

# Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

July 2025

Dear Friends

A reminder. 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*

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## News

### Network for Peace still needs bodies!

We really need some people to join the Exec. There's not a lot needed to do other than being a general advisor (is X a good idea, why not try Y as well, etc). Also need someone to agree to be a bank signatory, again, not much you need do other than sign off things like changing the bank account. Contact me on [mail@networkforpeace.org.uk](mailto:mail@networkforpeace.org.uk)

### Archive of the 1970s run of Peace News.

As someone who has been involved with this project for much longer than I expected I am really excited that we are making such progress. Our project coordinator sent them the electronic versions of the 1970s just a few weeks ago - and now they are freely available on-line.

We shall be sending them subsequent years up until 2000.

*Andrew Rigby*

Archives available here: <https://tinyurl.com/yfhdhwtu>

### Sign the Petition - Kick Israel out of the the UK's largest arms fair!

DSEI, one of the world's largest arms fairs, returns to London's ExCeL Centre between 9-12 September 2025.

DSEI is a monstrosity where the world's biggest and worst arms dealers come together to make deals in death and destruction that cause misery worldwide.

While there are so many reasons for opposing DSEI – CAAT is launching our campaign with a Kick Israel out of DSEI campaign. Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. Not only has Israel completely shattered the fragile cease-fire, the atrocities it is committing are escalating.

It is clear that if Israeli companies and Israeli delegations are allowed to exhibit at, and attend DSEI, then the government, event organisers Clarion Events, and the ExCeL Centre will all be complicit in the most horrific war crimes.

<https://caat.org.uk/sign-the-petition-kick-israel-out-of-dsei/>

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## Events

### To 22 August

**LONDON.** Women of the World Unite. This exhibition draws on the collections in The Women's Library at LSE to highlight the promises, challenges, and critiques of the United Nations Decade for Women and the wider histories and legacies of transnational feminisms that grew from 1975 and still exist today. LSE Library Gallery. 10 Portugal Street, London, WC2A 2HD.  
<https://tinyurl.com/mr3srprv>

### Until 14 September

**SALTAIRE.** In Common. A new exhibition exploring the histories and legacies of Greenham Common Women's Peace

Camp. With rarely seen objects and films from our collection and an exciting series of events. Supported using public funding by Arts Council England. The Peace Museum Salts Mill Victoria Road Saltaire BD18 3LA. Spring/Summer hours are: Thursdays - Sundays, between 10am - 4pm.

### 12 July

**LONDON.** Talking with Arms Dealers. Ahead of protests against the DSEI arms fair in London, PPU Council member Matt Harbage is running a free workshop on starting conversations with people attending the arms fair. Could the right conversation start to change someone's

mind? PPU Council member Matt Harbage is offering some training on how to talk with arms dealers in advance of DSEI 2025. 3-5pm. Parish Hall, High Road, New Southgate, N11 1PN.  
[matthew.harbage@london.anglican.org](mailto:matthew.harbage@london.anglican.org)  
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/events>

### 14 July

**LEYTONSTONE.** 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. . 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](mailto:roskane@btinternet.com) Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfrom-nowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

### 16 July

**LEWISHAM.** Lewisham Divest Now' – join the big debate! After countless rallies, marches, hours spent leafleting and knocking on doors, with over 3000 signatures collected and verified, activists have FORCED divestment onto Lewisham Council's July agenda. Join Lewisham and Greenwich CND and others for a rally outside the council meeting to say #StopArming Israel. 6.30 at Lewisham Town Hall, 1 Catford Road, SE6 4RU. For any queries please contact 07447 915102 or email

[LewishamGreenwichCND@gmail.com](mailto:LewishamGreenwichCND@gmail.com)

**LONDON.** No More Hiroshimas: The Human Cost of Nuclear War. Join CND and guest speaker Kyoko Gibson, second-generation Hibakusha, to discuss the human cost of nuclear war and how we build a nuclear-free future. With guest speakers Kyoko Gibson, second-generation Hibakusha; His Excellency Jeremiah Nyamane Mamabolo, South African High Commissioner to the UK; Jeremy Corbyn MP, Chair of Parliamentary CND; Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, Vice-Chair of Parliamentary CND; and Jess Barnard, Labour NEC. 6.30 – 8pm. Committee Room 11, Palace of Westminster. This is a ticketed event with limited spaces available – early booking is strongly advised.

