

Network for Peace

Continuing the work of the National Peace Council

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Dear Friends

Happy New Year. Now is the time to get your 2026 events in.

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

27 January

EVERYWHERE. Holocaust Memorial Day. <http://www.hmd.org.uk/>
LONDON. Protest against the arms dealer dinner. The Aerospace, Defence and Security dinner will bring arms dealers, MPs and military personnel together to schmooze, swill champagne, and feast on expensive food. The companies attending have been heavily complicit in Israel's genocide of Gaza as well as in other conflicts globally, such as Yemen and Sudan, and fuel death, destruction and violence across the globe. We will not let those profiting from and enabling war to celebrate unchallenged. Bring yourselves, friends, banners, placards and your voice. Venue tbc – we will update the event when we confirm where it is. londoncaat@riseup.net
<https://londoncaat.org.uk/events/protest-against-the-arms-dealer-dinner/>

29 January

ONLINE. 'New nuclear threats and the drive to war: building the resistance' – CND webinar. What role do British bases

like RAF Marham play in increasing the new nuclear dangers and enabling Israel's genocide? What can we learn from the growing resistance against war and genocide taking place across Europe. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/mr482e5y> ? information@cnduk.org or phone 020 7700 2393. <https://cnduk.org/events/>

31 January

LONDON. Declassified UK are hosting their first ever summit! The summit will bring together journalists, activists, academics, Declassified contributors, and supporters as well as interested people from across the UK. All are welcome! A full speakers list will be announced soon. An all day event. Earth, 11-17 Stoke Newington Road, N16 8BH. Purchase a ticket: <https://tinyurl.com/3hfxdd8d>.
LONDON. We march again to demand an end to British support for nuclear-armed Israel's occupation and ongoing genocide. Assembly point to be announced. Protest called by: Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Friends of Al-Aqsa, Stop the War Coalition, Muslim Association of Britain, Palestinian Forum in Britain, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Assemble 12 noon in central London, assembly point to be announced. <https://cnduk.org/events/>

1 February

ONLINE. Campaign Against Climate Change AGM and online meeting. 10.00-11.10: Campaign against Climate Change AGM to discuss how we can best tackle the climate crisis in the context of US expansionism, the rise. 11.20-12.30: Campaign against Climate Change trade union group AGM.

<https://tinyurl.com/eamhc33w>

4 February

ONLINE. Peace & Climate webinar. Come along and hear about the return of US nukes to the UK and the billions of UK tax payer pounds committed to new nuclear warheads and nuclear capable jets rather than tackling the climate and nature emergency and inequality. 6.30-8pm
<https://yorkshirecnd.org.uk/event/peace-climate-webinar-bradford-online/>

5 February

LEEDS. Stopping Trump's wars and the new nuclear dangers. Public meeting and discussion on new nuclear dangers, in light of the New START Treaty expiring and an uncertain future. With guest speakers Richard Burdon (Labour MP for Leeds East) and Sophie Bolt (General Secretary of CND). 6-8pm. The Attic, 3 Sheaf Street, LS10 1HD. <https://yorkshirecnd.org.uk/>

LONDON. Book Launch: The Log Books: Voices of Queer Britain and the Helpline That Listened with Tash Walker & Adam Zmith. An intimate history of LGBTQ+ life over four decades, discovered in a stash of forgotten, handwritten notes. Switchboard was founded at Housmans, and operated out of our premises for many years. So we are honoured to start LGBT+ History Month by launching a book that covers an intimate part of Switchboard's proud history and we look forward to welcoming its authors Tash Walker and Adam Zmith to the shop for an evening of discussion and celebration. 7pm at Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DY. £5, £20 inc

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

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book, £2.50 low income. Info and booking: <https://tinyurl.com/3d396f55>

12 February

UK. Workplace day of action for Palestine. Take action for Palestine in your workplace: make some noise with pots and pans! Have a canteen chat or a gate go-out, put up a poster or pin on a badge – let's show our support for Palestine. Start organising events at or near your workplaces now. Day of action called by Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Friends of Al-Aqsa, Stop the War Coalition, Muslim Association of Britain, Palestinian Forum in Britain, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. For any queries please email enquiries@cnduk.org or phone the CND office on 020 7700 2393.

