

Network *for* Peace

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Networking the UK Peace Movement

Annual Review 2024

Co-ordinator's report

Membership

There are now 50 members, this includes individuals, some of whom have been supporters since the National Peace Council days, and a couple are complimentary.

There were 2 lapsed in 2023 - one didn't renew for a couple of years and haven't responded to requests to renew and one cancelled for unknown reasons. There were no new members.

If you're a member of an organisation not on our membership list and think they should be; do please ask them! Membership forms available from the office or on the website.

Web, email and newsletters

The website needs updating and I am trying to find funders who will support (very) small organisations in updating their websites. Suggestions welcomed (as are donations!)

All members who have access to the internet can use the website to post events, news items, resources – though in practice few do. I continue to add annual official (such as UN) days.

I usually publicise members' events a few days ahead via Bluesky and Facebook. Like many people, I have abandoned Twitter/X and gone over to Bluesky which, for the moment, seems to be fairly troll (and Musk) free. @claire-nfp.bsky.social <https://www.facebook.com/NetworkforPeaceUK>

If you're into social networking please 'follow' or 'like' as appropriate!

The email list (networkingforpeace) currently has 72 members. The elist is separate from actual paying membership of NfP. There is a small core of people who post regularly and it's nearly all events and news.

To subscribe email: mail@networkforpeace.org.uk with a request to be signed up to networkingforpeace. Members get emails separately, if you're not getting emails from networkforpeacemembers@lists.riseup.net and you want to get the bi-monthly newsletter and other important NfP related stuff, send me an email requesting a sign up to the 'Members List'.

I continue to get a newsletter with key news items and complete diary listings out to all those without email access at least every two months. A PDF of the printed newsletter can be downloaded from the website.

I am on many elists and collate together any events I believe members and others looking at the website will find useful.

Management group

The group consists of Frank Jackson and Alison Williams. We would like to recruit more people. No experience necessary and there's not much to do except generally keep an eye on things and act as a line manager and back up bank signatory.

Finances

Our expenses are very small – but we do need to pay for the web hosting and to pay me for a four hours each week to ensure the events are listed, the newsletter is done and the finances taken care of. I would like to stress that a small amount of subscription is better than nothing. One member pays £2 a month and that's fine as it doesn't cost more to send them emails. All members who are finding their finances tight should bear this in mind.

I do manage to make the spreadsheets with income & expenditure match up with the bank statements. Any member is welcome to come to the office to look through the accounts (contact me first as I am usually in on a Wednesday morning).

We all believe the events listings is a very valuable service, and hope that you do too. Amongst many members there is a firm belief that NfP is important to the peace movement. So we hope you can all help us keep going.

Thank you

Special thank you to those who donated extra money to NfP. Thank you to Housmans Bookshop for donating some Peace Diaries for us to sell to help with our finances. Thank you to Campaign Against Arms Trade who kindly donated one of their unused computers which is *much faster* than the old NfP one.

Thank you to *Peace News*. We have free desk space in the office in exchange for their annual subscription for which we are very grateful.

And thank you to all our members.