<https://cnduk.org/events/no-more-hiroshimas-the-human-cost-of-nuclear-war-london-public-meeting/>

### 19 July

**LONDON.** End the Genocide – national march for Palestine. As Israel continues to commit genocide in Gaza, while the UK government seeks to repress the movement for Palestine, join CND and others for the latest national march. We will be calling to End the Genocide, for the UK to Stop Arming Israel, and to Stop Starving Gaza. Assemble 12 noon near Embankment to march to Downing Street. [information@cnduk.org](mailto:information@cnduk.org) 020 7700 2393

### 23 July

**ONLINE.** Welfare not Warfare: time for an Alternative Defence strategy. The Alternative Defence Review calls for a radical break with successive UK governments' failed security and defence policies and offers a bold, alternative vision to militarisation — one rooted human security and common security. Speakers: Alex Gordon, RMT former President and Vice-Chair ADR working group; Sophie Bolt CND General Secretary; Tony Staunton, CND Vice-Chair and Trade Union Advisory Group member; José Nivoi, Genoa Dockers CALP. 7-8.30pm. <https://cnduk.org/events/welfare-not-warfare-time-for-an-alternative-defence-strategy/>

### 25 – 27 July

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

### 26 July

**BRADFORD.** CCND will be joined by Dr Becky Alexis-Martin for a tour of this fantastic museum. Meet at 12:45 in Roberts Park (look for the Christian CND banner) for a picnic – bring your own food and drink. We will then go to the museum at 14:00 for a guided tour by Becky and plenty of time to browse. Admission to the museum is free. Nearest station: Saltaire. It would be helpful (but not essential) if you can let us know you are coming by emailing [christians@cnduk.org](mailto:christians@cnduk.org). <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

### 29 July

**LONDON.** The Priest's Tale - performed by award-winning British actor/playwright Michael Mears - is his adaptation of one of the atomic-bomb survivors' accounts from John Hersey's remarkable book HIROSHIMA. Father Wilhelm was a German Jesuit priest living in Hiroshima, who survived the blast but witnessed much of the destruction. Told with compassion, warmth and flashes of humour, THE PRIEST'S TALE is a clear-eyed depiction of the pity of war...and of the terror wrought at the start of our nuclear age. 6pm-8pm at DAIWA Anglo-Japanese Foundation, 13/14 Cornwall Terrace (Outer Circle), London NW1 4QP (nearest tube, Baker Street). After the 1 hour (approx.) performance there will be a Q and A. Free event - but please register at <https://dajf.org.uk/event/an-evening-remembering-hiroshima-and-nagasaki>

### 6 August

**WORLDWIDE.** Hiroshima Day. **ONLINE.** Hiroshima Day memorial event. Join Christian CND for our Online

Hiroshima Memorial Day event, held in partnership with the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship. Together, we'll reflect on the legacy of Hiroshima, honour the victims of nuclear warfare, and renew our commitment to peace and disarmament. Zoom link coming soon. <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

**COVENTRY.** Members of the Christian CND Executive will be at Coventry Cathedral to share more about our specially commissioned artwork by Leah Hislop.

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

**KENDAL.** Join South Lakeland and Lancaster District CND to mark Hiroshima Day by remembering the victims and recommitting to campaigning for a world without nuclear weapons. Meet 6:30pm near the Peace Pole by the River Kent. For any queries please contact 01539 562778 or email [gilligan-philip@gmail.com](mailto:gilligan-philip@gmail.com)

**LEICESTER.** No More Hiroshimas. Leicester CND will be assembling around the clock tower in the city centre, starting at 7:45am so as to commemorate the time of the nuclear explosion in 1945 with a two minutes' silence at 8am. For any queries please contact 0116 270 3143 [leicestercnd@gmail.com](mailto:leicestercnd@gmail.com)

**LEICESTER.** No More Hiroshimas. Leicester CND will be gathering around the peace tree planted last year in Victoria Park – a cherry tree to symbolise the connection with Hiroshima and Japan. Some of the Red Leicester choir will sing peace songs, then we shall all move on to the Quaker Meeting House for some refreshments. 6 – 8pm. For any queries please contact 0116 270 3143 or email [leicestercnd@gmail.com](mailto:leicestercnd@gmail.com)

**LONDON.** Annual Hiroshima Day Commemoration in Tavistock Square. Noon – 1pm. Organised by London CND. <https://www.londoncnd.org/>

**SALISBURY.** No More Hiroshimas. Join Salisbury CND for their annual remembrance of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which we mark by floating candles and lanterns on the River Avon each year. 8.45pm at Fisherton Bridge. For any queries please phone Caroline on 01722 321865 or email [c.lanyon@btinternet.com](mailto:c.lanyon@btinternet.com)

**SWANSEA.** No More Hiroshimas. Join Swansea CND to mark the 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the Waterfront Museum garden in Swansea (indoors if wet). With guest speakers Sioned Williams, AS, Plaid Cymru; Kyoto Gibson, a second generation Hibakusha (survivor of the atomic bombs), born in Hiroshima shortly after the bombing; and Rob Stewart, Leader, Swansea City Council, Labour

(awaiting confirmation). Speakers will be followed by an invitation to write messages of peace and hope on pebbles for the Museum garden. 4-5pm. Graft Garden – National Waterfront Museum Oystermouth Road.

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**WIMBLEDON.** No More Hiroshimas. On the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, join Merton Peace Coalition/CND to remember the victims who needlessly lost their lives. 7.15-9.15pm. Wimbledon Common London SW19 4TG For any queries please contact 07475 262272 or email [mertonpeacecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:mertonpeacecoalition@gmail.com)

## 9 August

**WORLDWIDE.** Nagasaki Day. In London there will be a peace walk from Westminster Cathedral (TBC) to the London Peace Pagoda, followed by a lantern-lighting ceremony at sunset.

