

Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

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Dear Friends

Hello all. Here's the October update from Network for Peace.

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

Events

3 – 10 October

WORLDWIDE. Keep Space for Peace Week. Every year, the Global Network against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space calls a Keep Space for Peace week of action. This year it is taking place between October 3rd-10th. Activities in the UK include: –Demonstration at USAF Croughton. –Demonstration at Menwith Hill. See <https://cnduk.org/events/keep-space-for-peace-week/> for more details.

4 October

ONLINE. CND Annual General Meeting and Policy Conference.
<https://cnduk.org/events/cnd-annual-general-meeting-and-policy-conference/>

6 October

MENWITH HILL. As part of Keep Space for Peace week, join Yorkshire CND and others for a demonstration outside Menwith Hill base. 6-7pm. For any queries please contact 01274 730795 or email info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk

7 October

LIVERPOOL. Merseyside CND meeting, 2-3pm at Merseyside CND offices, 151 Dale Street L2 2AH. For any queries please contact 07394 810871 or email merseysidecnd@gmail.com

YORK. 'A Future Beyond Military Bases'. As part of York Environment Festival 2026, join Yorkshire CND for a panel discuss on a future beyond military bases. 5.30-7PM, Homestead Park Pavilion 40 Water End YO30 6WP. For any queries please contact 01274 730795 or email info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk

8 October

ONLINE. 'NATO and the Balkans' – No to War No to NATO webinar. Key topics include the current and future role of NATO, its member organisations and its partners. Moreover, this webinar will highlight the forces opposing militarisation and advocating for a peaceful Balkans. 5-6pm.
<https://tinyurl.com/2tp8vs4p>

10 October

EVERYWHERE. Anniversary of the 1957 Windscale Fire.

LEYTONSTONE. Dulwich Picture Gallery: The original gallery, unlocking art for all. Speaker: Angela Diamond. Dulwich Picture Gallery is the world's first public art gallery. Angela Diamond will tell the absorbing story of how two immigrants from humble backgrounds took the art collection of a king and donated it to ordinary people. Angela will also talk about Tirzah Garwood, who recently was exhibited at the gallery. Tirzah (1908 – 1951) was a multi-skilled artist who spent most of her working life in or near Great Bardfield in Essex and was married to the much better-known Eric Ravilious. Meetings start with a buffet at 7:30pm followed by a talk at 8:00pm, then discussion at about 9:00pm. Church Hall of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, High Road, Leytonstone, London, E11 1HH (next to Aldi). All meetings are free of charge. Voluntary donations welcome. No need to book. If you can, please bring some vegetarian/vegan food and drink to share.

Info: roskane@btinternet.com newsfrom-nowhereweb.wordpress.com

LONDON. National march for Palestine: End the Genocide / 3 years. Assemble 12 noon in central London, exact location and route TBC. For any queries please contact information@cnduk.org or phone the CND office on 020 7700 2393.
<https://tinyurl.com/ykvjj443>

11 - 18 October

COUNTRYWIDE. Week of Prayer for World Peace. Prayer Resource hard copies or electronic copies email wpwp2021@yahoo.com <https://weekof-prayerforworldpeace.co.uk/>

15 October

ONLINE. New research on the protest crackdown, and which messages actually move people to defend the right to protest. Free to attend. Both reports will be sent to everyone who registers. Questions: info@socialchangelab.org Book: <https://tinyurl.com/4j9dpcu5>

17 October

OXFORD. Nicholas Gill's Oxford Classic Jazz. Join Oxford CND to 'swing against the bomb' and raise funds for the campaign for a world without nuclear weapons. With Radio 3's Alyn Shipton and the Lindy Hop Dancers. Entry £15 / £10 concessions. 7-9.30pm Oxford Friends Meeting House 43 St Giles' 43 St Giles OX1 3LW. For any queries or more information please contact 07806 600860 or email nualayoung@hotmail.com

20 October

LONDON. Developments in UK and European Nuclear Weapons Policy. We will discuss the UK's defence and international policy in the context of shifts in French, US and NATO nuclear doctrine; and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. All-Party

Network for Peace still needs bodies!

We still 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). Thank you to Nik from Housmans who has agreed to be a bank signatory, we could do with one more person. Contact me on mail@networkforpeace.org.uk

Parliamentary Forum on Global Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Arms Control. 5-6.30pm at House of Commons Committee Room 16. We very much hope you will be able to join us - please RSVP to Dr Tim Street of the Secretariat. office@britishpugwash.org

24 October

WORLDWIDE. United Nations Day. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/un-day>

MENWITH HILL. 'Shut down US bases: Kick Out Trump's spy station'. 12-4.30pm. Join CND, Yorkshire CND, and Menwith Hill Accountability Campaign for a day of action as part of our campaign to shut down US bases in the UK. Menwith Hill in Yorkshire is the largest US spy base in Britain which has provided information for the war on Iran and likely involved in the war on Gaza. 12-4.30pm. Details: <https://cnduk.org/events/shut-down-us-bases-kick-out-trumps-spy-station-day-of-action-at-menwith-hill/> Registration is essential as we need to book transport to and from the base.

