

#### **Trident**

We oppose the wasteful and unnecessary replacement of Trident that is anticipated to cost in excess of £100bn in its lifetime but can never be used in conventional warfare. We also oppose the relocation of nuclear weapons to Welsh waters, as suggested by Labour's leader in Wales'.

### Our Armed Forces

We will look at basing Welsh army units in Wales in order to improve relationships with the local community and help soldiers' families.

# Looking after our Veterans

Plaid Cymru have made a vow to our veterans, pledging to work in their best interests.

We will provide improved aftercare and wellbeing for military personnel after leaving the forces, including legal advice, healthcare and counselling support by reinforcing the Military Covenant through a Military Well-Being Act. We support the introduction of a Minister for Veterans in the UK Cabinet in co-operation with a nominated person in devolved administrations.

We will help reduce problems with alcohol amongst soldiers and recent veterans by supporting an alcohol dependence strategy.

We want to see further research into effective treatment of Gulf War veterans and the sharing of research developments and we will ensure that veterans receive appropriate and specialist mental health care.

We support the introduction of a Welsh red poppy to honour our veterans, just as there is a Scottish poppy.

We support a Welsh Peace Institute to research, advise and inform policy makers on the consequences of their decisions and to promote conflict resolution. We want to see an EU civilian peace corps to work in areas of potential conflict, building trust and preventing violence.

Proposed military intervention, by the UK Government or any other organisation representing the Welsh people, should be agreed by the representative Parliament, with the assent of the National Assembly for Wales and be legal according to UN convention.

## Tackling Extremism

Plaid Cymru will work across our communities, whatever their backgrounds, to promote a Welsh civic identity. Our Welsh civic identity is inclusive, offered to anybody who chooses to make Wales their home. This will be promoted through schools, by faith and community organisations, encouraging everybody in Wales to participate in our wider Welsh society, in contrast to the UK Government's divisive and stigmatising proposals that blame particular groups.

## Cyber-Defence

Increasing reliance upon technology leaves countries open to attack by foreign powers without the need for conventional weapons. We will bolster cybersecurity defence capabilities to increase security and prevent cyber-attacks.