



News from NOW

Newsletter of the Network of Oxford Women for Justice and Peace

Incorporating **Women in Black**

Winter 2022

A message from Nuala

“All women are invited to this celebration weekend of the 40th Anniversary of the surrounding of the base at Greenham by 30,000 women. It happened in on December 12th, but it's being held over the weekend just before that anniversary on the 9th to 11th December with Saturday 10th being the main day of events.



AWEA - Anarchic Women Embrace Aldermaston

The spiders and crows are gathering on the **40th anniversary of Embrace the Base** when 30,000 women joined hands in solidarity, protesting against the siting of American nuclear weapons on Greenham Common.

Join us at any point during the monthly Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp from **Friday 9th - Sunday 11th December 2022** in resistance against UK nuclear weapons at AWE Aldermaston.

We will be weaving webs, celebrating the spiders & crows and resisting nuclear weapons through co-learning, connection and creativity.

Programme for Saturday 10th December:

Daytime -

Workshop 1 - Making crows, spiders and jar lanterns (for evening Lantern parade) to encircle the base with webs, spiders & crows and expose the web of connections that enable nuclear weapons and AWE Aldermaston to exist (uranium mining, militarism, financial interests, etc.).

Workshop 2 - The Web of Resistance. Weaving the web of resistance to nuclear weapons and nuclear colonialism. What we need to resist, both in terms of personal energy, commitment and resilience, and possible/feasible actions.

Workshop 3 - Visions of a good society. What a world without nuclear weapons would look like.

After dark -

Lantern parade

Site-specific performance by local Movement Artists (Also at 10am and 1pm, duration 20 minutes)

Crows & Spiders shadow puppet show

Wintry spider & crow party (bring your own crow/spider costume or make one at Camp).

Sunday 11th December:

10.30 am - 12 pm Workshop:

Movement Building: Militarism. Links to the Climate and Nature Crisis

Access information:

- Accessible portalo
- Accessible car park
- For more access info or to discuss needs, please contact 07931 934422

Other access/Camp information

- Lifts from nearest train station (Aldermaston) or bus stop (Tadley) can be arranged (please phone 07852 293386)
- Please bring a tent and sleeping bag if you are camping. However, spare tent space and clean sleeping bags/extra bedding are available on request (phone 07852 293386 to confirm)
- Shelter from the weather in large marquee
- Basic vegan/vegetarian meals/tea & coffee provided but bring your own snacks

Against all wars - for the peaceful resolution of international conflicts - no place for nuclear weapons in a dangerous world already on the brink of climate catastrophe

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp - Paices Hill, Aldermaston RG74PW
<https://www.facebook.com/events/889150202045459/?ref=newsfeed>

The theme is to make the connections and weave webs with different themes to put up on the fence. From that main theme of the spider and the web that was central at Greenham some women were very enthusiastic to include crows, independent intelligent birds. There will be workshops during the day and lantern shows and gathering in the marquee in the evening

It would be so good at this time for WiB to join in celebrating the massive protest that took place the last time the military were talking about “a limited nuclear war in Europe”. We know they are considering the use of small nuclear weapons, low yield, possibly to be dropped from planes by pilots NATO has been training.

Come on Saturday December 10th to sing in the marquee or to sing around the very extensive camp fire we expect to have on the day. There be loos on site and food and refreshments but more is always welcome.

Sally Reynolds from Abingdon will be taking women in her car. I'm sure she would be happy to lead the way to the Aldermaston Camp for women who don't know it.

I know it's December and it's cold but last year for the December camp there were more women than usual and it was a really good camp. You would obviously need to bring layers, hot water bottles and shawls. The camp is sheltered and a bit too civilised for some women's liking, with chairs and plenty of food and drink”

Please come!

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