

# Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

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Dear Friends

April newsletter is a bit late due to holidays and stuff. So I'm calling it the May newsletter. There is also an annual review and last year's accounts with this mailing — get in touch if you didn't receive these items.

Don't forget; 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

### Christian CND is seeking an administrator

Could you come and join the small, dedicated staff teams and help us as we work for a nuclear weapons-free world?

Apply by emailing your CV here:

[ccnddevelopment@cnduk.org](mailto:ccnddevelopment@cnduk.org). Please also send a short cover letter explaining why you are interested in the role. Hours: 10 hours per week, hours worked can be flexible by agreement. Deadline for applications – Friday 17 May 2024.

<https://christiancnd.org.uk/2024/04/12/were-recruiting-office-administrator-2/>

### Got an event to go in *Peace News*?

Copy date is 20 May. So please get any events to me by 17th at the latest. Thanks.

You can join online video meetings by phone!

If you don't have a computer, or don't feel competent in using Zoom or similar, contact the event organisers and they will let you have a phone number you can use to listen in to the meeting (and participate in should you wish).

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## Events

### Until 15 September

**LONDON.** A Say in the End of the World: Solidarity and Nuclear Defence in the Cold War. Curated by guest Gareth Bryant (PhD student, Open University), the exhibition explores networks of solidarity between groups campaigning on peace, nuclear weapons and national self-determination. Mainly from point of view of peace and anti-nuclear groups such as the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT), the exhibition also includes items from the opponents of nuclear disarmament, such as Women for Families and Defence. LSE Library, 10 Portugal St, WC2A 2HD  
<https://www.lse.ac.uk/library/whats-on/exhibitions>

### 4 May

**MANCHESTER.** For A Nuclear Free Middle East. Join the inaugural meeting of the Central Manchester Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament branch for a discussion on how we achieve peace and nuclear disarmament across the Middle East. We will be joined by Kate Hudson, the General Secretary of CND, who will lead us off with some words. There will also be food and refreshments. 11.30am-1pm. Cross St Chapel, Cross Street Manchester M2 1NL. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/3t43nmpf>

### 7 May

**ONLINE.** Join No to War – No to NATO for this international webinar. With guest speakers Medea Benjamin, CodePink USA; Professor Anuradha Chenoy, India; Andrew Feinstein, for-

mer South African MP; and Ashok Kumar, Birkbeck University. Moderated by Kate Hudson and Reiner Braun. See website for joining details. <https://cnduk.org/events/>

### 8 May

**CAMBRIDGE.** Cambridge and District CND re-launch meeting. Join CND members in Cambridge for a public meeting to formally re-launch Cambridge and District CND. With guest speaker Kate Hudson, CND General Secretary. 7-9pm. Friends Meeting House Jesus Lane, CB5 8BA.  
**MANCHESTER.** Challenges and opportunities facing the peace movement. Join Greater Manchester & District CND and Milan Rai, editor of Peace News for this public meeting! Peace News, founded in 1936, is going through a big rethink at the moment.

As part of that, they're talking to activists around the country about the opportunities and the challenges, especially for the peace movement. The event is free to attend but we are limited to 20 people maximum. If you would like to attend, please get in touch with the GMD CND office on [gmdcnd@gn.apc.org](mailto:gmdcnd@gn.apc.org). 2-4pm Central Manchester Quaker Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, M2 5NS.

### 9 May

**LONDON.** Musicians for Peace and Disarmament Concert for Peace. MPD Patron, pianist Julian Jacobson, and five wind playing colleagues, will perform a programme of music by Les Six, the group of French composers who sprang into the limelight in early 1920s Paris. 7.30pm Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, N6 5HG. Tickets: Standard £20 / Concession £15 from <https://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk/whats-on/music> or pay by contactless/cash at the door. All proceeds will be donated to the peace movement. [www.mpdconcerts.org/](http://www.mpdconcerts.org/)

### 10 May

**LONDON.** Book Talk: Change Everything by Natalie Bennett. Natalie will talk about her new book of green political theory. £10.99 with book, £3 without. 7pm at Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. <https://housmans.com/event/book-talk-change-everything-by-natalie-bennett/>

