

Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

February 2022

Dear Friends

Get your events in early - avoid clashes (as much as possible). I would especially like to update the regular events section. Let me know if you are holding weekly, monthly events and they're not already listed (back page).

If you have any events planned, whether online (there are advantages to online meetings!) or in 'real life', please do send them in asap so I can get them on the website and hopefully in this newsletter and/or *Peace News*.

If there is a sub renewal letter with this newsletter, please make sure the person who pays the bills gets it. If you would like to pay by standing order, contact me and I will send you a form (or you can download one from the website). If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please let me know. **If you are not renewing, please let me know.**

Thank you for your continuing support.

In peace

Claire Poyner, Co-ordinator

News

COP26, peace and the carbon footprint of the military

In light of the agreements at COP26, Dr Stuart Parkinson, Scientist for Global Responsibility, looks at the controversial role of the military in climate issues, including the latest data on military carbon emissions, and how demilitarisation programmes offer more potential for reductions than low carbon weapons systems.

This talk was part of a webinar 'Is COP26 enough? Peace, Militarism, and the Climate Crisis' organised by the Quaker Council for European Affairs, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, and the Northern Friends Peace Board.

Download a PDF of the talk at:
<https://tinyurl.com/64buae9n>

Future Soldier

The British Army calls the Future Soldier programme its most "radical transformation in two decades". We take a look at key documents announcing the plans and ask crucial questions of the proposals.

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<https://tinyurl.com/wesrp23w>

Write to the International Criminal Court

A coalition of European and Yemeni groups led by Mwatana for Human Rights and the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), including Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT), submitted a Communication to the International Criminal Court (ICC), calling on the Court to investigate European governments and arms company officials for potentially aiding and abetting war crimes in Yemen.

The Office of the Prosecutor is still examining the Communication to decide if the ICC will start a formal investigation. Help demonstrate the strength of public feeling on this case, by calling on the Prosecutor, British lawyer Karim Khan, to secure accountability for the people of Yemen. You can write via an online form at: <https://tinyurl.com/yd7x74z5>

Talks not Bombs

CND supporters celebrated in 2021 when the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force. Now CND is launching a campaign to get Britain involved with the agreement so it can take steps to join the global majority in support of a nuclear weapons-free world.

The states parties to the TPNW will meet for the first time in Vienna in 2022. As a non-signatory, the UK can attend as an observer, but it is refusing to do so. The conference has been postponed due to the ongoing challenges posed by Covid-19, but is likely to be re-scheduled for the summer. Help put pressure on the Foreign Secretary to commit to attending, like other NATO states Norway and Germany.

Go to: <https://cnduk.org/talksnotbombs/>

There you can:

- Contact the Foreign Secretary,
- Print out a poster,
- Download a fact sheet and a digital toolkit for online campaigning,
- Watch a webinar with the President of the conference, Alexander Kmentt. Find out his thoughts on the need to get Britain – and other nuclear-armed states – to attend.

Volunteer for Peace

Peace News Trustees needs you! PN Trustees was set up to act as trustees for the property owned by the company in Kings Cross and the subsidiary companies of *Peace News* newspaper and Housmans Bookshop.

Peace News Trustees supports pacifist and other radical campaigning movements by publishing *Peace News*, a bi-monthly pacifist

newspaper, hosting Housmans Bookshop, and providing affordable office space for campaigning organisations and charities in our central London building. We are looking for board members (non-executive and remunerated on an expenses only basis). We are *especially* interested in those who can offer skills or experience in one or more of the following: book-keeping, property manage-

ment, governance and organisational strategy. NB The Trustees Board meets four times a year, usually in London (but online recently). We'll cover your travel expenses. A commitment to nonviolence is essential! To apply: please send a letter expressing your interest and experience with contact details. Send to: admin@peacenews.info

Events

Saturday 19 February

MANCHESTER M1 3BB. CONF. Legacy of the atomic bomb: recognition for atomic test survivors. 2022 is the 70th anniversary of Operation Hurricane, Britain's first atomic test in the Montebello Islands in Western Australia. In partnership with ICAN, LABRATS will discuss the legacy of the atomic bomb on atomic test survivors at this event. Pendulum Hotel, Sackville Street. This event will also be livestreamed. <https://www.labrats.international/2022seminar>

