

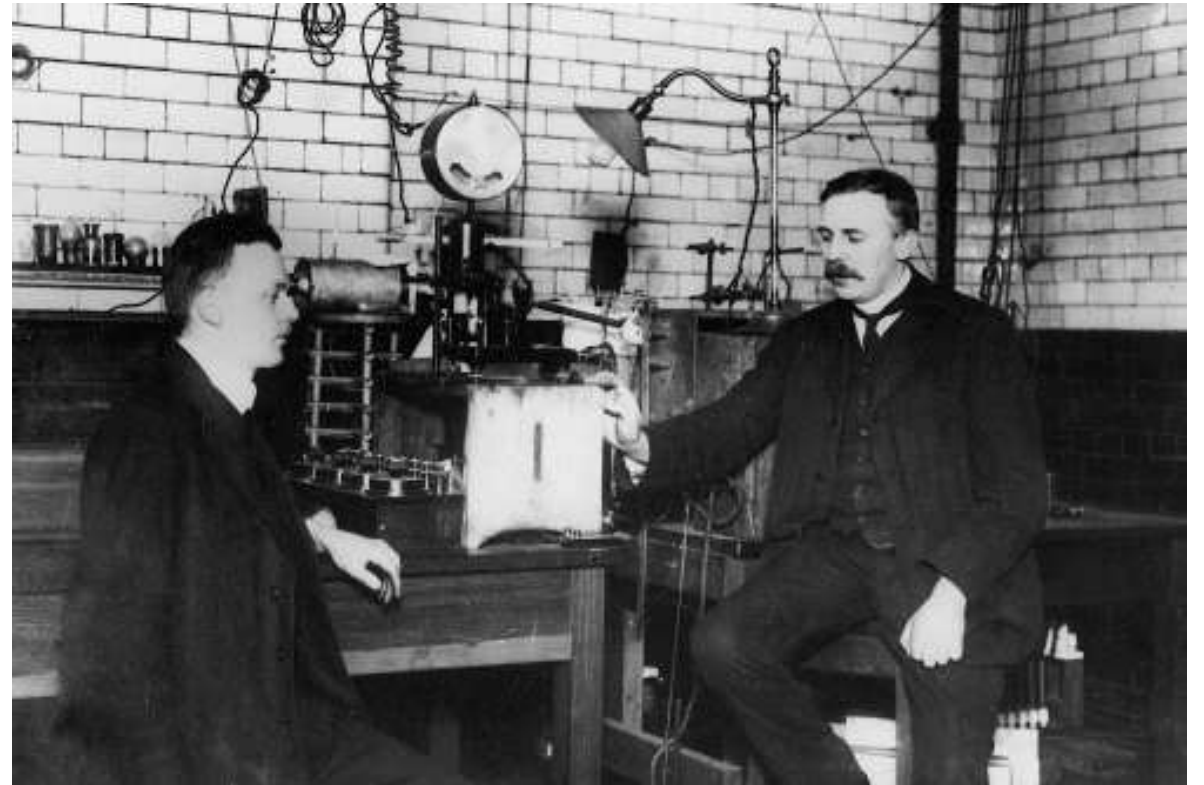


Manchester and Nuclear Disarmament

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Nuclear History in Manchester

- Ernest Rutherford (1871-1937) split the atom at the University of Manchester in 1917
- Won Nobel Prize
- Created the field of Nuclear Physics





Manchester & NFLA / Mayors for Peace

- World's first nuclear free city in Nov 5 1980
- Set up Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA), a network of 75 councils in the UK, cold war concerns and nuclear accident concerns (Nagasaki runs the Japanese NFLA)
- Manchester joined Mayors for Peace in 1984, closely linked to Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Appointed a Mayors for Peace Vice President in 2001
- 2013 – became a lead city, established a UK & Ireland M4P Chapter

Activities: NFLA

- NFLA is an ICAN member, won Nobel Peace Prize 2017 (huge boost for movement, international support)
- UN Nuclear Proliferation Treaty Prep Conference Geneva: Manchester as part of M4P delegation, European MFP structure



Mayors for Peace: UK and Ireland Chapter

- 92 members
- Ceremonial role of Mayor
- Sheffield re-dedicated its Mayors or Peace membership
- Leeds Meeting: discussion on Ban Treaty and peace education
- Mayors and Councillors signed ICAN pledge





Peace Education in Manchester

- Manchester has 15 ginkgo trees from Hiroshima
- 'Project G' school competition
- Meeting with Lord Mayor of Hiroshima
- Peace trails in Manchester, Bradford, Leeds, London, Birmingham, Coventry, Mayo
- Wider peace education after Manchester Bombings
- Marking of Peace anniversaries: Hiroshima/Nagasaki, Holocaust, WWII, World Refugee Day

Future Work:

- Expansion of Chapter in UK and Ireland
- Autumn Meeting in Scotland
- Mark the 60th Anniversary of ICAN UK and CND
- Continuation of Peace Education Programmes
- Bike for Peace Programme
- European Programmes

