

FILMS ON NONVIOLENCE AND ASSOCIATED THEMES.

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Nonviolence for a Change

25 Minutes

Quakers provide training in non-violence for participants in anti-war and similar situations. The G20 demonstrations in the City of London show how what has been a peaceful demonstration can be easily turned into an apparent scene of mayhem. But what is often shown on T.V. and in the newspapers is not always a true and well rounded picture. The vast majority of demonstrations are orderly and good humoured and there is a rapport between the demonstrators and the police even though their aims are opposite.

The media almost always seek out and emphasise the antics of a very very small minority - quite natural really, given that their antics are more eye-catching than the peaceful majority just sitting down. But they do detract from the true purpose of the majority. Also, nowadays, the police, whether intentionally or not, by dressing in a para-military fashion with helmets and face shields, long batons and shields promote an atmosphere of violence.

The Quakers, with their long history of being prepared to break the law for what they consider to be moral values, although not compromising their resistance to such as the Trident Nuclear Submarine programme, nevertheless commit themselves to direct actions which do not harm people who may be opposed to them. They organise training sessions to teach nonviolent tactics to be used at their sit-downs etc. We see them in training and putting their training into action.

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Non-Violence in Action

60 Minutes

Exploration of non-violence in many contexts.

Exploring the nature of non-violence in many contexts, from quarrels between neighbours to long-term political strategy. The tapes raise many questions concerning both the practicality and ethics of non-violence. Complete with detailed teaching/discussion notes. Suitable for any groups looking at alternatives to violence.

1. A Door in the Wall looks at Communication, mediation and reconciliation. With examples from Northern Ireland, Israel, London and Greenham Common and Molesworth peace camps.

2. Common Ground Focuses on responsibility, resistance and change. Includes footage from Nicaragua, The Philippines, South Africa, Northern Ireland, and the Greenham Common and Molesworth peace camps.

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From Protest to Resistance

33 Minutes

About practical aspects of Non-Violent Direct Action.

This film discusses various ideas about Non-Violent Direct Action, what it is, how it can be useful, how people can get involved. Some of the people on the tape have been directly involved themselves, some of them are trainers who give advice to groups preparing for NVDA. Christine Kings, Campaign Organiser for National CND, outlines CND policy towards NVDA, and Charles Davey, of the Peacemakers Relief Society, explain the purpose and benefits of preparation and training before action. Women and men who have taken part in NVDA describe their own feelings towards the development of non-violent tactics, the threat of arrest, and above all why they decided to take direct action in the cause of nuclear disarmament.

Film and photo sequences from Greenham Common, Whitehall and Arms Trade Fair demonstrations, plus examples from an NVDA training session, illustrate their comments. The film is intended to be used by local peace groups as a basis for discussion and for organising further action.

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Helen John: Peace Campaigner

DVD

1983

30 Minutes

Helen John's beliefs and action for peace

In 1981, Helen John joined the peace march to protest against the planned siting of Cruise missiles in the UK. Unexpectedly she found herself driven to continue the protest at the Greenham base. It has resulted in an enormous upheaval in her personal life.

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The Magician

DVD

1964 Black & White

13 Minutes

Short Polish anti-war film.

Polish prize-winning film. Playing children are lured by the 'magician' who gives them guns and teaches them war games. As trained cannon fodder they are marched away, while others take their places. It's interesting that a film of this nature could be made in Poland at that time. The uniforms of the magician and his assistant are clearly both Russian and German based.

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Life on Earth Perhaps

29 Minutes

How war has changed and is now too damaging to be considered a viable military option. Oliver Postgate brought to life THE CLANGERS and some of the best-loved animated characters of the post-war era. Life on Earth is his most committed cartoon and in it he compares the behaviour of people with the behaviour of nations. It shows how war has changed over the years from a glorified national sport into a promise of global suicide and reminds us once again that it the development of military technology itself that has made war too damaging to be considered a viable military option.