20 February

ONLINE. Working for Peace in the Middle East - CND online conference. Join CND and guest speakers to discuss the current situation in the Middle East and how we can best campaign for peace in the region. 1 - 4.15pm. <https://tinyurl.com/yedqa373>

23 February

ONLINE. Warp & Weft: Psycho-emotional Health, Politics and Experiences. With Lisa Fannen. Warp & Weft explores radical frameworks to develop new ways of understanding experiences of distress within social and systemic contexts. 7pm. Org by Housmans Bookshop. <https://tinyurl.com/ycqsxegm>

Saturday 26 February

LONDON. SOS NHS. National Day of Action. A national day of action has been called for February 26th: get involved. Local groups will be organising stalls and events across the country – find a local event on CND website. CND highlighting how the cost of nuclear weapons could instead be invested in the NHS. <https://sosnhs.org/events/>

ONLINE. Protest NATO open planning meeting: Madrid Peace Summit. The peace movement across Europe and beyond, together with the No to NATO network, are planning a Summit for Peace during the NATO summit in Madrid in June 2022. Join this online planning meeting to get involved. <https://tinyurl.com/5ccst4ms> For any queries, please contact enquiries@cnduk.org

Wednesday 2 March

UK. Ash Wednesday. Annual Witness will be online this year. There will also be resources available for those wishing to organise in-person witnesses during the day. Register for Zoom link: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/events-calendar/>. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/events-calendar/> **ONLINE.** Always Red. With Len McCluskey. The major autobiography of a central player in a tumultuous period of British political history. 7pm. Org by Housmans Bookshop. <https://tinyurl.com/2p94fdze>

5 March

BIRMINGHAM. The Work of our Hands? Reconciliation in Turbulent Times. A day conference bringing together those working for peace and justice in the UK. 10am - 3.30pm. Org by Fellowship of Reconciliation and Church and Peace. Buy tickets here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2mu9v6> 01865 250781 office@for.org.uk <https://for.org.uk/>

8 March

EVERYWHERE. International Women's Day. <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

You can join online video meetings by phone!

If you don't have a computer, or don't feel competent in using Zoom or similar, contact the event organisers and they will let you have a phone number you can use to listen in to the meeting (and participate in should you wish).

8 March - 1 May

DIDCOT. The Movement for the Abolition of War presents an exhibition of paintings, sculpture, textile art and texts about the impact of war. Gallery open hours: <https://www.cornerstone-arts.org/opening-times>. Live events: **12 March 7 - 9pm.** Celebrating Women's Voices in Protest. An evening of song and poetry with Frankie Armstrong, Oxford Sea Green Singers, Rona Topaz and Sue Gilmurray.

1 April. 7 -9pm. War, Peace and Care for the Earth. An evening of poetry, talks and songs with Frankie Armstrong, John Gittings, Sally Mears, Sue Gilmurray and Rana Ibrahim; Iraqi Women Art and War group. Tickets £5.00 Covid rules apply. For more information contact Ali Lochhead 07976 272765.

11 March

LONDON. Remember Fukushima. Vigil in front of the Japanese Embassy 101 Piccadilly, London W1 at 17.30 (TBC). See <https://kicknuclear.com/> for more info nearer the time.

14 March

ONLINE. Nuclear power: not fit for purpose? - CND webinar. Nuclear power is increasingly marketed as part of the solution to the climate crisis

and there is considerable support for it from trade unions. In fact it's dirty, dangerous, expensive, won't help with our climate problems, and there are far more jobs in renewables. Speaker Dr Paul Dorfman. 7-8pm. For any queries, please contact information@cnduk.org
<https://tinyurl.com/4cp3jyjc>

14 - 20 March

UK. Science4Society Week. Science4Society Week is a collection of science education activities, which focus on the contribution that science, design and technology can make to peace, social justice and environmental sustainability. Subscribe to the newsletter to get up to date news about the events. For more details contact info@s4s.org.uk
<https://www.s4s.org.uk/>

16 March

ONLINE. Reclaiming Economics for Future Generations. With two researchers from Rethinking Economics: Lucy Ambler and Nicola Scott. Lucy and Nicola are also co-authors alongside Joe Earle of Reclaiming Economics for Future Generations. 7pm. Org by Housmans Bookshop.
<https://tinyurl.com/mr3mds2v>

17 March

ONLINE. St Patrick and the island of Ireland. Monthly Online Prayers with the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship. Email tilly@apf.org.uk for zoom link

