

# Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

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Dear Friends

Some exciting events coming up. And check the website for more recently updated events. 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

### **Our now! The 72nd Housmans Peace Diary**

We have seven copies Housmans Peace Diary in the office. These are donated in lieu of Housman's sub to NfP. If you want to order **one** copy from NfP please send a cheque made out to Network for Peace, for £9.95 (includes p&p) and post to NfP. Or make a donation of £9.95 at:

<http://www.networkforpeace.org.uk/donate> and send an email to [mail@networkforpeace.org.uk](mailto:mail@networkforpeace.org.uk) with your order, including a postal address. First come, first served!

Larger quantities from Housman's Bookshop at :  
<https://housmans.com/peace-diary/>

### **CND 'Ceasefire' T-shirt**

Katharine Hamnett's latest design collaboration with CND has resulted in a powerful and bold T-shirt featuring the word "Ceasefire" This striking piece is a testament to Hamnett's longstanding commitment to using fashion as a platform for political and social statements. £19 from the website:

<https://cndukstore.com/product/ceasefire-x-katharine-hamnett-t-shirt/>

The Ceasefire design is also available on a hoodie and bag.

You'll find many more designs on t-shirts, hoodies, mugs and tea towels at the online shop.

### **White Poppies**

Every year in the run up to Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, PPU distributes white poppies, in memory of all victims of war. On Remembrance

Sunday, events featuring white poppies take place around the UK.

White poppies were originally made in 1933 by the Co-operative Women's Guild. Today, true to its roots, the new design is made by a workers' co-operative in the UK.

The recent white poppy design is better for the environment. It is plastic-free, biodegradable and recyclable in household recycling along with paper and cardboard.

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/remembrance-white-poppies>

### **Sy NO to companies profiting from genocide on YOUR doorstep!**

See CAAT's interactive map of UK companies involved in manufacturing components for the F35 combat aircraft.

15% of every F35 that Israel is using to bombard Gaza is made by British industry. CAAT estimates the value of the components UK industry supplies for Israeli F35s to be worth at least £336m since 2016. For more information on UK arms supplies to Israel, the Israeli arms industry, and Israel's ongoing occupation and repression of the Palestinians, see CAAT's main Israel country page.

<https://tinyurl.com/3bkr2e3r>

## Events

**13 – 20 October**

**COUNTRYWIDE.** Week of Prayer for World Peace.  
<https://weekofprayerforworld-peace.co.uk/>

**16 October**

**ONLINE.** Defusing carbon bombs: How do we stop remaining dangerous fossil fuels from being burned? This year's Responsible Science conference. Speakers and presentations: Prof Mark Jacobson on 'Which technologies are most effective in the transition away from fossil fuels?' Prof Peter Newell on 'A treaty to keep carbon underground: the rising tide of supply-side policies'. Kate Power on 'Ending the social licence for overconsumption'. Dr Stuart Parkinson on 'Military carbon emissions: how can we stop them rising?' The programme includes time for audience questions and suggestions too. 4-6pm. Booking:  
<https://tinyurl.com/vc8yjwt5b>

**19 October**

**LEICESTER.** Transforming hearts, securing futures. Christian CND Annual Conference and AGM. Join Christian CND for our 2024 conference! This will be a fantastic opportunity to gather with other Christians who share our vision of a world free of nuclear weapons. With keynote speaker Prof Daniel Cordle – his area of study is the intersection of literature and the nuclear age – how the 'stories' we tell influence people's attitudes. 10-4 at The Frassati Centre, Wellington Street Leicester LE1 6HW. More info and booking: <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/>

**LONDON.** Book launch: Brass Roots Democracy by Benjamin Barson. Housmans will be hosting the wonderful scholar and musician Benjamin Barson for the official UK launch of his seminal new book, Brassroots Democracy: Maroon Ecologies and the Jazz Commons. 7-9.30 at Housmans

Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road N1 9DY. £3.50, £29.50 inc book. More info and booking:  
<https://tinyurl.com/4j4nzyb5/>

**23 October**

**LONDON.** Book launch: 'The Picture of Contented New Wealth' – Tariq Godard in conversation with Alex Niven. Celebrate All Hallows Eve by welcoming Tariq Godard to Housmans for the (re)launch of his acclaimed work of political horror: *The Picture of Contented New Wealth*. 7- 10pm at Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road N1 9DY. £3.50, £10 inc book  
<https://tinyurl.com/4jbd7x29>

