

Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

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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

Prof Paul Rogers on Ukraine

Missed the Paul Rogers talk on Ukraine on 10 March (it was very good)? You can read the transcript and/or watch on YouTube via: <https://peaceneeds.info/blog/2022/paul-rogers-ukraine-crisis>

Write to the Prime Minister - CND online letter

Ask the Prime Minister to work to end the conflict in Ukraine. <https://cnd.eaction.org.uk/EndConflictUkraine> CND also have a 'Stop the War in Ukraine' petition and a 'No Nuclear War' poster which you can download from: <https://cnduk.org/nonuclearwar/> or contact them on 020 7700 2393.

NatWest Day of Action

Groups are working to encourage banks and pension providers to move money away from nuclear weapons. More than £32bn is invested in nuclear weapons by British financial institutions. This Day of Action is on Friday 8 April, so too late for this newsletter. But you can still get involved. Whether or not you bank with NatWest customer there are a few ways you can get involved in the action. See: <https://christiancnd.org.uk/2022/04/05/natwest-day-of-action/>

Ukraine - what can I do?

Our actions may be very small in the context of all that is going on. That does not mean we can do nothing. For example:

- Send a short message of support to the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement or to Russian peace activists, please email it to mail@ppu.org.uk and we will send it on
- Let your friends, family and colleagues know about what Russian and Ukrainian peace campaigners are doing.
- If you use social media, please continue to condemn Putin's invasion of Ukraine, and draw attention to the resistance of Russian peace activists. Challenging all war and militarism, we use the hashtags #NoToPutinNoToNATO and #PacifistNotPassive.
- You can urge the UK government to welcome refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine - as well as other refugees from around the world.
- You can donate to groups providing food and medical aid to people in Ukraine.
- You can attend or organise an event to show support for victims of war in Ukraine, opposition to the invasion and rejection of war and militarism more generally.

See more at: From <https://www.ppu.org.uk/ukraine>

Events

8 April

UK. NatWest Day of Action. Private companies are involved in building nuclear bombs and they're financed by banks like NatWest and Royal Bank of Scotland. Join ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) in going to local RBS and NatWest branches to ask them to stop investing in nuclear weapon producing companies, and close the loopholes in their current policy. <https://tinyurl.com/2p96y4es>

9 April

ONLINE. Stop the War in Ukraine Online Rally. As part of the peace movement's international day of action to stop the war in Ukraine, join this international rally organised by CODE-PINK, CND and others. 5 - 6.30pm. <https://cnduk.org/events/stop-the-war-in-ukraine-international-online-rally/>

13 April

ONLINE. When Women Kill. Re-examining the representation and lega-

cy of four murders in Twentieth-Century Chile. With speaker Alia Trabucco Zerán. 7pm. £0 - £13.52. Org by Housmans Bookshop. More info and booking:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8pz7h6>

ONLINE. The State of Disarmament: GDAMS 2022 launch event. The Global Days of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) 2022 will run from 13 April-12 May this year. Join CND and the International Peace Bureau to celebrate its launch with this

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online event on the state of disarmament. 1-2pm.
<https://cnduk.org/events/the-state-of-disarmament-gdams-2022-launch-event/>

13 April - 12 May

WORLDWIDE. The Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS) is a year-round international campaign founded in December 2014 and promoted by the International Peace Bureau after the success of the Global Days of Action (GDAMS), that have been an annual occurrence since 2011. The main goal of the campaign is to raise awareness and change the discourse regarding military spending as a means to achieve major reductions of military expenditures all around the world.

Our growing community intends to impact at the budget decision-making, especially at the national level, so that resources are reallocated to actual human and environmental needs.
<https://demilitarize.org.uk/>

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/>

19 April

ONLINE. Abingdon Peace Group meeting. 8pm. For a link to join, or any other enquiries, please contact 01235 526265 or 07786 055195, or email abingdonpeace@gmail.com

20 April

ONLINE. The Rise of Ecofascism with 12 Rules for WHAT. Climate change and the far right. The world faces a climate crisis and an ascendant far right. Are these trends related? How does the far right think about the environment, and what openings does the coming crisis present for them? Sam Moore and Alex Roberts are researchers, anti-fascist activists and the

hosts of 12 Rules for WHAT, a podcast about the far right. 7pm. £0 - £16.76. Org by Housmans Bookshop. More info and booking:
<https://tinyurl.com/tmv27hvx>