Saturday 19 March

GLASGOW. March Against Racism For UN Anti Racism Day. 11am - Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow - marching to George Square for rally.
<https://tinyurl.com/mrcwxrev>
LONDON. March Against Racism For UN Anti Racism Day. 12 noon - BBC Portland Place
<https://tinyurl.com/mrcwxrev>

21 March

WORLDWIDE. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>

23 March

LONDON War: How Conflict Shaped Us. Speaker: Professor Margaret MacMillan, one of the world's most eminent war historians. Following the launch of IWM's new Second World War galleries, Professor MacMillan will examine the complex

relationship between war and society during and since the conflict, asking important questions about what it means to be human. 6.30pm at Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road SE1 6HZ.. £15. Booking: <https://www.iwm.org.uk/events/annual-lecture-2022>

Thursday 24 March

ONLINE. Concert to Celebrate Steps Towards Peace. An evening of folk music on the theme of nuclear weapons. Presented by Musicians for Peace and Disarmament Patron Frankie Armstrong, with live solo and duo performances by Frankie, Janet Russell and Jim Woodland, Rory McLeod, Mike and Reina Reinstein and also community choirs brought together by Janet Russell. 7:30pm. Book for free OR buy a pay-as-you-wish ticket here: <https://tinyurl.com/4ywyz2h2> For enquiries, please email info.mpdconcerts@gmail.com All proceeds donated to organisations in the peace movement. <http://www.mpdconcerts.org/>

2 April

LONDON. Climate Change, Militarisation and World Peace. Uniting for Peace AGM and Spring Conference 2022. Speakers: Lord Meghnad Desai, Prof Emeritus at London School of Economics, Molly Scott Cato, former MEP (TBC), Assad Rehman, Executive Director, War on Want (TBC), Fiona Harvey, Environment correspondent, The Observer (TBC), Vijay Mehta, Author and Chair, Uniting for Peace. AGM 1300-1400, Conference: 1415 - 1700. Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, EC1Y 1AU. Free, donations welcome. vijay@vmpeace.org
www.unitingforpeace.com

18 April - 6 May

EDINBURGH. The Peace Cranes project will culminate in April/May 2022 with a group exhibition and a series of accompanying events including a screening of the documentary The Vow from Hiroshima a portrait of Setsuko Thurlow. The exhibition will feature photography and film installations exploring the humanitarian and environmental consequences of the dropping and testing of the Atomic bomb in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bikini Atoll together with the nuclear and radiation accidents at Chernobyl and Fukushima.
Venue: Out of the Blue Drill Hall,

Dalmeny Street, EH6 8RG.
<https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/>

22 April

WORLDWIDE. Earth Day. Visit the official Earth Day site to learn about the world's largest environmental movement and what you can do to make every day Earth Day.
<https://www.earthday.org/>

26 April

WORLDWIDE. Chernobyl Day. <http://www.chernobyl.info/>
BROMLEY. Chernobyl Day Bromley Borough CND stall. 12 - 3pm in Bromley Market Square.
Info anncgarratt@yahoo.com

27 April

ONLINE. The Starmer Project. With Oliver Eagleton. A forensic political biography of the Labour Party leader. 7pm. Org by Housmans Bookshop.
<https://tinyurl.com/2s48pdav>

Monday 15 May

EVERYWHERE. International Conscientious Objector's Day. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/events>
LONDON. 12noon event in Tavistock Square. Speakers tba.
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/events>

21 May

BURFORD. Levellers' Day. With the government proposing its Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Bill, the Elections Bill, legislation to counter state threats – including overhauling the Official Secrets Act, and the Boundary Commission review, the theme for 2022 is **Defending Democracy and Protest.** Warwick Hall, Church Green, OX18 4RY
<http://levellersday.wordpress.com/>

24 May

WORLDWIDE. International Women's Day for Disarmament.
www.womenpeacemakersprogram.org

4 June

WORLDWIDE. International Day for Children as victims of war.
<http://www.unicef.org/gmfc/>

18 June

LONDON. 37th Annual Celebration of the London Peace Pagoda. 2pm at the Peace Pagoda, Battersea Park, Albert Bridge Road, London SW11 4NU. londonpeacepagoda@gmail.com
<https://londonpeacepagoda.wordpress.com/>