14 February

LEYTONSTONE. There are always alternatives! A geographer's take on political options. Speaker: Danny Dorling. Speaker: Danny Dorling. In 1926 the Prime Minister claimed: 'The General Strike is a challenge to Parliament & is the road to anarchy & ruin'. The idea that There Is No Alternative (TINA) was continued by Thatcher in the 1970s & Starmer in 2024: 'There is no alternative: change takes time.' In every case there's an alternative. In every case an alternative always transpires, the world changes, but often not in the way many want. Danny, professor of geography at Oxford, whose latest book is *The Next Crisis*.: What we think about the future, will talk about control, anarchy, ruin & hope. 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 <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

18 February

UK. Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Ashes are applied to foreheads in a cross shape as a symbol of mortality and repentance. In London, there will be a witness at the Ministry of Defence. Other events around the country. See https://paxchristi.org.uk/event/ash-wednesday/?instance_id=1540

23 February

LONDON. Defend Ben Jamal & Chris Nineham: Defend the right to protest. Demo outside Free Palestine court case. 9-11am. Westminster Magistrates Court

18 Marylebone Road, NW1 5BR. <https://tinyurl.com/5f96zsvh> For any queries please contact information@cnduk.org or phone the CND office on 020 7700 2393.

28 February

KINGS LYNN. 'Stop British Nuke Jets' – national demonstration at RAF Marham. The government has announced it is buying 12 nuclear-capable fighter jets. This is a significant expansion of its nuclear capabilities, meaning that Britain will be able to launch nuclear weapons from both the sea and sky. Join us at Marham to say loud and clear we want to stop this nuclear expansion and scrap Britain's nuclear weapons altogether. Assemble at RAF Marham, Upper Marham, King's Lynn PE33 9NP. Details information@cnduk.org or 020 7700 2393.

5 March

WORLDWIDE. International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/disarmament-non-proliferation-awareness-day>

8 March

EVERYWHERE. International Women's Day. <https://www.internationalwomens-day.com/>

11 March

EVERYWHERE. Fukushima Day. <https://kicknuclear.com/>

14 March

FASLANE. Stop the Nuclear Nightmare. Scottish CND national demonstration. Save the date to join Scottish CND for a demonstration at Faslane, where Britain's nuclear weapons are based. More information to come, but for any queries in the meantime please contact 0141 357 1529 or email scnd@banthebomb.org

LEYTONSTONE. Who does history belong to? The continued importance of the fight for history for all. Speaker: Gaverne Bennett. Gaverne is the creative director/author of *The Guardian*'s most successful wall chart series *The Black History timeline & The British Library's Black Literature timeline* that went to every secondary school in the UK. 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

LONDON. Time to Stop Militarism, War & Islamophobia. Stop the War Coalition Annual Conference. Stop the War Coalition conference will address the multiple crisis we face. 11am – 5pm. Hamilton House, WC1H 9BD. Book here: <https://tinyurl.com/ptpk6kb2>.

21 March

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

28 March

LONDON. March Together Against the Far Right. Details tba. <https://www.togetheralliance.org.uk/>

1 – 6 April 2026

LAKENHEATH. Lakenheath Action for Peace peace camp. More information available soon – sign up for updates: <https://lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk/> sign-up/ Email info@lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk with any queries.

11 April

LEYTONSTONE. Brightening from the East. Speaker: Ken Worpole. Writer & social historian Ken Worpole, born in the Salvation Army Mothers' Hospital, Hackney in 1944, christened at St John's Church E11 in 1945, attended Davies Lane primary school before his family moved to Canvey Island. He & his wife, Lorraine, have been community activists in Hackney since the 1970s. Ken's written several influential books on architecture, landscape & public policy. He'll be talking about the key influences on his life: the early writings of John Berger, the anarchist journalism of Colin Ward & key figures in the History Workshop movement like Sheila Rowbotham & Raphael Samuel. 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

22 April

WORLDWIDE. Earth Day. Visit the official Earth Day site to learn about the world's largest environmental movement and what you can do to make every day Earth Day. <https://www.earthday.org/>

24 – 26 April

MILTON KEYNES. Details to follow of a joint peace conference with Fellowship of Reconciliation, Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, CHIPS, Christian CND and Church and Peace. Kent Hills Park, Conference Centre Milton Keynes. https://paxchristi.org.uk/event/joint-peace-conference-2026/?instance_id=1531

26 April

WORLDWIDE. Chernobyl Day. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/chernobyl-remembrance-day>