The perception of the film is clear and simple. If life on earth is to have a future, the nations are going to have to do what people learned to do long ago... set aside the trigger-responses of their fear and their aggression and come to terms with the obvious truth that in a nuclear world the nations must live together in peace or perish by their own hand.

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The Unseen March - Questioning the Militarisation of Schools

5 Minutes

Concern about the increasing military presence in schools and public life

Step by step, and unseen, an increasing military presence is entering schools and public life across Britain. Even as the government has cut Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) and mental health services for young people, £45 million of new programmes with a military ethos have been funded by the Department of Education and the Ministry of Defence since 2011. This short film is designed to start a public conversation on this topic and has been sponsored by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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Watford's Quiet Heroes

30 Minutes

The stories of three men who refused to fight in WW1, and society's attitudes

Tells the stories of three men who refused the call to fight in World War 1. They heard a call 'above the roar of the guns'. Were they right to follow it? What became of them and why were they so reviled? The film raises questions about patriotism, politics and religion that are as relevant today as they were a century ago.

Dramatised reconstructions, archive recordings, original images and other primary source material are presented in a compelling narrative.

There is also additional material on the DVD: International Conscientious Objectors Day Ceremony 2014 and interviews with David Boulton (who wrote 'Objection Overruled'), Jo Vellacott (author), Owen Everett of Forces Watch and Hannah Brock of the War Resisters' International.

The film and additional material are suitable as a stimulating educational resource in different areas of the secondary curriculum, particularly history, RE/RS, English, citizenship/PSHE, film/media studies and politics, at key stage 3 (years 7-9 and above).
Made by Quakers in Watford.

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Beyond Forgiving - a South African Story

30 Minutes

Forgiveness for a dreadful crime allows deep hurts to heal, and to end the cycle of violence

A documentary depicting the journey of Gin Fourie and Letlapa Mphahlele from South Africa in bringing healing and reconciliation to their country. Gin and Letlapa form an unlikely team; a white Christian woman and a black atheist man. One has suffered directly from the actions of the other. But both have been victims. – and risen beyond their pain. What brings the together is a profound story of tragedy and hope.

“A beautifully crafted film about two people's journey of forgiveness. It gives voice to a humanity born out of intense sorrow, and shows forgiveness as a way of living creatively with the problem of irreversibility.” - Marina Cantacuzino, The Forgiveness Project.

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DVD sale price £16.80 plus postage

Conflict and Climate Change

18 Minutes

A short DVD with a study guide which links climate change with conflict and war. It includes the following sections: Is climate change really happening? Does climate change mean more conflict? Is there a military solution to climate change? What can be done to prevent further conflict? Signs of hope, and What can we do?

Contributors include Tisha Brown (No Dash for Gas), Pamela Chisanga (Action Aid Zambia), Emily Coates (UK Tar Sands Network), Mary Colwell (broadcaster and journalist), Owen Everett (War Resisters International), Saleemul Huq (IIED), Caroline Lucas (Member of Parliament), Will McCallum (Greenpeace), Danni Paffard (environmental campaigner), Stuart Parkinson (Scientists for Global Responsibility), Mary Robinson (Foundation - Climate Justice), Paul Rogers (Professor of Peace Studies, Bradford University) and Vandana Shiva (environmentalist).

Produced by the Movement for the Abolition of War.

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DVD sale price £12.00 plus postage

Bonhoeffer - Pastor, Pacifist , Nazi Resister

90 Minutes

The life and beliefs of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Why did the German Church embrace Hitler and the Nazi party? And what was a good German, a deeply religious and pacifist man, to do about it? Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a young German theologian who offered one of the first clear voices of resistance to Adolf Hitler. He openly challenged his church to stand with the Jews in their time of need, and he eventually joined a plot to kill Hitler.

Extensive research in the US and Europe brings to life this amazing story of moral courage. Extraordinary archival footage is interwoven with interviews with friends, family and students of Bonhoeffer, with historians and theologians, and with the words of Bonhoeffer himself. A touching narrative on the nature of faith. Powerful and shocking. New York Times.