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/>

22 April

BRIGHTON. Children's Reading and Activity Session. Join the Peace Pledge Union at the Feminist Bookshop in Brighton for an interactive reading of the book 'I am Human: A Book of Empathy' by Susan Verde. This will be followed by a crafting session. 10.30-12noon. The Feminist Bookshop and Café, 48 Upper North Street, BN1 3FH. Booking:
<https://tinyurl.com/yahfjxls>. More info: 020 7424 9444 mail@ppu.org.uk
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/events>

23 April

LONDON. BP or not BP protest at British Museum. The British Museum are about to renew their deal with oil giant BP: We MUST stop them. Join us for mass creative action at the British Museum to say: No New BP Deal! Contact info@bp-or-not-bp.org for more info and times.

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>

28 April

ONLINE. In a context of increasing international crisis and turmoil, this panel discusses the sources and future of global disorder after "liberal" hegemony. Trine Flockhart, Professor of International Relations in the Department of Political Science and Public Management at the University of Southern Denmark and Co-Director of the Center for War Studies. Daniel Nexon, a Professor in the Department of Government & the School of

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).

Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Jason Pack, the Founder of Libya-Analysis LLC and Senior Analyst for Emerging Challenges at the NATO Defence College Foundation. Inderjeet Parmar, Professor of International Politics and City, University of London. Aaron McKeil, Course Convenor and Course Tutor on the MSc International Strategy and Diplomacy programme at LSE IDEAS 5-6.30pm. This online public event is free and open to all but pre-registration is required. Register for this event on Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/yunumufz> Info 020 7405 7686. events@lse.ac.uk.

1 May

ONLINE. Lotte Reimer & the Campaign Choirs Network. Lotte is the outgoing Wales Page editor for PN (leaving after more than 10 years of devoted service!). She is also a co-founder of the Campaign Choirs Network (CCN), a group of 45 street and community choirs who campaign for equality, social justice, environmental sustainability, nonviolence and minority rights. (The 2018 CCN book, *Singing for Our Lives: Stories from the Street Choirs*, was reviewed in PN 2628 - 2629.) 6-7pm. 020 7278 3344.
www.tinyurl.com/PN-Chat-Lotte

3 May

ONLINE. Evacuating Women Judges in Afghanistan: a tale of international feminist solidarity. Second annual Wollstonecraft Society Lecture which will be delivered by Helena Kennedy QC. Joining Helena Kennedy will be Fawzia Amini, who worked as a senior judge in Afghanistan's Supreme Court. Bee Rowlatt, a writer and public speaker, and a programmer of events at the British Library. Alpa Shah, Professor of Anthropology at LSE. 6-7.30pm. This online public event is free and open to all but pre-registration is required. Register for this event via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9j9jm8> Info 020 7405 7686. events@lse.ac.uk.

4 May

ONLINE. Lessons from Afghanistan.

A panel to discuss the new issue of the LSE Public Policy Review Lessons from Afghanistan. Speakers: Michael Callen is Associate Professor of Economics at LSE. Michael Cox is Emeritus Professor of International Relations at LSE. Devika Hovell (@DCHovell) is Associate Professor in Public International Law at the LSE School of Law. Nargis Nehan (@NehanNargis) is the former Afghan Minister for Mines, Petroleum and Industries, activist and founder of EQUALITY for Peace and Democracy. Minouche Shafik is Director of the London School of Economics and Political Science. 6.30-8pm. This online public event is free and open to all but pre-registration is required. Register for this event on Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/3dmknk34> Info 020 7405 7686. events@lse.ac.uk.

11 May

ONLINE. Cannibal Capitalism. Capitalism's voracious appetite is devouring democracy, care, and the planet. In the wake of the perfect storm that is COVID, how can we stop it from cannibalizing our whole world? Nancy Fraser is Professor of Politics and Philosophy at the New School for Social Research and a member of editorial committee of New Left Review. 6.30-8pm. This online public event is free and open to all but pre-registration is required. Register for this event on Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/28bb6zdb> Info 020 7405 7686. events@lse.ac.uk.

14 May

LONDON. End Apartheid Free Palestine demo. Join CND, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, and others to demonstrate against 74 years of Nakba. 12noon Portland Place W1A 1AA.

