

Commemorating the Peacemakers, 1914 and 2014

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Oxford Local Meeting



Movement for the abolition of war



Commemorating the Peacemakers 1914 and 2014

A day's event offering an
alternative history of WW1 and
those who tried to prevent it.

Saturday 15th Nov 2014

**Keynote speaker
John Gittings**

Author of 'The Glorious Art of Peace',
and former Guardian journalist

**Quaker Meeting House,
St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LW
10.30am – 9.30pm**

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This year sees the anniversary of the outbreak of WW1 and there are lots of events throughout the country commemorating that war.

This day's programme aims to offer an alternative history and focus on those who tried to prevent the war, and those who resisted it, both before it started and during it. We will learn about the peace, labour and women's movements leading up to the war and what they were doing in 1914. We will try to relate their struggles to those of peace-makers today and what lessons we have learnt about peace-making for 2014.

The day will start with a key-note speaker followed by a panel discussion, with representatives of organisations that have pursued peace-making over a century.

The afternoon will continue with workshops on music, film, education materials, and the day will end with a free concert.

Programme for the day

Morning session

From 10am: Registration and sign up for afternoon workshops

10.30am – 12.30pm

Keynote speaker, panel speakers, discussion and questions

Chair: Jane Dawson: Head of Quaker Advocacy and Public Relations

Keynote speaker : John Gittings on the arguments against war in 1914, and why they did not prevail.

Panellists:

Katherine Connelly, feminist historian on hidden stories of women who organised against the war.

Tracy Walsh, Academic Coordinator, Ruskin College, on how socialists in the labour movement resisted the drive to war.

Emma Anthony, Fellowship of Reconciliation, on FoR's past and current work for peace.

Afternoon workshops

1.30pm – 4.30pm

1st: 1.30pm – 2.45pm

2nd: 3.15pm – 4.30pm

Choose 1 workshop for each session:

- (i) **Music:** sing peace songs.
- (ii) **Film & talk:** conscientious objection and the ethics of recruitment
- (iii) **Education:** educating ourselves to prevent war.
- (iv) **Films:** recent DVDs on how to abolish war.

Concert, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

- *Sea Green Singers – songs of justice and peace*
- *Ciaran Walsh: story-teller, recounting the Christmas Truce.*
- *Men's group singing songs about the pity of war*
- *East Oxford Community Choir: excerpts from 'The Armed Man, a Mass for Peace', by Karl Jenkins.*
- *Poetry readings about war and peace*