

Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

February 2025

Dear Friends

Happy new year all. Well we can hope.

Get get your events in early — avoid clashes (as much as possible).

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

Arms fair in London

Advance notice that the Defence and Security Equipment International arms fair will be at London's Excel Centre again this year, 9 — 12 September. There will be the usual protests during the arms fair itself (check out the DSEI website to see some examples of the stuff on sale there) and probably some activities (workshops, vigils, leafletting, 'themed days') going on the week before. See <https://caat.org.uk/events/> for more info nearer the time. Get the date in your diary!

International Conscientious Objector's Day.

There will be the annual CO Day event in London's Tavistock Square at 1pm on 15 May. Plans have not quite been finalised but we will have recent COs, some music and the regular flower laying. All welcome.

Are you organising any event locally? Please let us know as soon as you can. Contact PPU: <https://www.ppu.org.uk/> 020 7424 9444. mail@ppu.org.uk

Events

26 February

ONLINE. Peace not Weapons: Barrow's role in Britain's nuclear weapons system CND webinar. This webinar will discuss Barrow's role in Britain's nuclear weapons system, how the shipyard fits into the government's increasingly militaristic policies, and how the British government should instead be investing in sustainable and green jobs. The webinar will also build for a demonstration at the shipyard on March 22nd. 7-8pm. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/a9nmc6ks>

LONDON. Book Launch: PINK-PILLED: Women and The Far Right. As the far right has gained popularity and acceptance around the world, its ranks have swelled with an unlikely category of members: women. In Pink-pilled, journalist Lois Shearing interviews leading experts and infiltrates communities of tradwives and femtrolls to provide a cutting-edge account of how the far right uses the internet to

recruit women. Shining a light on women's experiences within these movements, Shearing reveals horrifying examples of misogyny and violence. 7-8.30pm. £12.99 inc book, £3. Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/4ch5u8wt>

27 February

LONDON. In conversation with Martha Inés Romero, Secretary General of Pax Christi International. Come and hear the Secretary General of PCI, on her life in peacemaking and all the news from Pax Christi International. 1-3pm at Fcj House 32 Phoenix Road London NW1 1TA. Book here (free admission) <https://tinyurl.com/4zby2ptt>

LONDON. Protest: No to Leonardo, No to BAE Systems Ad on the tube. Join London CAAT as we visit Leonardo, one of the companies complicit in Israel's brutal assault on Gaza.

Leonardo make the laser targeting system for the F35. We will also visit Westminster tube station to highlight the long running advert for BAE Systems. Meet at 6pm at Start at Eros Statue, Piccadilly Circus. <https://caat.org.uk/events/>

1 March

LONDON. Book launch: Christopher Hill: The Life of a Radical Historian by Michael Braddick. Housmans is delighted to welcome Professor Michel Braddick to Housmans to discuss his brilliant, fascinating and wonderfully detailed biography of the great Marxist Historian Christopher Hill. 7-8.30pm. £35 inc book, £3. Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/4fv23w32>

5 March

WORLDWIDE. International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness. <https://www.un.org/en/>

observances/disarmament-non-proliferation-awareness-day

Friday 7 March

ONLINE. Movement for the Abolition of War invites you to join us for a visit to Argentina! MAW Committee member David Collins recently visited Argentina as part of his research into the causes and lessons of the Falklands/Malvinas war of 1982. Come and hear of the views of Argentinians on the still unresolved sovereignty dispute with the UK in the South Atlantic and Antarctic, and about the insights David gathered into the local culture. All welcome. 8pm. Register (free) at <https://tinyurl.com/h5demb5z>

8 March

EVERYWHERE. International Women's Day.