### 11 May

**UK.** Join the Day of Action against US nuclear weapons coming to Britain. Events will be taking place across the country — including Swansea, Manchester, Bridgewater, Lakenheath and London — details on website. For any queries please contact [information@cnduk.org](mailto:information@cnduk.org) 020 7700 2393. <https://tinyurl.com/384hm5u3>  
**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. Six received prison sentences ranging from 4 months to 3 years; 16 were given suspended prison sentences. Through years of research, Eileen discovered

the crucial fresh evidence that persuaded the Criminal Cases Review Commission to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal. In 2021 three judges quashed all the pickets' convictions. 7.30pm: Entry. Buffet. Please bring an item if you can: vegetarian or vegan only. No entry before 7.30pm. 8pm: Talk & discussion till about 10pm; back to buffet. Free entry. Donations invited. Raffle. To confirm the talk will be as shown: [roskane@btinternet.com](mailto:roskane@btinternet.com) Open to all. No booking, just turn up. St John's Church Hall, High Road, E11 1HH. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

### 15 May

**EVERYWHERE.** International Conscientious Objector's Day. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/>  
**ALREWAS.** International Conscientious Objector's Day. Quaker Meeting for Worship at the Quaker Service Memorial, located at the National Memorial Arboretum. 2.30pm. For more details [quakerservicememorial@protonmail.com](mailto:quakerservicememorial@protonmail.com)  
**EDINBURGH.** Come along to this rally in Edinburgh in solidarity with Conscientious Objectors in Israel, Ukraine, Russia and around the world, to mark CO Day. 5.30pm.

Meet at the corner of Castle Street/Princes Street, Edinburgh city centre. Let the organisers know you're coming and share with others: <https://COday2024.eventbrite.co.uk>  
**LIVERPOOL.** International Conscientious Objector's Day. Gather at St George's Hall steps close to the war monument. Pax Christi will remember and share the testimonies of past and present Conscientious Objectors with an update from War Resisters International of countries that do not recognise conscientious objection. Contributions welcome of CO stories and poems.

**LONDON.** International Conscientious Objector's Day commemoration at 1pm in Tavistock Square. This year the ceremony will pay tribute to the struggles of COs in Israel, as well as in Russia, Ukraine and many other countries around the world. Speakers include Or, an Israeli conscientious objector and member of the feminist anti-militarist organisation New Profile. The event can be attended in person or online. Visit the website at the time to watch the live stream. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/>

**MANCHESTER.** International Conscientious Objector's Day event, 12-1pm in Manchester Peace Gardens, Lincoln Square, M2 5LN. Organised by Greater Manchester CND. [gmdcnd@gn.apc.org](mailto:gmdcnd@gn.apc.org)

**WOKINGHAM.** International Conscientious Objector's Day event. To remember those around the world, past and present, who resisted killing others and face(d) persecution and imprisonment and death as a consequence. There will be periods of silence interspersed with short readings of poetry and prose, including the experiences of objectors themselves. 12.30-1.30pm at Howard Palmer Gardens, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2BX. Info: [davidchapman781@btinternet.com](mailto:davidchapman781@btinternet.com)

### 17 May

**LONDON.** The Rentier City: Isaac Rose in conversation with Nick Bano. Housmans are delighted to welcome two authors whose work interrogates the most pressing problems of our time: the housing crisis, the problem of landlordism and gentrification. 7pm. Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. £14.99 with book, £3 without. <https://tinyurl.com/mvwnszxx>

### 18 May

**LONDON.** Peace and Plant Fair. Join Sydenham and Forest Hill CND for a peace and plant fair to raise money for CND. 12-4pm. Grow Mayow, Mayow Park, SE26 4JA. Info 020 8690 6117 or email [goteamgini@hotmail.com](mailto:goteamgini@hotmail.com)

### 21 May

**ONLINE.** Abingdon Peace Group meeting with a talk about the work of Winchester University's Centre for Religion, Reconciliation & Peace. 8pm. For a link to join, or any other queries, please contact 01235 526265 or 07786 055195, or email [abingdonpeace@gmail.com](mailto:abingdonpeace@gmail.com)