WAKEFIELD. With Banners Held High Festival. A day long festival of talks, debate, theatre, film and music set up originally to mark 30 years since the end of the 1984/5 Miners Strike in 2015. Veterans for Peace will be there with banners. 11am-4.30pm Wood Street, Wakefield. <https://www.tuc.org.uk/events>

15 May

EVERYWHERE. International Conscientious Objector's Day. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/events>

BRIGHTON BN1 1AF. Conscientious Objectors Day. Gathering at 12.30pm-1.30pm Friends Meeting House Ship Street, speaker with Q and A followed

by short walk to the War Memorial to lay a Peace Poppy Wreath and read poems at. Open to all Org by Brighton, Hove and District Branch, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

LONDON. Annual event in Tavistock Square. With speakers including: Sahar Vardi - Israeli conscientious objector imprisoned for refusing military service. Kika Markham - Actor and daughter of Second World War CO David Markham. Hosted by Michael Mears - actor and playwright. 1pm. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/events> To join online, please visit www.CO-Day.org at the time of the event, where you can watch the live stream.

16 May

ONLINE. Tangled in Terror with Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan. The roots of Islamophobia run deep and affect us all. We must resist it together. Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan is a writer, poet and educator disrupting understandings of history, race, knowledge and violence. 7pm. £0 - £11.36. Org by Housmans Bookshop. More info and booking: <https://tinyurl.com/3yk6vpv6>

21 May

BIRMINGHAM. Peace Pledge Union AGM. , 11am - 4pm, at the Priory Rooms 40 Bull St, Birmingham, B4 6AF and online via Zoom. More details from:

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/2022-agm>

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. <https://www.womenpeacemakersprogram.org/>

BRIGHTON. International Women's Day for Disarmament. WILPF Brighton, Hove and District Branch Vigil at the Clock Tower from 1.30pm-2.30pm.

1 June

ONLINE. Expansion Rebellion with Celeste Hicks. How activists used the law to stop a runway and save the world. Celeste Hicks is a freelance jour-

nalist and author. She was the BBC correspondent in Chad for many years and has lived in Chad, Mali, and Somalia. 7pm. £0 - £16.76. Org by Housmans Bookshop, 020 7837 4473.

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8pek4>

ONLINE. Gabriel Carlyle & Divest East Sussex. Activist, Iraq-sanctions-breaker and former junior research fellow in mathematics, Gabriel is the PN promotions worker, finance worker and reviews editor. He's also the co-ordinator of Divest East Sussex, which persuaded Hastings borough council to divest from fossil fuels in 2016. 6-7pm. 020 7278 3344.

www.tinyurl.com/PN-Chat-Gabriel

4 June

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

10 - 17 June

FASLANE/COULPORT.

Confronting the UK's Weapons of Mass Terror. A gathering of people to peacefully confront the UK's ongoing addiction to the possession and deployment of horrific and illegal weapons of mass destruction. Contact Angie Zelter at reforest@gn.apc.org for more info.

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/>

LONDON. Pax Christi AGM.

Bloomsbury Baptist Church. 020 8203 4884 paxchristi.org.uk

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://refugee-week.org.uk/>

22 June

ONLINE. Race to the Bottom with Azfar Shafi and Ilyas Nagdee. Race may be 'on the agenda' - but we need to build our own powerful and political

organisations. Azfar Shafi is a researcher and organiser with a focus on policing, counter-terrorism and imperialism. Ilyas Nagdee is an activist and writer focusing on anti-racism, civil liberties and policing. He has written for the Independent, Guardian and HuffPost, and has appeared on BBC, ITV and Sky News. 7pm. £0 - £11.36. Org by Housmans Bookshop. More info and booking: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8rb5yt>

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/>

2 July

MENWITH HILL. Annual Independence from America Event at 2pm on the grass by the main gates of Menwith Hill. The event will draw attention to the concerns around one of the world's largest surveillance bases in Yorkshire. Details will go on the website soon. <https://themhac.uk>.

6 August

WORLDWIDE. Hiroshima Day.
LONDON. Hiroshima Day commemoration in Tavistock Square. Details: <https://www.londoncnd.org/events>
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
ROMFORD. Essex CCND Hiroshima Day service on 6 August at 12noon, St Edwards RC Church, 5 Park End Road, RH1 4HT.

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>
WORLDWIDE. Anniversary of the execution of Franz Jägerstätter. paxchristi.org.uk 020 8203 4884
26 - 29 August

Nr KETTERING. Greenbelt Festival. 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.weekof-prayerforworldpeace.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>

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 12 April @ 1pm
Wednesday 27 April @ 8pm
Wednesday 11 May @ 8pm
Thursday 26 May @ 1pm
Thursday 2 June @ 8pm
Monday 20 June @ 1pm
Links to Zoom available at: <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

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