanKillerRobots/status/1064955406265528320>  
United Nations, New York. 586 views.

'Dr. Lucy Suchman full interview', November 20, 2018 filmed and edited Clare Conboy  
<https://vimeo.com/301829198>  
United Nations, New York.

'Live from the #CCWUN at the United Nations in Geneva, a panel of experts from across Europe discuss, 'European view of the call to ban #KillerRobots', 21 November 2018, Filmed Clare Conboy  
<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/196978157902195/>  
United Nations, Geneva. 870 views.



*'This is @alyonapopova the founder of the Center "Ethics & Technology", Russia', 22 November 2018, filmed and edited, Clare Conboy*  
<https://twitter.com/BanKillerRobots/status/1065654603092504581>  
United Nations, Geneva. 229 views.

'Our coordinator Mary Wareham of [Human Rights Watch](#) delivers the campaign's message to the Convention on Conventional Weapons annual meeting. #KillerRobots #CCWUN', 22 November 2018, filmed Clare Conboy.  
<https://www.facebook.com/stopkillerrobots/videos/336337273842935/>  
United Nations, Geneva, 3,500 views.

## **6. Institutional Establishment, Staff and Board**

The Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy is a non-profit company 'limited by guarantee', which was established as a security and disarmament research organisation in England and Wales in 1996, No. 3149465.

In accordance with the mission statement and objectives in our Memorandum and Articles of Association, Acronym conducts research and analysis and through meetings, publications and outreach facilitates the fuller participation of civil society and nations in developing and implementing effective measures to eliminate nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, demilitarise relations between states, promote human security and sustain a healthy environment.

Acronym is constituted to:

- conduct research and obtain, analyse and disseminate ideas and information on peace and human security, disarmament, arms control, non-proliferation, environmental sustainability, women's security, rights and democratic participation, gender equality and international law and human rights, including international humanitarian law;
- educate or assist in the education of the public and elected representatives on all relevant aspects relating to debates, policies and negotiations on human, national and international peace and security, including the effects of weapons, security doctrines and disarmament;
- organise meetings and observe or participate in discussions, negotiations, verification and promotion of talks, solutions, negotiations, developments and implementation of agreements, resolutions and treaties in these fields; and
- distribute reports, proceedings, ideas, information and education materials, and to facilitate and assist the distribution of ideas and material collated by other researchers, scientists and activists, whether governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental, in all relevant aspects relating to human, national and international peace and security issues, as described above.

### **6.1 Acronym Institute Board of Directors in 2018:**

David Atwood Ph.D (Chair)  
Professor Christine Chinkin CMG FBA  
David, Lord Ramsbotham, GCB, CBE  
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### **6.2 Staff/Personnel**

Executive Director: Rebecca E. Johnson Ph.D  
Director, Conventional Arms and Trade: Dr Natalie Goldring  
Communications Manager: Clare Conboy (to 6 December 2018)

## ICAN Outreach: Janet Fenton (from April 2018)

Rebecca Johnson was employed for 2.5 days per week from January, increased to 3.5 days per week from 15 December 2018. Clare continued as a full time employee of the Acronym Institute until end November 2018, but from 13 August 2018 she carried out some consultancy work with the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots (CSKR), by agreement with Acronym Institute, which is a partner in the CSKR network. Clare was subsequently offered a full time position with CSKR as their Geneva-based Media and Communications Manager, and formally terminated her employment with Acronym Institute on 6 December 2018, after receiving our agreement that she could waive the usual notice and join staff meetings with CSKR in Washington DC in December. Natalie Goldring and Janet Fenton provided voluntary support to the Acronym Institute during 2018, including at various UN and treaty meetings, for which some expenses were paid by Acronym. Natalie, who receives an academic salary in the United States, has continued to represent Acronym at UN and other meetings relating to conventional arms control and the Arms Trade Treaty. In March, Janet Fenton became an alternate representative for Acronym on ICAN's International Steering Group (ISG), supporting our work at the UN and in Scotland.

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Auxiliary websites managed by Acronym on behalf of ICAN in the UK during 2018.

[www.uk.icanw.org.uk](http://www.uk.icanw.org.uk)

[www.nukesofhazard.co.uk](http://www.nukesofhazard.co.uk)

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