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

LONDON. Book Talk: Celebrating 35 years of 'The Sexual Politics of Meat' With Carol J. Adams. The inimitable Carol J Adams will be returning to Housmans this Spring to join us in celebrating 35 years since the publication of her seminal work of Feminist-Vegan critical theory The Sexual Politics of Meat. 7-8.30pm. Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. £19.99 inc Book, £3. Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3u73ua>

LEYTONSTONE. 'Spark2Life – Prevent Harm Promote Life': One man's journey from prison to purpose. Speaker: Dez Brown. Dez is the founder & CEO of Spark2Life, an award-winning 'faith based not faith biased' charity, working with medium to high-risk young people/adults. Dez has been through the criminal justice system. At 17 he was imprisoned for manslaughter, culminating in him finding faith & becoming an ordained minister. He has written an autobiography, Convicted or Condemned; is a qualified therapist; trains professionals on trauma awareness; served as a prison therapist and as a sessional prison chaplain. St John's Church Hall, High Road, E11 1HH. 7.30pm Buffet (please bring an item if you can: vegetarian or vegan only). 8.00pm Talk and discussion. You can email to confirm the talk will be as shown roskane@btinternet.com Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

11 March

EVERYWHERE. Fukushima Day. <https://kicknuclear.com/>

13 March

HUDDERSFIELD. 'International Order' and Arms Production in West Yorkshire (and Beyond). With Tom Pettinger, Lecturer, University of Bradford Peace Studies and International Development. The talk explores the state of institutions and law built by Western powers during their formal colonial rule. The talk also investigates public contestations with police and arms companies, in the region. Tom is a lecturer at the University of Bradford, who works on questions of security and terrorism. 7.30pm at Huddersfield Quaker meeting, Church Street, Paddock HD1 4TR. All welcome.

15 March

LEEDS. Yorks CND Strategy Day. Join Yorkshire CND for our annual strategy day to organise for the year ahead. Featuring a discussion on the challenge for CND, led by Peter Nias, and a workshop on digital communication by Salena Barry, Stop Killer Robots. 1-4pm. Quaker Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 9DX.

For any queries please contact info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk

LONDON/ONLINE. 'Stepping back from the brink of nuclear war: fresh thinking on peace and disarmament'. 8th Annual Student/Young Pugwash Conference. Conference attendees will be a mix of established experts from the Pugwash community (e.g. diplomats, scientists, academics, campaigners) and students / young researchers. 10-5.30 at King's College London, Franklin-Wilkins Building (Room 1.10) syp@britishpugwash.org <https://britishpugwash.org/student-young-pugwash/>

21 March

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

22 March

BARROW. Work for Peace: demonstration at Barrow. CND protest in Barrow – where Britain's nuclear-armed submarines are built. 12 noon: join us for a leafletting action in the town centre; 1pm-3pm: rally on the High Level

Bridge over Devonshire Dock, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria. See web for more info including transport details. <https://cnduk.org/events/work-for-peace-demonstration-at-barrow/>

1 April

LONDON. Book Launch: CTRL HATE DELETE by Cécile Simmons. The book takes a deep dive into how a collection of misogynists and their allies have turned male supremacist ideology from a niche set of beliefs into a mainstream movement. With interviews from experts, influencers and activists, it outlines how to fight the rising tide of online misogyny and make online spaces more equal and inclusive. 7-8.30pm. Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. £9.99 inc book, £3. Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/ykm5v429>

5 April

LONDON. Book Talk: The Wages of Dream Work: Class Composition & the Social Reproduction of Cultural Labor. Stevphen Shukaitis and Joanna Figiel will be at Housmans bookshop to discuss their essential new book from Minor Compositions. 7-8.30pm. Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. £18 inc book, £3. Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/jm8z77kd>

12 April

LEYTONSTONE. The Shrewsbury 24 Campaign – We Never Gave Up! Speaker: Eileen Turnbull. Eileen is the researcher & secretary of the Shrewsbury 24 Campaign, formed in 2006 to overturn a miscarriage of justice. The 24 were North Wales building workers, prosecuted in 1973-74 for alleged picketing offences during the national building workers' strike. See 8 March for venue and times. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

14 – 25 April 2025

LAKENHEATH. Lakenheath Alliance for Peace peace camp. Save the dates to join the Lakenheath Alliance for Peace for a peace camp from April 14th-25th – details TBC. Contact lap@gn.apc.org if you're interested in getting involved or for more information. <https://cnduk.org/events/lakenheath-alliance-for-peace-peace-camp/>

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.
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/c-hernobyl-remembrance-day>

30 April

LONDON. Book talk: Squatting London, with Samuel Burgum. Samuel Burgum will talk about his vital new book about a fascinating, and much neglected, part of our urban history. 7-8.30pm. Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. £19.99 inc book, £3. Bookings:
<https://tinyurl.com/ypxm8ksh>

10 May

LEYTONSTONE. What can be done about the social care crisis? Speaker: Anne Gray. Like many other 'developed' countries, Britain has an ageing society; more & more people need care in older age. Anne will explore some solutions to these problems from her book, *A Radical Approach to the Care Crisis; Community, Solidarity and a National Care Service*, to be published by Bristol University Press in April 2025. There will be signed copies for sale. See 8 March for venue and times.