### 24 May

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

### 3 June

**ZOOM.** 'Singing Louder Than The Guns.' Penny Stone is *Peace News's* longest-serving columnist, a songwriter, a teacher, a singer and a composer - and, for many years, one of the songleaders of Edinburgh's radical street choir, 'Protest in Harmony'. This is an opportunity to hear Penny talk about her experiences with singing and

activism, and what it's been like being a *PN* columnist for eight years. 7pm. Zoom registration: [www.tinyurl.com/PennyStonePN](http://www.tinyurl.com/PennyStonePN)

#### 4 June

**WORLDWIDE.** International Day for Children as victims of war. <http://www.unicef.org/gmfc/>

#### 5 June

**ONLINE.** Faringdon Peace Group meeting. 7.30 pm. For a link to join, or any other queries, please contact 01367 710308 or email [steve.jenny@hotmail.com](mailto:steve.jenny@hotmail.com)

#### 8 June

**LEYTONSTONE.** Britain and the Legacies of Slavery. Speaker: Keith McClelland. In this talk, Keith will examine British slave-ownership in the Caribbean c.1763-1838 & the importance of it in the shaping of modern British society. This talk will examine the slave-owners - one very important means by which the fruits of slavery were transmitted to metropolitan Britain. Keith will place this in the context of the wider history of the slavery business & its legacies in Britain past & present. 7.30pm: See 11 May for more details of venue etc. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

#### 15 June

**NORWICH.** Norwich Peace Camp. The Octagon, St. Peter Mancroft Church NR2 1QZ. Stalls, talks, and a peace bike ride. <https://norwichpeace.org/>

#### 20 June

**WORLDWIDE.** World Refugee Day. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day>  
Week covering World Refugee Day: World Refugee Week. <http://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

#### 22 June

**LONDON.** 39th Annual Celebration of London Peace Pagoda. With various Buddhist traditions, interfaith prayers for peace, messages and speeches and devotional music and dance. All welcome. 2pm, Battersea Park, SW11 5NJ. <https://londonpeacepagoda.wordpress.com/>

#### 26 June

**WORLDWIDE.** International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. <https://www.un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday/>

#### 4 July

**MENWITH HILL.** 'Independence from America.' Talks, drama, music outside the NSA spybase. 5pm - 8pm. Kettleling Layby on A59 near Menwith Hill. HG3 2RF. More info: 01765 600 928; [www.tinyurl.com/peaceneeds4188](http://www.tinyurl.com/peaceneeds4188)

#### 13 - 25 July

**LAKENHEATH.** Lakenheath Alliance for Peace peace camp. We're expecting participants from other US bases in Europe as well as other campaigners from across the world. The plan is to start in the centre of Norwich and walk or bike over three days to Lakenheath to establish a continuous presence at the base until the end of the camp. Contact [lap@gn.apc.org](mailto:lap@gn.apc.org) if you're interested in getting involved or for more information.

#### 19 - 21 July

**SWANWICK.** Just Politics. National Justice & Peace Network Annual Conference. See website for booking form. The Hayes, Hayes Lane, Swanwick, GB DE55 1AU. <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference-2024/2024-conference-just-politics/>

#### 20 July

**LEYTONSTONE.** The Vi Gostling Memorial Lecture: The Front Garden: Opportunity for Great Beauty - or Carports? Speakers: Christine Eborall and John Karayiannis. Tonight is about one way to transform our daily lives. Christine will focus on the enormous amount of permitted destruction of urban front gardens since 1995 & its environmental & social consequences. John, a distinguished garden designer, will explain the principles of the best possible front garden. 7.30pm: See 11 May for more details of venue etc. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

#### 6 August

**WORLDWIDE.** Hiroshima Day. **LONDON.** Hiroshima Day Commemoration in Tavistock Square. <https://www.londoncnd.org/>

#### 9 August

**WORLDWIDE.** Nagasaki Day. There will be the annual Peace Walk from Westminster Cathedral to the London Peace Pagoda, followed by a Lantern Floating Ceremony. 020 7228 9620. [londonpeacepagoda@gmail.com](mailto:londonpeacepagoda@gmail.com)