19 June

MILTON KEYNES. 42nd Peace Pagoda Anniversary Celebration. 12noon-4pm. Nipponzan Myohoji, Brickhill Street, Willen Lake, MK15 0BG. 01908 663 652
mkpeacepagoda@gmail.com

20 June

WORLDWIDE. World Refugee Day. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day>

Week covering World Refugee Day

World Refugee Week.
<http://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

25 June

UK. Resist Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day drums up support for war by the back door and presents militarism as normal. There will be protests and other events around the UK to challenge the celebration of militarism. 020 7424 9444
mail@ppu.org.uk
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/events>

26 June

WORLDWIDE. International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. <https://www.un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday/>

6 August

WORLDWIDE. Hiroshima Day.
MILTON KEYNES. Reflection on Hiroshima Day 8.15am MK Rose, Campbell Park. 7.30pm, Lantern Floating at the Peace Pagoda. 01908 663 652
mkpeacepagoda@gmail.com

9 August

WORLDWIDE. Nagasaki Day. Peace Walk from Westminster Cathedral (TBC) to the London Peace Pagoda, followed by a Lantern-lighting ceremony at sunset (no float).
londonpeacepagoda@gmail.com
<https://londonpeacepagoda.wordpress.com>
EVERYWHERE. Anniversary of the execution of Franz Jägerstätter.
paxchristi.org.uk

26 - 29 August

Nr Kettering. Greenbelt Festival — a long weekend of artistry, activism and belief. 2022 festival theme: Wake Up. Fellowship of Reconciliation England and Christian CND will be there with a stall. Boughton House, NN14 1BJ.
<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

21 September

WORLDWIDE. International Day of Peace. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

26 September

WORLDWIDE. The International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, a day for public awareness and education about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and to mobilize international efforts towards achieving the common goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world. - See more at:
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/nuclear-weapons-elimination-day>

2 October

WORLDWIDE. International Day of Nonviolence. Marked on 2 October, the birthday of MK Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day>

3rd Week in October (usually)

COUNTRYWIDE. Week of Prayer for World Peace.
<http://www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com/>

Week in October covering UN Day.

COUNTRYWIDE. One World Week.
<https://www.oneworldweek.org/>

24 October

WORLDWIDE. United Nations Day.
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/un-day>

24 - 30 October

EVERYWHERE. Disarmament Week. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/disarmament-week>

11 November

COUNTRYWIDE. Remembrance Day. Nearest Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.

Sunday 13 November

UK. Remembrance Sunday and the white poppy campaign. In the run-up to Remembrance Sunday, PPU will be supplying white poppies to represent remembrance for all victims of war of all nationalities, a commitment to peace and a rejection of militarism. 020 7424 9444 mail@ppu.org.uk
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/events>
LONDON. Annual White Poppy Ceremony, Tavistock Square. Details later. 020 7424 9444 mail@ppu.org.uk
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/events>

25 November

WORLDWIDE. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.
<http://www.unwomen.org/en>

29 November

WORLDWIDE. International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-of-solidarity-with-the-palestinian-people>

1 December

EVERYWHERE. Prisoners for Peace Day. <http://www.wri-irg.org/co/01dec.htm>

10 December

WORLDWIDE. Human Rights Day. The Day marks the anniversary of the Assembly's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day>

Regular events

Weekly, monthly events in UK

Every Wednesday

LONDON. Women in Black Silent vigil against militarism and war. 6-7pm Edith Cavell Statue, St Martin's Place, London WC2. <https://www.facebook.com/womeninblack.london>

First Saturday of every month

NORWICH. Vigil for Peace. Outside St. Peter Mancroft Chantry Rd, Norwich NR2 1QZ.

Every Tuesday MENWITH HILL.

Witness and protest outside the main entrance to the American base at Menwith Hill (6-7.30 pm). Menwith Hill is on the A59 Harrogate to Skipton road) and nine miles from Harrogate North Yorkshire <https://theMHAC.uk>
Contact email: Contact Sarah Swift for further details sswift64@gmail.com or ring 07902173148.

Christian CND Prayer Meetings

CCND and friends gather twice a month on Zoom to pray together. Upcoming dates include:

Tuesday 22 February @ 8pm

Monday 14 March @ 1pm

Monday 28 March @ 8pm

Links to Zoom available at:

<https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

Let us know if you've started regular events up again.