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Tank the Arms Fair

Jacqui Burke, Greater Manchester & District CND Regional Development Worker, explains why CND is protesting against an upcoming arms fair in London.

EVERY TWO YEARS, arms dealers, state and military companies from over a hundred countries and a thousand ‘defence’ and security suppliers come together at the Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) arms fair to meet, network and peruse the fighter jets, guns, warships and bombs on display. There are live action demos in the Royal Victoria Dock and keynote speakers to listen to, but

making deals is the real order of the day.

Clarion, the organisers of the fair, has said of the event: ‘The defence industry will be reunited in full force for the first time in 18 months – and nothing beats meeting face-to-face – making connections and talking through business principles.’

Contrary to what the UK government says as it denies healthcare workers an adequate wage, there is obviously still

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money to be spent – and to be made – but the loose purse strings only belong to the, so-called, defence industry. There’s little doubt that the UK government will be wining and dining heads of state and well-connected individuals as usual throughout the duration of the arms fair.

But there will be resistance.

This year, CND and other anti-arms trade and peace organisations have joined together to organise ‘Tank the Arms Fair: Resisting the DSEI Arms Fair’. Over a week of protests is running from September 6th-16th, with a day of action next Tuesday, the 14th of September. We’ll be gathering at the west entrance to the ExCel Centre, London where we will be

providing some face-to-face resistance and some live action demos of a different stripe. The day runs from 9am-9pm and there will be events happening throughout the day with keynote speakers, including CND’s own Kate Hudson, musicians, poets, Dabke dance lessons and much more to enjoy.

Later in the day, CND is organising an online rally with a range of speakers talking about how and why we bring an end to this dealing in death.

Please join the protests, more information available on CND’s website and on Stop the Arms Fair’s Facebook page and Twitter accounts. #StopDSEI.

Spotlight

This month South Lakeland & Lancaster District CND




As mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, CND groups across the country are getting ready to highlight local nuclear sites as part of a European-wide month of action. On 26th September, South Lakeland & Lancaster District CND will be protesting outside Barrow in Furness, where the submarines hosting Britain’s nuclear weapons are made.

If you would like to join the group on the day, or live locally and would like to get involved in another way with the group, get in touch!

Contact 01539 562778 or gilliganphilip@gmail.com – they would love to hear from you.

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what's next?



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your MP**



**Get your
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signed up**



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petition**

Information – cnduk.org/tpnw



For a Nuke-Free Europe: **taking action together**

Reiner Braun, Executive Director of the International Peace Bureau (IPB) is one of the initiators of a campaign for a nuclear-free Europe. Here he writes about the network and its latest action.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS in Europe – whether in France, Great Britain and Russia, or the US nuclear weapons in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy and Turkey – are a threat for millions of people. Their use, or a counterattack against these countries, would wipe out the continent and cost tens of millions of lives.

That is why the struggle for a Europe without nuclear weapons has been an essential part of the peace movement for decades.

The network 'Nuke Free Europe' wants to better link the diverse activities already happening in different countries and organise more joint actions. It calls "on all citizens to organize against our possible extinction and to fight for a just, green and peaceful Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals, free of nuclear weapons, with security for all provided through other means. The situation is urgent. As the risks of nuclear confrontation grow in Europe, through the Middle East, India/Pakistan, the Pacific

and the Korean peninsula, Europe must take a stand."

The network was initiated by campaigning organisations including the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation; the International Peace Bureau (IPB); and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). The campaign is supported by many national peace organisations, including CND.

A special focus of the campaign is the end of 'nuclear sharing' - US nuclear weapons in Europe. They should be withdrawn and destroyed. Nuke-Free Europe supports the TPNW. The campaign is particularly committed to getting more European, and especially NATO, countries to

sign and ratify the treaty.

The campaign has so far made its voice heard with various webinars on European nuclear weapons and on the involvement of parliamentarians for a nuclear-weapon-free Europe. A petition for a nuclear weapons-free Europe can be signed online.

During September, the campaign is organising a month of action in all nuclear-sharing countries. Various actions are also planned in Italy, the UK and France. Actions in Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium will be linked by a bike tour.

More information about the campaign and the actions in September can be found on the website: www.nukefreeeurope.eu

Nurses not Nukes 26th September **Mark the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**

As part of the month of action, CND will be shining a spotlight on the nuclear chain by encouraging action at nuclear sites across the country on September 26th.

■ See www.cnduk.org/Sep26 for more information.

Oxford CND benefit concert with Oxford Classic Jazz Band

11 September, 7:30pm
Friends Meeting House, Oxford
■ Contact 01865 248357 or oxfordcnd@phoncoop.coop

Resist DSEI: Stop Arming Israel demonstration

12 September, 1pm-4pm
Assemble Forest Lane Park, London E15

■ To register contact info@palestinecampaign.org

Nurses not Nukes: nuclear disarmament in the age of Covid-19

CND TUC fringe meeting
13 September 12:30-1:30pm
■ To register contact information@cnduk.org

Peace walk to DSEI arms fair

14 September 11am-1pm
Meet outside Stratford station, London E15.
■ Contact enquiries@cnduk.org

Selling Death: why we must stop the arms trade – CND online rally

14 September, 6:30pm
Online event.
■ To register contact information@cnduk.org

Stop arming Israel: DSEI arms fair rally

16 September, 6:30pm
Royal Victoria Square, London E16.
■ Contact info@palestinecampaign.org

CND Conference 16th and 24th October 2021
No new nuclear arms race

Join us on 16th and 24th October 2021 for CND Conference, which will be held online due to the ongoing uncertainties of the Covid-19 pandemic. Have your say at our AGM and Policy Conference on Saturday 16th, and join in the discussion, debate and activities at the public event on Sunday 24th.



Derby Peace Week

18-25 September
Full programme planned.
■ Contact moyra_jean@yahoo.co.uk

Say no to US military drone tests in UK skies

18 September, 12 noon
RAF Lossiemouth.
■ Contact enquiries@cnduk.org

Greenham 40 Women's Disco – Bradford CND fundraiser

18 September, 7:30pm-11pm
Shipleigh and District Social Club, 70 Saltaire Road, Shipley.
■ Contact bradford@cnd.rocks

'Banning the Bomb, the Growth of Opposition to Nuclear Weapons' – Hereford exhibition

20-25 September
All Saints Church, High Street, Hereford.
■ Contact 01981 510223 or carolanson@yahoo.co.uk

Stories of State Surveillance and Infiltration of Peace Movements

26 September, 2pm
Online event.
■ Contact gmdcnd@gn.apc.org or 0161 273 8283

Christian CND Conference and Annual General Meeting

2 October, 11am-3:30pm
Jesmond Methodist Church, 68 St George's Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne.
■ Contact christians@cnduk.org or 020 7700 4200.

New nuclear: What's at stake for wildlife?

7 October 7pm-8:30pm
Online event.
■ Contact gmdcnd@gn.apc.org or 0161 273 8283.

Build back better, not meaner: Labour CND mini-conference

9 October
■ Contact gmdcnd@gn.apc.org