**UK.** Anniversary of the execution of Franz Jägerstätter

#### 10 August

**LEYTONSTONE.** Fascinating Aspects of India. Speaker: Janine Eagling. Janine will speak about the origin of Dr Graham's Homes, a school in India's West Bengal state, that provides education, shelter & nurture to children from deprived backgrounds. Set in the foothills of the Himalayas, it was founded in 1900 for children of European men & Indian women. The talk, accompanied by photos, will cover some of the Homes' history, Janine's journey by bike to see where her grandmother went to school, the situation of the Homes today & the work of the UK fundraising committee. 7.30pm: See 11 May for more details of venue etc. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

#### 14 September

**LEYTONSTONE.** Priscilla Wakefield: Mother of Microfinance, and The Remarkable Anna Kingsford. Speakers: Margaret Burr and Ros Kane. Part of the Leytonstone Festival. 2023 was the year when only the third woman won the Nobel Prize for Economics, the 225th anniversary of the publication of Priscilla Wakefield's only volume for adults, *Reflections on the Present Condition of the Female Sex* in which she became the first woman to respond to Adam Smith's failure to include women in his economic theory, & the establishment of the Tottenham Female Benefit Club & Children's Bank. Margaret is a community historian in Tottenham. Ros will talk about another exceptional, brave innovator, Anna Kingsford (1846-88), born in Stratford. [www.priscillawakefield.uk](http://www.priscillawakefield.uk) See 11 May for more details of venue, timings etc. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

#### 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.  
More info:

<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, 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>

## 10 October

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

## 12 October

**LEYTONSTONE.** CLR James: An Unexpected Life. Speaker: John L. Williams. John will be talking about his new biography of the great Trinidadian historian, radical & cricket-lover: CLR James. See 11 May for more details of venue etc.

<https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

## 13 — 20 October

**COUNTRYWIDE.** Week of Prayer for World Peace. Gatherings are held worldwide in person and online to celebrate the week and a leaflet of interfaith prayers and reflections is available each year. Please join in and together let's send out prayers, meditations and heartfelt wishes for peace. Resources are now available in hard copy from: [wpwp2021@yahoo.com](mailto:wpwp2021@yahoo.com)  
<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>

## 9 November

**LEYTONSTONE.** The Biografiend's Tale. Speaker: Frances Wilson. Knowing how tawdry the biographical process can be, many writers & artists on their deathbeds, including biographers themselves, refuse their executors to allow a biography to be written. So how do biografiends, as James Joyce described the species, defend themselves? Speaking from her 30-year experience as a writer of biographies, teacher of biographies, & reviewer of

biographies, Frances Wilson explores the moral quagmire. Frances is a critic & author of six biographies including, most recently, Burning Man: The Ascent of D H Lawrence. She is currently writing a life of Muriel Spark, who famously fell out with her first biographer. See 11 May for more details of venue etc. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

## 10 November

**COUNTRYWIDE.** Remembrance Sunday. Peace Pledge Union will be distributing White Poppies and will hold an alternative Remembrance Day Ceremony. <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/>

## 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>

## 14 December

**LEYTONSTONE.** The Great Survivors: Valence House Museum. Our Speaker: Mark Watson. Dagenham's Valence House is a treasure trove of local history. Mark has been there for 32 years as interpretation & outreach officer, running the education service for schools in Barking & Dagenham & surrounding boroughs, looking at national history subjects through the lens of local history, using play-acting, role-play, giant room-sized board games, art, music, cooking, old-style object handling & dressing-up to make learning fun & interactive. See 11 May for more details of venue etc. <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](mailto: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](http://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](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. Currently they are organising around the #StopArmingSaudi campaign. For more information about the group, to request to be added to their group email list, or to confirm details of the next meeting, please email [london-caat@riseup.net](mailto:london-caat@riseup.net).

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

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