DVD sale price £26.30 plus postage

Deals in Destruction - The Global Effects of the International Arms Trade

DVD

1992

30 Minutes

Examines the international Arms trade, and Britain's part in it.

There have been major changes affecting the global arms trade in recent years. These include the end of the cold war, the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and the calls for control of the trade following the Gulf War. This programme looks into the implications of these changes while investigating the damage the arms trade continues to wreak across the globe. It includes a focus on Indonesia, an overview of the effects of arms spending on the developing world, and an analysis of the implications of the changes for the arms exporters such as the United Kingdom. The programme also includes examples of successful 'arms conversion' projects. DVD version of a slide programme.

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DVD sale price £18.80 plus postage

Death on Delivery

30 Minutes

The arms trade, and Britain's involvement.

With the end of the cold war and the reduction in the size of the armies of NATO and the Warsaw Pact, the arms manufacturers try to intensify their already large trade with the Third World so as to keep up profits. The British Government subsidises this trade, which fuels the flames of war, even though quite often the arms sold are turned against us, as happened with Argentina and Iraq. In Africa in the last year 13,000 million dollars were spent on buying in weapons, compared with only 4,000 million spent on health and education. There has been a 30% increase in the sale of lethal weapons in the last 4 years and some of Britain's largest companies are involved in this. Germany is trying to diversify, but the British Government in 1990 doesn't want to know.

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Everything's Going Berserk

17 Minutes

A child psychotherapist talks with children about war and weapons.

A discussion between child psychotherapist Lynn Barnett and a group of children aged between six and nine. It probes their feelings and attitudes towards war and peace, nuclear weapons and what they think they and adults could do about them.

Suggestions include writing to the Queen and going to the moon with gas bags, but there are also more realistic ones. The children want to discuss these issues, and adults need to have explored and come to terms with their own feelings, so they don't confuse their own emotional needs and responses with the children's. The video should be a useful discussion starter.

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Light a Small Candle

25 Minutes

Profile of Howard Cheney, 72 year old campaigner for peace.

Now a historical film of a different world situation nearly a generation ago yet the threat of nuclear war remains. This is a profile of Howard Cheney and his wife. Howard, then a 72 year old farmer and campaigner for peace from Stratford on Avon. They, with their two sons, ran their farm on self-sufficiency lines. This was a time of cruise missiles and warlike stand-offs with the then Soviet Union.

They visit U.S. bases such as Molesworth and Greenham Common handing out leaflets to troops and police guards and risking arrest. "The most ignoble thing anyone can do is to just stand on one side and do nothing", he says and with each convert there is a glimmer of hope for " it is better to light a small candle than to stand cursing the darkness".

Made in 1986 this film reflects the cultural attitudes and language of the time it was made. The issues raised are timeless.

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The Megaton Bomb: A Guide to Armageddon

30 Minutes

The probable result of a one megaton bomb detonated over St Paul's in London. Using U.S. Congress and British Home Office official data, this programme shows what would actually happen if a one megaton warhead burst a mile above St Paul's cathedral in the centre of London. Within 30 seconds houses six miles away would be reduced to rubble, winds of 80 - 90 miles per hour would toss objects pell-mell, and shatter windows, sending shards of glass through the air at 120 feet per second, slicing skin. Paper and other light material would ignite spontaneously. Those in sight of the light would suffer severe third degree burns, charring skin to black carbon and causing permanent retinal burns. Two couples carried out civil defence measures to see how effective these measures would be. For ten days they lived in temporary constructions following government guidelines. The film looks at how they fared, but suggests that after an actual explosion it is highly unlikely they would emerge at all.

The Hiroshima Bomb had a strength of 15 Kilotons.

A single rocket fired from a Trident submarine carries three nuclear bombs with a total strength stated to be the equivalent of a 1 Megaton bomb.

1000 Kilotons = 1 Megaton

This programme can be rented on our Video on Demand system for £1.63. For this you can view as often as you like within a 48 hour period of your own choosing.

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