Monday 15 May

EVERYWHERE. International Conscientious Objector's Day.
LONDON. Conscientious Objector's Day event in Tavistock Square at 1pm. Info: <https://www.ppu.org.uk/>

24 May

WORLDWIDE. International Women's Day for Disarmament.
<https://www.womenpeacemakersprogram.org/>

29 May – 2 June

YORKSHIRE – Derbyshire. Join Christian CND for our Spring 2025 Pilgrimage, a journey of faith, activism, and community in the beautiful Peak District. Act of witness in Sheffield overlooking the Forgemasters factory. Walk through Sheffield and into the Peak District. Visits to Padley Chapel, local churches, and stunning natural sites. Worship and reflection throughout the journey. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. A £50 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration.
<https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

14 June

LEYTONSTONE. Broadwater Farm Transformed. Speaker: Clasford Stirling MBE. How is it that a notorious housing estate later had a waiting list? In 1985, after Cynthia Jarrett's death nearby when police raided her home, a riot took place; PC Blakelock was killed. Things had to change. Clasford, a life-long resident, has made huge contributions to the changes, creating a Youth Association, football coaching (making professional players), helping to unite residents (the Residents Association had been all-white on a multi-ethnic estate.) Broadwater Farm, run by LB Haringey, saw vast improvements physically, socially & economically. Clasford will explain how he & others achieved this miracle, & what it's like to grow up & live there in 2025. See 8 March for venue and times.

4 June

WORLDWIDE. International Day for Children as victims of war.
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/child-victim-day>

20 June

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

26 June

WORLDWIDE. International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day>

4 July

HARROGATE. Independence from America event. Kettlesing Millenium Village Hall near Harrogate. All peace groups very welcome. Details as they develop on <https://themhac.uk>

14 July

LEYTONSTONE. Imagining a far better future – but how do we get there? The Vi Gostling Memorial Lecture. Chair: Andy Littlechild. We have a panel of representatives from political parties & groups with their sometimes overlapping but often vastly different philosophies & practices. Prepare to hear from, quiz or challenge activists: we've invited the Communist Party of Britain, the Green Party, the Labour Party (possibly with local MP Calvin Bailey), the LibDems, the London Anarchist Communist Group, the Revolutionary Communist Party, the Socialist Party, the Socialist Party of Great Britain, the Socialist Workers Party, Workers' Liberty & the Workers

Party of Britain. See 8 March for venue and times.

25 – 27 July

SWANWICK. Annual NJPN Conference: Opening Doors to a Just Peace. admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk
<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

6 August

WORLDWIDE. Hiroshima Day.

9 August

WORLDWIDE. Nagasaki Day.
WORLDWIDE. Anniversary of the execution of Franz Jägerstätter.
LEYTONSTONE. Resisting racist and state violence in east London. Speaker: Kevin Blowe of NetPol. Last summer, thousands of people gathered in Walthamstow, as riots erupted around the country, to resist threats of far-right protests against local immigration advice services. This counter-demonstration was widely praised in the media & by politicians, in marked contrast to the relentlessly negative portrayal of ordinary people offering a similar kind of solidarity to besieged Palestinians in Gaza as 'hate marches.' Kevin, campaigns coordinator of the Network for Police Monitoring, was an activist for 26 years with the anti-racist & police monitoring group, the Newham Monitoring Project. See 8 March for venue and times.

9 - 12 September

LONDON. Defence and Security Equipment International is a biennial defence and security trade exhibition which serves as a forum between governments, national armed forces, industry, and academics, held at ExCeL London. There will be events protesting this arms fair in the week before and during the fair itself. See <https://caat.org.uk/> for info nearer the time.