27 April – 22 May

NEW YORK CITY. 2026 NPT Review Conference. <https://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/disarmament-fora/npt/2026>

9 May

LEYTONSTONE. Spoken Word Poetry: A powerful, visceral, verbal art form. This talk by performance poet Max Terry Fishel offers an insight into the world of spoken word poetry, a burgeoning creative space open to everyone. Max will describe a typical open mic spoken word event, and talk about his own journey in this form of poetry. He will illustrate the talk with several of his own pieces, some on political issues, others on a range of topics. Max will also discuss performance techniques, as this is integral to his approach in making this art form accessible to audiences. He hopes that he will inspire audience members to seek out open mic events, and even try their hand at writing and performing! 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

15 May

EVERYWHERE. International Conscientious Objector's Day. <https://www.ppu.org.uk/>

16 May

WORLDWIDE. International Day of Living Together in Peace. The UN General-Assembly, in its resolution 72/130, declared 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/living-in-peace-day>

24 May

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

4 June

WORLDWIDE. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression <https://www.un.org/en/observances/child-victim-day>

5 June

WORLDWIDE. UN World Environment Day. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day>

13 June

LEYTONSTONE. The rise and decline of Lit and Phils. Speakers: Drs Heather Ellis & Martha Vandrei. 'This talk explores the extraordinary rise & inexplicable decline of Britain's literary & philosophical societies, which between the late 18th & early 20th centuries functioned as key institutions of civic education, public debate & scientific dissemination. Drawing on new research into their membership, activities & spatial organisation, we will examine how these societies operated at the intersection of elite & popular

knowledge cultures, often prefiguring later developments in adult education & public engagement.' 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

YORK. Living our peace testimony – a gathering for Quakers. To register an interest, contact: nfpb@gn.apc.org 07730 070167. Or complete the form here: <https://forms.gle/d6RbrvrcKs8TW1mx8>

20 June

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

Week covering World Refugee Day: World Refugee Week. <http://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

26 June

WORLDWIDE. International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/torture-victims-day>

11 July

LEYTONSTONE. My AI therapist lives in my pocket and knows me inside out. Vi Gostling Memorial Lecture. Speaker: Paul Atkinson. 'It can feel like Artificial Intelligence is taking over. AI is in the news every day, celebrated as the answer to every problem, & feared as an existential threat to our jobs & our control over our own lives. As a psychotherapist, until recently I thought at least counselling & psychotherapy would be exempt from the march of the machines, that our emotional worlds would always need the attention of fellow suffering human beings. I was wrong.' 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue.

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6 August

WORLDWIDE. Hiroshima Day.

8 August

LEYTONSTONE. Designer Babies and how to stop them. Speaker: Dave King. In the US, the hard right & Silicon Valley are coming together in an openly pro-eugenic techno fascism. Other technologies in the pipeline will turn making babies into an industrial production process. If we don't want to go quietly into that future, we need to build a coalition led by those targeted for elimination by eugenics: disabled people, black people & the working class. 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

9 August

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

29 August

WORLDWIDE. International Day against Nuclear Tests

12 September

LEYTONSTONE. Towards 'Smart' Prisons and E-Carceration? Speaker: Mike Nellis, Strathclyde University. The Ministry of Justice anticipates a minimum daily prison population in England & Wales of 95,000 by 2029, up from its present 88,000. More people go to prison, increasingly for longer. Some 'smart' prisons infused with digital technologies will allegedly strengthen security & improve rehabilitation. The moment when campaigners believed an array of alternatives to prison would enable sentencers to use prison less has long passed; alternatives are themselves becoming more punitive. 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

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>

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 has the enviable distinction of being 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. 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

Regular events

2nd to 3rd Sunday in October

COUNTRYWIDE. Week of Prayer for World Peace. <https://weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk/>

24 October

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

24 – 30 October

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

11 November

COUNTRYWIDE. Remembrance Day. Nearest Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.

14 November

LEYTONSTONE. International Bodies: Are they toothless tigers? Speaker: Douglas Saltmarshe. What do we refer to when we talk about human rights, refugees or asylum? What rights do civilians have in times of war & what are the obligations of occupying powers? Douglas Saltmarshe's professional activity has led him to engage with many situations related to conflict & development. In this talk he draws on his experiences in Afghanistan, the Middle East & elsewhere to illustrate the value of the tools, that is the frameworks & institutions, that we've developed to address these issues. 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>

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-rg.org/co/01dec.htm>

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 &

First Tuesday of the month, Brighton.

