

Network *for* Peace



Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

December 2021

Dear Friends

Hope you all are well. Still fewer events than normal, but some groups have got next year's programme of events planned and hopefully will be able to happen in person.

If you have any events planned, whether online (there are advantages to online meetings!) or in 'real life', please do send them in asap so I can get them on the website and hopefully in this newsletter and/or *Peace News*.

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

Volunteer for Peace

Peace News Trustees needs you!

PN Trustees was set up to act as trustees for the property owned by the company in Kings Cross and the subsidiary companies of *Peace News* newspaper and Housmans Bookshop.

Peace News Trustees supports pacifist and other radical campaigning movements by publishing *Peace News*, a bi-monthly pacifist newspaper, hosting Housmans Bookshop, and providing affordable office space for campaigning organisations and charities in our central London building.

We are looking for board members (non-executive and remunerated on an expenses only basis). We are *especially* interested in those who can offer skills or experience in one or more of the following: book-keeping, property management, governance and organisational strategy. NB The Trustees Board meets four times a year, usually in London (but online recently). We'll cover your travel expenses. A commitment to nonviolence is essential!

To apply: please send a letter expressing your interest and experience with contact details. Send to: admin@peacenews.info

Monday 6 December

CRAWLEY RH10 1GE. 'Jobs and Emissions: What Future?' Crawley CND meeting discussing COP26 and the climate-related arguments against nuclear. With Jonathan Essex, Green Party councillor on Surrey county council. 7.30pm. The Tree, 103 High St. More info: 01293 542 853; keaveney753@gmail.com

Tuesday 7 December

ZOOM. 'National Lobby of Parliament for Palestine: Winter 2021'. Organised by Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC). Please only register (and request a meeting with your MP) if you intend to participate.

Registration: PSC, 020 7700 6192; www.tinyurl.com/peacenews3690

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. <http://www.un.org/en/events/human-rightsday/>

Saturday 11 December

WORLD.

'No AUKUS pact - No New Cold War: International Day of Action.' CND has joined with the Australian and US peace movements to draw public attention to the dangerous new AUKUS military pact between Australia, the

UK and the US, escalating the West's confrontation with China. More info: CND, 020 7700 2393; www.tinyurl.com/peacenews3687 **ONLINE**. 'The Right of Return and the Struggle for Justice'. With Lubnah Shomali (Advocacy Unit Manager of BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights); Nidal Betare (Syrian-Palestinian writer); Basma El Doukhi (PhD candidate at the University of Kent, third-generation Palestinian refugee); and Sawsan Samara (Palestinian activist with BDS Jordan). 5pm. More info and registration: bit.ly/RightOfReturnWebinar

Tuesday 21 December

ONLINE. Abingdon Peace Group social meeting for CND members in Abingdon. More info: 01235 526 265; sallyreynolds@btinternet.com

2022

1 January

WORLDWIDE. World Day of Prayer for Peace, especially in the Catholic tradition. <http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/>

16 January

COUNTRYWIDE. Peace Sunday. The title Pope Francis has chosen for the 2022 Message for the World Day of Peace is: 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. Resources available from Pax Christi <http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/>

Saturday 22 January

YORKSHIRE. 'Britain Must Sign the TPNW!' Yorkshire CND Annual

General Meeting (in-person) exactly one year after the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force. Venue and timings TBA. More info: 01274 730 795; info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk

27 January

EVERYWHERE. Holocaust Memorial Day. The UK Ceremony for HMD 2022 will be streamed online at 7pm. Register on the website to watch the Ceremony online. <http://www.hmd.org.uk/>

20 February

ONLINE. Working for Peace in the Middle East - CND online conference. Join CND and guest speakers to discuss the current situation in the Middle East and how we can best campaign for peace in the region. 1 - 4.15pm. <https://tinyurl.com/yedqa373>

8 March

EVERYWHERE. International Women's Day. <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

21 March

WORLDWIDE. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>

18 April - 6 May

EDINBURGH. The Peace Cranes project will culminate in April/May 2022 with a group exhibition and a series of accompanying events including a screening of the documentary The Vow from Hiroshima a portrait of Setsuko Thurlow. The exhibition will feature photography and film installations exploring the humanitarian and environmental consequences of the dropping and testing of the Atomic bomb in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bikini Atoll together with the nuclear and radiation accidents at Chernobyl and Fukushima. Venue: Out of the Blue Drill Hall, Dalmeny Street, EH6 8RG. <https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/>

22 April

WORLDWIDE. Earth Day. <https://www.earthday.org/>

26 April

WORLDWIDE. Chernobyl Day. <http://www.chernobyl.info/>

Monday 15 May

EVERYWHERE. International Conscientious Objector's Day.

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

24 May

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

4 June

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

20 June

WORLDWIDE. World Refugee Day. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day>

Week covering World Refugee Day: World Refugee Week. <http://refugee-week.org.uk/>

26 June

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

6 August

WORLDWIDE. Hiroshima Day.

9 August

WORLDWIDE. Nagasaki Day. Anniversary of the execution of Franz Jägerstätter

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. - 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>

3rd Week in October (usually)

COUNTRYWIDE. Week of Prayer for World Peace. <http://www.weekof-prayerforworldpeace.com/>

Week in October covering UN Day. COUNTRYWIDE. One World Week.

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).

<http://www.oneworldweek.org/v2/>

24 October

WORLDWIDE. United Nations Day. www.un.org/en/observances/un-day

24 - 30 October

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

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>

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Regular events

Weekly, monthly events in UK

Every Wednesday

LONDON. Women in Black Silent vigil against militarism and war. 6-7pm Edith Cavell Statue, St Martin's Place, London WC2. <https://www.facebook.com/womeninblack.london>

First Saturday of every month

NORWICH. Vigil for Peace. Outside St. Peter Mancroft Chantry Rd, Norwich NR2 1QZ.

Let us know if you've started regular events up again.