13 September

LEYTONSTONE. Ignatius Sancho: from Slave Ship to Westminster. Speaker: Chris Harrison. Among many prominent black 18th century British citizens, Ignatius Sancho is distinguished for the breadth of his interests & the range of his social contacts. A writer, composer & owner of a small business, he was acquainted with many important figures of his time. Chris Harrison, musician & educator, has done much to raise awareness of Sancho's life & work & will tell the story of how Sancho made this remarkable journey, illustrated by a live per-

formance by members of the Hackney Community Orchestra (of which Chris is musical director) of some of Sancho's music. See 8 March for venue and times.

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. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day>

4 October

LEYTONSTONE. The Invention of Essex: The making of an English county. Speaker: Tim Burrows. Born & still living in Southend, Tim's book, to quote reviews, is 'a love letter to a county whose variety & richness is so often overlooked.' He's written 'the most insightful, thorough, hilarious & poignant investigation of place, of people, of history. Come & hear about utopians, rebels, travellers, gangsters, eccentrics – and you can buy the book, signed by Tim. See 8 March for venue and times.

10 October

EVERYWHERE. Anniversary of the 1957 Windscale Fire.

3rd Week in October (usually)

COUNTRYWIDE. Week of Prayer for World Peace. <https://weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk/>

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>

8 November

LEYTONSTONE. The Housing

Scandal: What to do about it. We'll look at many aspects of the appalling current failure to ensure that everyone has a decent place to live. Speakers have been invited from the London Renters Union, Advisory Service for Squatters, Residents Assns., Pavement, DOPE & Big Issue magazines, Action on Empty Homes, Housing Action Groups, Social Housing Action Campaign, & Butterfields Won't Budge/Focus E15 campaigns. They will discuss how they are trying, & have tried, to do something serious & bold about it. St John's Church Hall, High Road, E11 1HH. 7.30pm Buffet (please bring an item if you can: vegetarian or vegan only). 8.00pm Talk and discussion. You can email to confirm the talk will be as shown roskane@btinternet.com Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

9 November

Remembrance Sunday. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/remembrance-white-poppies>

11 November

COUNTRYWIDE. Remembrance Day.

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>

13 December

LEYTONSTONE. CLR James: An Unexpected Life. Speaker: John L. Williams. John will be talking about his biography of the great Trinidadian historian, radical & cricket-lover: CLR James. His book brings this extraordinary 20th century life into brilliant focus as it moves from Trinidad to

London to Lancashire to the USA & back again. St John's Church Hall, High Road, E11 1HH. 7.30pm Buffet (please bring an item if you can: vegetarian or vegan only). 8.00pm Talk and discussion. You can email to confirm the talk will be as shown roskane@btinternet.com Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

Regular events

Weekly, monthly events in UK

Second full weekend of every month

ALDERMASTON. Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp(aign) Second full weekend of every month. Women welcome to join us in protesting at the UK's nuclear weapons factory. Camp or visit for the day. 07946676761 or on Facebook.

Every Friday.

Brighton. Women in Black vigil 1-2pm at War Memorial, Old Steine, Brighton brightonwib@11qp.co.uk

Every Wednesday

LONDON. Women in Black Silent vigil against militarism and war. 6-7pm Edith Cavell Statue, St Martin's Place, London WC2. womeninblack.london

Every Friday

LONDON. No More Fukushimas! Weekly vigil, 10am-12.30pm, outside the Japanese Embassy 101-104 Piccadilly, London W1, in solidarity with Japanese anti-nuclear protestors. Organised by Kick Nuclear, and Japanese Against Nuclear UK. Held every Friday since August 2102. Info David, 020 7607 2302 or www.januk.org

Every Tuesday

MENWITH HILL. Witness and protest Tuesday evenings at the Nessfield Gate of the Menwith Hill surveillance base, from 6pm to 7.30pm. <https://theMHAC.uk> Contact Sarah Swift for further details sswift64@gmail.com or ring 07902173148.

First Saturday of every month

NORWICH. Vigil for Peace. 12noon. Outside St. Peter Mancroft Chantry Rd, NR2 1QZ.

Third Thursday each month

Online. London CAAT meetings. 6.30pm. Info: email londoncaat@riseup.net.

Let us know if you have any event not listed here.

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