**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. . 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](mailto:roskane@btinternet.com) Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

**LANCASTER.** Join South Lakeland and Lancaster District CND to mark Nagasaki Day by remembering the victims and recommitting to campaigning for a world without nuclear weapons. Meet 6pm on the Millennium Bridge across the River Lune. Contact 01539 562778 [gilliganphilip@gmail.com](mailto:gilliganphilip@gmail.com)

**SOUTHAMPTON.** No More Hiroshimas. Join the Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration event in Southampton. Guest speaker Frank Boulton, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. 12-1pm at The Bargate High Street SO14 2DJ. Contact [dominiquehudson11@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dominiquehudson11@yahoo.co.uk)

## 9 – 15 August

**ISLE OF IONA.** Peace building in a world of conflict. For a week on the Isle of Iona, attendees will, with experienced peace builders, explore what peace and security means in the local and wider context. Full information on speakers and costs here:

<https://iona.org.uk/event/peace-building-in-a-world-of-conflict/>

## 21 – 24 August

**KETTERING.** A Christian Arts Festival. Greenbelt Festival is somewhere artistry meets activism, where the political meets the practical. Greenbelt Festival. Christian CND will be there. As will Michael Mears who will bring 'The Mistake' to the festival.

<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

## 29 August

**WORLDWIDE.** International Day against Nuclear Tests. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-nuclear-tests-day>

## 1 – 8 September

**OXFORD to LONDON.** Peace Pilgrimage to DSEI. A walking pilgrimage from Oxford to the EXCEL centre in London. Walking for peace, in protest against the DSEi arms fair, and against our government's complicity in the arms trade. <https://peacepilgrimage.org.uk/>

## 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, including Laurence Sterne, David Garrick, Joseph Nollekens & the Montagu family. He is one of the first black Britons to have voted in a general election – a considerable achievement for someone thought to have been born on a slave ship crossing the Atlantic. 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 performance by mem-

bers of the Hackney Community Orchestra (of which Chris is musical director) of some of Sancho's music. 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](mailto:roskane@btinternet.com) Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

## 20 September

**LEEDS.** Peace History Conference. At the Royal Armories. More details to follow. <https://abolishwar.net/> <https://www.peacemuseum.org.uk/> **OXFORD.** Nick Gill's Oxford Classic Jazz – CND benefit concert 2025. Join Oxford CND to 'swing against the bomb' and raise funds for the campaign for a world without nuclear weapons. Entry £14 / £8 (concessions). 7pm at Friends Meeting House, St Giles. More information to follow but in the meantime please contact 07806 600860 or email [nualayoung@hotmail.com](mailto:nualayoung@hotmail.com)

## 21 September

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

## 21 – 22 September

**LONDON.** Peace and Justice Project Annual Conference. Join Jeremy Corbyn and a wide range of national and international speakers, panels and discussions on the global issues we face and how we overcome them. Full speaker and panel information announced in due course. Blizzard Building of Queen Mary University. Tickets for the Annual Conference are on sale now. Book your place now for a limited time only discount. Early bird tickets for Annual Conference 2025 are on sale on the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb6wk487>

## 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 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>



#### 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. 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](mailto:roskane@btinternet.com) Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfrom-nowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

#### 10 October

**EVERYWHERE.** Anniversary of the 1957 Windscale Fire.

#### 12 - 19 October

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

#### 18 October

**CARDIFF.** Christian CND AGM and Annual Conference. Cardiff Quaker Meeting House. More details to come. <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

#### 24 October

**WORLDWIDE.** United Nations Day. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/unday>

#### 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](mailto:roskane@btinternet.com) Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

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#### 10 – 21 November

**BELEM, Brazil.** COP 2025. Expect events around the world to draw attention to this conference and the climate emergency. <https://unfccc.int/cop30>

#### 11 November

**COUNTRYWIDE.** Remembrance Day. Nearest Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.

#### 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>  
**SHIPLEY.** Yorkshire CND Peace & Crafts Fair. Stall bookings available from late May. 10-4. Victoria Hall, Victoria Rd, Saltaire, Shipley BD18 3JS.

#### 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](mailto:roskane@btinternet.com) Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://newsfrom-nowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

Not too early to get your 2026 dates in!

## 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 [brighton-wib@11qp.co.uk](mailto:brighton-wib@11qp.co.uk)

#### First Tuesday of the month

Brighton, Hove and District Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom hold regular monthly meetings from 10.30am till 12.00.

We also have a zoom meeting on the same evening of the same day for those unable to get to the morning meeting. Contact [brighton-wib@11qp.co.uk](mailto:brighton-wib@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. [womenin-black.london](mailto:womenin-black.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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:londoncaat@riseup.net).

#### Christian CND Prayer Meetings

We gather twice a month on Zoom to prayer together. Upcoming dates include:  
Thursday 17 July @ 1pm  
Tuesday 5 August @ 7.30pm  
Thursday 21 August @ 1pm  
See <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/> for links

#### Christian CND Monthly Webinars

First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm GMT, link here: <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

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

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