**24 October**

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

**ONLINE.** 'The Nuclear Cover-up: Ongoing Harms of British Nuclear Testing'. A Scottish CND webinar to discover the truth about the British nuclear weapons tests that took place from 1952-1991. From the environmental destruction of indigenous lands to radiation-related deterioration of veteran health, the harms linger to this day. 7-8pm. For any queries please contact 0141 357 1529 or email [scnd@banthebomb.org](mailto:scnd@banthebomb.org) Book via web:  
<https://www.banthebomb.org/>

**24 – 30 October**

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

**25 October**

**LONDON.** Book talk: Mixing Pop and Politics: A Marxist History of Popular Music by Toby Manning. Housmans are very excited to be welcoming the brilliant Toby Manning to the shop to discuss his fantastic and all encompassing new tome: Mixing Pop and Politics: A Marxist History of Popular Music. . 7.30 - 9.30 pm at Housmans

Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road N1 9DY. £3.50, £25 inc book.  
<https://tinyurl.com/42fmkxk8>

**26 October**

**GLASGOW.** CAAT Scotland all-day gathering in Glasgow: Saturday, 26th October; all day - SAVE THE DATE. Emma is organising a gathering for CAAT supporters in Glasgow on Saturday, 26th October. This will be a chance to meet members of our team, hear from local supporters and join a series of workshops.  
<https://caat.org.uk/take-action/take-part-near-you/>

**29 October**

**LONDON.** Sheila Rowbotham – Reasons to Rebel, the 1980s revisited. We welcome back to Housmans Sheila Rowbotham to dissect the 1980s, to go through her own "reasons to rebel" and discuss the outcome of that rebellion. It was the worst of times, it was the best of times... 7-8.30 at Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road N1 9DY. Free but please book:  
<https://tinyurl.com/53kt993p>

**30 October**

**LONDON.** An evening with Richard Seymour. Housmans are thrilled to be welcoming Richard Seymour to the shop for a double book launch! Richard is one of the country's pre-eminent leftist thinkers and writers and we are extremely lucky to help celebrate his latest polemic, from Verso, Disaster Nationalism: The Downfall of Liberal Civilization as well as the new paperback re-issue of The Twittering Machine: How Capitalism Stole Our Social Life, from Indigo Press. 7-10pm at Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road N1 9DY.  
<https://tinyurl.com/564s5ud8>

**2 November**

**LAKENHEATH.** Stop US nukes – national demonstration at Lakenheath. CND is organising the next national demonstration at

RAF Lakenheath in protest against US nuclear weapons returning to the base. For any queries please contact [information@cnduk.org](mailto:information@cnduk.org) or phone the CND office on 020 7700 2393. <https://cnduk.org/lakenheath/>

### 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. 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, Leytonstone E11 1HH. <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com/>

**SALTAIRE.** Peace History and Museums – A Peace History Conference. 9.30 – 5pm. Org by Yorkshire CND, Movement for the Abolition of War, The Peace Museum. Venue The Peace Museum, Salts Mill, Victoria Rd, Saltaire, Yorkshire BD18 3LA. Tickets: £10 waged £5 unwaged – booking on web. Note: limited tickets available! <https://tinyurl.com/bdzu7kwa>

### 10 November

**LONDON.** Movement for the

Abolition of War AGM. 2pm. Mander Hall, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD. [info@abolishwar.org.uk](mailto:info@abolishwar.org.uk) **Annual Remembrance Lecture 2024** will be at 3pm at the same venue. Speaker is Professor Mererid Hopwood. he has spent her career in the fields of languages, literature, education and the arts - and is currently Chair of the Welsh and Celtic Studies, Aberystwyth University. She is Archdruid of the National Eisteddfod until 2027 and, last year, was awarded the Hay Festival Poetry Medal. Mererid is one of MAW's vice-presidents and we look forward to an inspiring lecture. [info@abolishwar.org.uk](mailto:info@abolishwar.org.uk)

### 11 November

**COUNTRYWIDE.** Remembrance Day. Nearest Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.

### 12 November

**LONDON.** Book discussion: 'The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament' – Martin Shaw in conversation with Kate Hudson. Help Housmans celebrate the publication of Professor Martin Shaw's 'whirlwind tour' of the CND and its history, a organisation very close to Housman's heart, culturally and historically intertwined with us and the larger peace movement. 7pm at Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road N1 9DY. £3, £19.99 inc book. <https://tinyurl.com/5cehrs5j>

