

# Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

May 2025

Dear Friends

Bit late this time due to holidays.

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 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)

### Arms fair in London

Plans for opposing the Defence and Security Equipment International arms fair are coming together. The arms fair

is on 9 — 12 September. Events organised by Stop The Arms Fair and others will be on 1-9 September.

There will be a Peace Pilgrimage from Oxford to London ending up at the Excel Centre between 2nd and 8th September. <https://peacepilgrimage.org.uk/>

See <https://caat.org.uk/events/> or <https://stopthearmsfair.org.uk/> for more info nearer the time. Get the date in your diary!

## Events

### To 1 June

**MARGATE.** How protest shaped Britain and photography shaped protest. his landmark exhibition, conceived by acclaimed artist and filmmaker Steve McQueen, will chronicle how ordinary people fought for change between 1903 and 2003. Turner Contemporary Gallery. The gallery is closed on Mondays. <https://turnercontemporary.org/whats-on/resistance/>

### To 1 June

**MANCHESTER.** Women in Revolt! This landmark exhibition at the Whitworth will feature over 90 women artists and collectives whose ideas helped fuel the women's liberation movement during a period of significant social, economic and political change. The Whitworth, Oxford Rd, Manchester M15 6ER. <https://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/womeninre->

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### 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>

### 6 May

**ONLINE.** CCND Webinars. In the year marking the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, CCND is offering a series of monthly short webinars. Members of the Exec, and invited guest speakers, will present a topic related to nuclear

disarmament from a Christian perspective. 7.30pm.

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

### 10 May

**GLASGOW.** 'Welfare not Warfare' – Scottish national demonstration. Join Scottish CND and Scottish Stop the War for a national demonstration against increased military spending, including on an obscenely expensive nuclear weapons programme. Assemble 12 noon on Buchanan Street steps, Glasgow. For any queries please contact 0141 357 1529 or email [scnd@banthebomb.org](mailto:scnd@banthebomb.org)

**LEYTONSTONE.** What can be done about the social care crisis? Speaker: Anne Gray. Anne will explore some solutions to social care problems from her book, *A Radical Approach to the Care Crisis; Community, Solidarity and a National Care Service*, to be published by Bristol University Press in

April 2025. There will be signed copies for sale. 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 Open to all; no booking, just turn up. <https://news-fromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>  
**LONDON.** NJPN Networking Day. The NJPN Environment Group have organised this. There will be a couple of special guests, Bishop Gerardo Alimane Alminaza of San Carlos in the Philippines (who has played a key role in the implementation of Laudato Si' in the Philippines) and Avril De Torres (Deputy Executive Director of CEED Philippines). Please register to attend tby emailing [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk) as we are limited to a certain number. Also, refreshments will be provided, but you will need to bring your own packed lunch. CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB, from 10.15am until 4pm.

**LONDON.** Stop the Arms Fair CAAT DSEI Workshop. The DSEI arms fair is scheduled to return from 9th-12th September 2025. Find out who is going to be there, what's going to be happening, and start to plan your resistance! The Dalston Solidarity Cafe is open from 12pm midday. The workshop will go from 2-4pm, then informal chats / relaxing together over food and refreshment. <https://caat.org.uk/events/dsc-staf-caat-workshop/>

### 15 May

**EVERYWHERE.** International Conscientious Objector's Day. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/>

**EDINBURGH.** Conscientious Objectors Day. Meet at 6.15pm for 6.30pm Thursday 15 May at the Peace Tree in Princes Street Gardens for songs from Protest in Harmony, hear about COs and an update on the Opposing War Memorial.

**LEICESTER.** All welcome to this event to mark CO Day in Leicester, at the CO Marker Stone on Peace Walk. It will be followed by an international online event organised by groups in Leicester on the 18th.

**LIVERPOOL.** Pax Christi, with the support of the Quakers, will celebrate CO Day with a ceremony of readings and music to celebrate the lives of conscientious objectors both past and present. 12.30pm. In front of the Law

Courts, Derby Square, Liverpool City Centre.

**LONDON.** 1pm in Tavistock Square. With speakers, music and laying of flowers on the Conscientious Objectors' Stone.

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

**MANCHESTER.** Conscientious Objectors Day. Manchester CND will be commemorating those who refuse to enlist in the armed forces by joining the international peace mobilisations. There will be readings, poems and a guided meditation commemorating Conscientious Objectors from both World Wars and current conflicts. 12noon at Peace Gardens, Lincoln Square, M2 5AD. [gmdcnd@gn.apc.org](mailto:gmdcnd@gn.apc.org)  
**OXFORD.** Conscientious Objectors Day. Featuring readings, poems and speeches honouring COs from WW1 and WW2, and from current conflicts around the world. With songs from Didcot Red Kits and Oxford Seagreen Singers. 1pm Bonn Square by the Peace Plaque.