24 – 30 October

EVERYWHERE. Disarmament Week. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/disarmament-week>

29 October

ONLINE. Abolishing War – Challenges and Opportunities Celebrating MAW at 25. The Movement for the Abolition of War (MAW) is 25 this year and we warmly invite you to an online meeting to mark the occasion. Registration is via the abolishwar.net website. We will have a photo presentation looking back at some of our activities over the past 25 years, and have asked our speakers - including Professor Paul Rogers, our President – to tell us what they see as hopeful signs towards positive change. 7.30pm. <https://abolishwar.net/happy-25th/>

8 November

BRADFORD. 'Songs for Peace'. Join Yorkshire CND to mark Remembrance Sunday by the Cenotaph. If you have any suggestions, or would like to get involved by singing a song or reading a poem, please get in touch by emailing sam@yorkshirecnd.org.uk or phone the office on 01274 730795. <https://yorkshirecnd.org.uk/upcoming-events/>

LONDON. "The Changing Face of War – Thoughts on the Erosion of Ethics". MAW's 2026 Remembrance Lecture with Rowan Williams, Chair of Academi Heddych Cymru (Wales's peace institute), and former Archbishop of Canterbury. 3pm at Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD.

9 November

BROMLEY. White Poppy Ceremony, 10.50 to 11.20 a.m Bromley War Memorial, Church Rd. Assemble 10.30 a.m by Primark. There will be speeches, songs and

poems and the laying of a white poppy wreath. Book at <https://abolishwar.net/remembrance-lecture-2026/>

10 November

LONDON. Faith. Politics. Planet – Hope in a Divided Age. A special evening marking the opening of COP31. In an age of political division, the rise of the far-right, and a growing backlash to net zero policies, how can faith inspire meaningful climate action? We will be exploring this important and timely question with Ruth Valerio, theologian, author and environmental campaigner, and Andy Flannagan, renowned musician and Director of Christians in Politics. The evening will include music, discussion and a chance to connect with others at a drinks reception afterwards. 7pm at St John's 73 Waterloo Rd, London SE1 8TY. Buy tickets:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/operationnoah/2300776>

14 November

MANCHESTER. Manchester Peace and Craft Fair. 11 - 4pm. With stalls selling artisan jewellery, festive knits, calligraphy, olive oil from Palestine, books, homemade cakes, jams and marmalades, calendars and cards, peace and green-friendly merchandise, and lots more! Live music with Obsidian, peace cafe serving hot and cold food, and plenty of jolly company! Free entry and fully accessible. Birch Community Centre Brighton Grove M14 5JT. For any queries please contact gmdcnd@gn.apc.org

11 November

COUNTRYWIDE. Remembrance Day. **LONDON.** A Concert for Remembrance Day. The City of London Choir presents two British war requiems to commemorate the Armistice of 11th November 1918. Dona nobis pacem is Vaughan Williams' heartfelt response to his own experience of the First World War, written in the shadow of a looming second global conflict. A powerful and dramatic work, it starkly decries the cruelty of war; its insistent cry is for peace among nations and goodwill to all. Gerald Finzi was deeply affected by the deaths of close family and friends. His secular Requiem is an exquisite example of his gift for poetry and melody combined in a poignant lament for lost youth and for the centuries-old pattern of rural life, irreversibly changed by the destructive havoc of war. 7.30pm. Cadogan Hall. 5 Sloane Terrace, SW1X 9DQ. Bookable: ticket prices start at £24.50. Contact: <https://cadoganhall.com/whats-on/a-concert-for-remembrance-day/#details>

14 November

LEYTONSTONE. International Bodies: Are they toothless tigers? Speaker: Douglas Saltmarsh. What do we refer to when we talk about human rights, refugees or asylum? How do we look upon the changes that we, the global community, have addressed issues of race, gender, nuclear

proliferation & global warming? Douglas Saltmarsh's professional activity has led him to engage with many situations related to conflict & development. See 10 October for times, venue, contact details.

25 November

WORLDWIDE. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. <http://www.unwomen.org/en>

21 November

MANCHESTER. Lucas Plan 50th Anniversary Celebration – Manchester conference. At this conference, hear Lucas Aerospace Shop Stewards and connect with new generations of workers, activists and communities to plan the economic and social transformation we need. University Place 176 Oxford Road M13 9PL <https://lucasplan.co.uk/50th-anniversary-conference/>

28 November

SHIPLEY. Yorkshire CND Peace & Crafts Fair. 10-4 at Victoria Hall, Victoria Hall, Saltaire. More information coming soon but in the meantime please email info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk if you have any questions. <https://yorkshirecnd.org.uk/upcoming-events/>

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. The annual list includes individuals who have been imprisoned for their nonviolent resistance and conscientious objection to military service. <https://wri-irg.org/en>

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>

12 December

LEYTONSTONE. The Spycops Scandal – Exposing England's secret political police. Speaker: Dave Morris. Fifteen years ago, campaigners began to uncover a secret unit in the Metropolitan Police which had been infiltrating left wing & progressive organisations and movements since 1968. Up to 1,000 groups were targeted, including the Anti-Apartheid movement, CND, anti-racist & family justice campaigns, trade union branches, left-wing parties, anarchist, animal rights & environmental groups. put the See 10 October for times, venue, contact details.

29 May – 5 June 2027

LAKENHEATH. The next Lakenheath Action for Peace peace camp will take place. Email info@lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk with any queries.