### 13 November

**LONDON.** Book launch: 'Colin Ward: the anarchist tradition and do-it-yourself urbanism' with Verity-Jane Keefe and Ken Worpole. 2024 marks the centenary of the birth of Britain's most famous anarchist, Colin Ward, and the publication of *Mutual Aid, Everyday Anarchy: Essays on Colin Ward* (Five Leaves, 2024). Ward wrote more than 30 books, whose ideas and writings remain influential across the world. 7pm at Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road N1 9DY. Free but please book: <https://tinyurl.com/3k6y9p98>

### 14 November

**LONDON.** Concert for Peace. With the MPD Chamber Orchestra at St James's Church Piccadilly under the baton of long-time supporter and Patron, Dame Jane Glover. She will be joined by two outstanding soloists, tenor Nicky Spence OBE and horn player Ben Goldscheider. 7.30pm at St James's Piccadilly, 197 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9LL. See web for booking details:

<http://www.mpdconcerts.org> **ONLINE.** Why we Fight Wars? Can a Culture of Peace Revolution Work Towards its End? United Nations has declared the official theme for this year 2024 International Day of Peace as Cultivating a Culture of Peace. The pertinent question is: Is war a necessary evil or an organised crime to kill our own human species? Either way, war kills people bringing untold suffering and misery. Also, it's a waste of vital resources which can be utilised for healthcare, education, jobs and boosting the growth of the economy. If the later argument is valid, then can we replace war by implementing Culture of Peace. 18:00 to 20:00. To register: <https://cultureofpeace2024.eventbrite.co.uk/> More info: <https://tinyurl.com/3fwjmsk2>

### 16 November

**SHIPLEY.** Yorkshire CND Peace & Craft Fair. The Fair will once again return to the prestigious Victoria Hall at Saltaire (on the outskirts of Bradford) in the run-up to Christmas. Victoria Hall is located in the popular tourist village of Saltaire, adjacent to the art gallery & specialist shops in Salts Mill. Victoria Hall, Saltaire Shipley BD18 3JS. 10 – 4. Queries: [sam@yorkshirecnd.org.uk](mailto:sam@yorkshirecnd.org.uk) <https://yorkshirecnd.org.uk>

### 23 November

**LEEDS.** Northern CND / Peace Group Gathering. Join fellow CND and peace groups in the north of England to network and work on

ideas for the campaign for a world without nuclear weapons. 12-4. East Street Arts, St Mary's Lane, LS9 7EH. More information coming soon, but in the meantime please contact 01274 730 795 or [info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk](mailto:info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk) with any queries

### 25 November

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

### 26 November

**ONLINE.** Don't Bank on The Bomb UK – Network Meeting. Don't Bank on The Bomb (DBOTB) is the Nuclear Weapon's Group's priority campaign. The group seeks to grow a national network of campaigners, and create practical resources to support members to campaign and influence UK banks, pension funds and other financial institutions to divest from nuclear weapons manufacturers. Book: <https://tinyurl.com/et8auy37>

### 27 November

**LONDON.** 'Reclaiming the Future: A Beginner's Guide to Planning the Economy' with Simon Hannah. In a world gripped by endless crisis and climate breakdown, the demand to reshape our economic system has never been more urgent. Reclaiming the Future by Simon Hannah is a beginner's guide to planning the economy, taking readers on a transformative journey towards a radically democratic society, where the power and control over our lives are firmly in our hands. 7-8.30 at Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road N1 9DY. £3, £16.99 inc book. <https://tinyurl.com/2s9ajrhh>

### 29 November

**WORLDWIDE.** International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. <https://tinyurl.com/y3nedk5d>

### 1 December

**EVERYWHERE.** Prisoners for Peace Day. [https://wri-irg.org/en/campaigns/prisoners\\_for\\_peace](https://wri-irg.org/en/campaigns/prisoners_for_peace)

### 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 See 9 November for venue and contact details.

### 14 – 25 April 2025

**LAKENHEATH.** Lakenheath Alliance for Peace peace camp. Join the Lakenheath Alliance for Peace for a peace camp from April 14th-25th – details TBC. Contact [lap@gn.apc.org](mailto:lap@gn.apc.org) for more information. <https://cnduk.org/events/lakenheath-alliance-for-peace-peace-camp/>

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

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

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