

**Summary of discussions at Meet Up with Representatives from Mid Somerset CND and Peace Group, Bath Stop War, Bridgewater CND, Bristol CND and Salisbury CND**

**On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at The Globe Inn, Wells**

**Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group – James, Julia, Nina, Paul, Helena**

1. Mid-Somerset group have a photographic exhibition about Hiroshima and they are willing to loan it to other groups. They also have a large marquee to loan out.
2. The group runs stalls at a variety of local community events.
3. Their Hiroshima exhibition in Wells Cathedral and on the Cathedral Green has proven very successful.
4. They also run a stall at Tolpuddle Festival w/e and Glastonbury Festival.
5. In the past they have been invited to speak at events.
6. Engage with the local 6<sup>th</sup> Form college at Freshers Fair and give talks to students studying politics.
7. Mid-Somerset group explained they might have some funds available to help other groups put on events. Ask them if funds needed.
8. Group has donated to National CND's Ad campaigns and sought information as to the effectiveness of these ads.

**Bristol CND – Rose Crossland**

1. Have run a 4-day Peace Festival with speakers and workshops. Organised by their member Rowland Dye and XR
2. Send out a regular newsletter which is on their website
3. Run stalls in the summer.
4. Art and Resistance – Peoples Republic of Stokes Croft.

**Salisbury CND – Peter Gloyns**

1. Salisbury CND talked about their Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day Candle Float and mentioned that they made films of the event so more people could experience it.

2. Salisbury CND explained their links with groups in Hiroshima and the wish to extend such links to other CND groups in the UK. Please contact Peter Gloyns (pgloyns@aol.com) if you would like to pursue this idea.
3. Salisbury CND explained the nature of their website with daily news items added and an attempt to list all forthcoming events of interest. (<https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk>) Website compiled in conjunction with Oxford CND and widely shared. Anyone who would like to be added to the distribution list please contact Peter Gloyns.
4. Salisbury CND explained recent addition of Salisbury to the Mayors for Peace movement.
5. Salisbury CND mentioned that they prepared Christmas Cards for sale each year. They also sold mugs and T-shirts of their own design. Also run a stall annually on the market.
6. The usefulness of recording webinars and sharing them via the website was mentioned. Salisbury CND tries to flag up forthcoming webinars via our Events page and provide links to the recordings via catch up items on our News page. ( <https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/events> & [https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news\\_items](https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items) )
7. Peter Gloyns together with Nigel Day of Oxford CND sit on the CND Council representing the Southern Region.

### **Bath Stop War – Jane Stephenson & Andy Cunningham**

1. Run a weekly Peace Vigil outside the cathedral on Saturdays 11.00am – 12.30pm Anyone can join in. They have a table with petitions currently for Ukraine and Lakenheath. Also a pullout with information about Trident. Young people and Students respond very positively and they get many overseas visitors interested.
2. Also Rethinking Security is a movement to consider and discuss. Jane handed out leaflets. They have a 'Worry box' on their stall for people to write down their concerns.

3. They have run a 1 day event with Speaker – Prof Paul Rogers and workshops; used Eventbrite to advertise event
4. They have run a 6<sup>th</sup> form conference for past 6-7 years
5. They have worked with their local MP Vera Hobhouse to debate issues in Parliament & forged links with XR.
6. They have a website and regular newsletter.

### **Bridgwater CND – Sue Brownlie & Anne**

1. Held an Hiroshima event last August
2. Sue explained she has been thinking about an idea she has to 'Create Peace through Art' using the '8 Pillars of Joy' from Buddhism and turning it into '8 Petals of peace.'

### **Some other ideas of interest:**

1. Sixth Form Colleges may be more open to peace lessons than schools for younger children.
  2. Badge making machines and tattoos proved popular draws for younger people at stalls.
  3. Young peoples' film competition had worked well. (Could be good and thought for Mayors for Peace activity)
  4. Links with XR seen as useful for bringing contact with younger people who are concerned about climate change.
  5. Noted that several groups have donated money towards national CND newspaper adverts.
- Interest in gaining feedback on how such adverts have worked.

Thanks to Julia, Helena, James, Paul, Nina, Jane, Andy, Anne, Sue, Rose for a great discussion and get together. Let's keep in touch and build things together where we can.

Notes prepared by Peter Gloyns, Salisbury CND and Julia Adams, MSCND  
& PG