**WOKINGHAM.** Conscientious Objectors Day. There will be a short vigil to mark CO Day on Thursday 15th May 2025, 12.30 – 13.30 in Howard Palmer Gardens, behind Cock Pit Path, Wokingham, RG40 2HD.

### 17 May

**LONDON.** 'Nakba 77': National demonstration for Palestine. On the Nakba anniversary, join this national demonstration calling for a free Palestine and demanding an end to the genocide. Assemble at 12 noon in central London – location TBC. Protest called by: Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Friends of Al-Aqsa, Stop the War Coalition, Muslim Association of Britain, Palestinian Forum in Britain, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. For any queries please email [information@cnduk.org](mailto:information@cnduk.org) or phone the CND office on 020 7700 2393.

### 18 May

**ONLINE.** An online event following CO Day, honouring the memory of COs across history. 7-8pm. For Zoom link and more details please email [abolton2@live.com](mailto:abolton2@live.com) Info: <https://tinyurl.com/2yyaxj9d>

### 24 May

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

### 27 May

**LONDON/ONLINE.** Radiation whistleblowers in the 20th century – book launch. 12.45-2pm. Join CND Vice-President Ian Fairlie for the launch of his book 'The Radiation Scientists who Alerted us to the Dangers of Radiation' on Tuesday May 27 at 12:45 pm UK time, at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in central London, UK. The book was co-authored with Cindy Folkers. For those attending in person, the event will take place at the Manson Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street London WC1E 7HT. Please arrive by 12:30pm. To attend online go to <https://tinyurl.com/6cj492pd> For any queries please email [enquiries@cnduk.org](mailto:enquiries@cnduk.org).

### 29 May – 2 June

**YORKSHIRE – Derbyshire.** Join Christian CND for our Spring 2025 Pilgrimage, a journey of faith, activism, and community in the beautiful Peak District. Act of witness in Sheffield overlooking the Forgemasters factory. Walk through Sheffield and into the Peak District. Visits to Padley Chapel, local churches, and stunning natural sites. Worship and reflection throughout the journey. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. A £50 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration. <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

### 3 June

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### 4 June

**WORLDWIDE.** International Day for Children as victims of war. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/child-victim-day>

### 7 June

**LONDON.** Welfare not Warfare. The People's Assembly national demo. Assemble 12 noon on Portland Place, London, to march to Whitehall.  
**OTLEY.** Otley Green Fair. Stalls, workshops, local musicians, vegetarian and vegan food. 10-4. Otley Courthouse Courthouse Street LS21

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**PLYMOUTH.** 'Invest in Peace not Weapons' CND demonstration at Devonport dockyard. Join CND for a protest in Plymouth, focused on the Devonport Dockyard, where Britain's nuclear-armed submarines are serviced! 12noon. See <https://tinyurl.com/4p6e9xcm> for details.

**14 June**

**LEYTONSTONE.** Broadwater Farm Transformed. Speaker: Clasford Stirling MBE. How is it that a notorious housing estate later had a waiting list? In 1985, after Cynthia Jarrett's death nearby when police raided her home, a riot took place; PC Blakelock was killed. Things had to change. Clasford, a life-long resident, has made huge contributions to the changes, creating a Youth Association, football coaching (making professional players), helping to unite residents (the Residents Association had been all-white on a multi-ethnic estate.) Broadwater Farm, run by LB Haringey, saw vast improvements physically, socially & economically. See 10 May for venue and timings. [newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/](https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/)

**LONDON.** PPU AGM.

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

**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/>

**21 June**

**LONDON.** 40th Anniversary of the London Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park. Annual ceremony of Nipponzan Myohoji with various Buddhist traditions. Interfaith prayers for peace. Messages and speeches. Devotional music and dance. 2pm. <https://londonpeacepagoda.wordpress.com>

**26 June**

**WORLDWIDE.** International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day>

**1 July**

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**4 July 2025.**

**HARROGATE.** Independence from America event. Kettlesing Millenium Village Hall near Harrogate. All peace groups very welcome. Details as they develop on <https://themhac.uk>

**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. See 10 May for venue and timings. [newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/](https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/)

**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/>

**6 August**

**WORLDWIDE.** Hiroshima Day.

**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.' See 10 May for venue and timings. [newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/](https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/)

**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. See 10 May for venue and timings. [newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/](https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.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. Blizard 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 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>

## 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. See 10 May for venue and timings.

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## 10 October

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

## 3rd Week in October (usually)

**COUNTRYWIDE.** Week of Prayer for World Peace. <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>

## 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. See 10 May for venue and timings.

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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>

## 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. See 10 May for venue and timings. [newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/](https://www.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)

### 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 [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. Info: email [londoncaat@riseup.net](mailto:londoncaat@riseup.net).

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

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