The Brighton, Hove and District Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom hold regular monthly meetings from 10.30am till 12.00. Contact brightonwib@11qp.co.uk

1st and 3rd Saturdays each month. Kingston

Market Place just outside All Saints Church, 11am to 1pm or sometimes to 2pm. Angie Cooper 020 8399 5537 ange cooper47@hotmail.com

Every Wednesday. 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>

Every Friday. Brighton. Women in Black vigil 1-2pm at War Memorial, Old Steine, Brighton brightonwib@11qp.co.uk

Every Tuesday Menwith Hill. Witness and protest Tuesday evenings at the Main Gates of Menwith Hill surveillance base, from 6pm to 7.30pm. Menwith Hill is on the A59 Harrogate to Skipton road) and nine miles from Harrogate North Yorkshire <https://theMHAC.uk> Contact email: Contact Sarah Swift for further details sswift64@gmail.com or ring 07902173148.

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

Every Friday Brighton. WILPF women attend regular Women in Black (WIB) Against War and Militarism vigils. WIB Brighton and Hove meet every Friday, between 1.00 – 2.00 pm, at the War Memorial in Old Steine. Please do come and join us. For information, contact email brightonwib@11qp.co.uk Every Friday Wimbledon. Weekly vigil for peace: Fridays, 6 -, 7 pm at St.Marks Place, Wimbledon. All welcome. maisie1carter@gmail.com <http://www.wdc-cnd.org.uk/>

First Saturday of the month Wimbledon.

Monthly Peace Table outside Wimbledon Library. 11 – 12.30. maisie1carter@gmail.com <http://www.wdc-cnd.org.uk/>

Every Saturday. London. WILPF and Women in Black vigil every week in silence and wearing black. 11-12 for their Gaza vigil outside Friends

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. Shocking tactics included engineering sexual relationships with women, acting as agents-provocateurs, hoovering up personal information on many thousands of people to send to

House, Euston.

Last Saturday of the month Chester. Stop Arming Saudi Arabia. Silent Vigil 12.30-1.30 at The Cross, Chester. Contact chesternd@gmail.com Wheelchair accessible

3rd Saturday each month Cambridge. Witness outside the Guildhall in the Market Square. Cambridge Quakers set up peace banners and keep silence from 11 – 12 noon. Nearby there's a table of information on peace issues, peace education resources and a chance to discuss. All welcome. Dates sometimes vary so best to confirm with morrow.h@outlook.com

Third Tuesday each month London. London CAAT's monthly meeting . londoncaat@rise-up.net

Every 4th Saturday Chichester. Women in Black stand in West Street precinct (south side) PO19 1RP 11 am - 12 noon Info. p.ivy@tiscali.co.uk

Every 1st Saturday Portsmouth, Women in Black stand at St. John's Cathedral PO1 3HQ every 1st Saturday 11 am - 12 noon Info. p.ivy@tiscali.co.uk

21st of every month RAF Waddington. 1pm to 3pm. Drone Watch Waddington by main gate on A607. See www.dronecampaignnetwork.org.uk 07414 465695

4th Sunday of the month: USAF Croughton main gate Quaker meeting 2-3pm. Contact Elizabeth Salisbury: 01865 515163.

4th Saturday of the month: USAF Fairford main gate Quaker meeting 2-3pm. Contact: Sue Fleming 01285 641340.

Second full weekend of every month

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp(agn) Second full weekend of every month. Camp or visit for the day. 07946676761

First Saturday of month Norwich. Vigil for Peace. 12noon. Outside St. Peter Mancroft Chantry Rd, NR2 1QZ.

Third Saturday of the month Lakenheath.

The Lakenheath Alliance for Peace is organising monthly vigils to continue to highlight that we don't want US nuclear weapons in Britain. Join us at the main gate (Gate 1) of RAF Lakenheath between 12noon and 2pm on the last Saturday of every month. Contact vigils@lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk for more information.

Christian CND Prayer Meetings

We gather twice a month on Zoom to pray together. See <https://christiancnd.org.uk/events/> for links.

MI5, & adopting the identities of deceased children. Come & hear how campaigners fought back, turned the tables & put the Police on trial in what has become the longest Public Inquiry in UK history. 7.30pm. See 14 February for details inc venue. Info: roskane@btinternet.com <https://newsfromnowhereweb.wordpress.com>