

DSEI Arms Fairs returns to London

The ExCeL Centre, Victoria Dock, E16 1BD

Protest Actions will take place 4th – 15th September 2023



The DSEI Arms Fair brings together 1,700+ arms companies who promote their lethal wares to more than 36,000 attendees from around the world. The event is supported by the Ministry of Defence and the UK Defence and Security Ministry. It provides an opportunity for the UK to showcase military equipment and technology and secure trade for UK arms companies.

Pax Christi England and Wales, along with many other peace groups, condemns this venture. Thousands are killed, maimed and forced to flee their homes due to conflicts around the world, including Ukraine, Russia, Yemen, DRC, South Sudan, Eritrea, Israel and Palestine. At the same time people are tortured and have their rights abused, especially women and girls, in Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar and Iran. None of this would be possible without the weapons and equipment supplied in the global arms market. Half of UK arms exports go to human rights abusers.

Actions: Spread the word, pray for an end to the Arms Fair, check the websites below for actions on different days, join us at one of the protest events in London, hold a prayer vigil or protest locally.

Practicalities for events overleaf: please bring water and food, appropriate clothing for the weather, mobile phone

For more information visit:

www.paxchristi.org.uk

<https://stopthearmsfair.org.uk/>

<https://www.quaker-roots.org.uk/>



No Faith in War – Stop the DESI Arms Fair – Prayer Event Online

Date: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Time: 7pm

Join us online on zoom for prayer on the eve of the No Faith in War Day, particularly as a way to join our action if you can't be with us in London on Thursday.



Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/5fhk3zky> or use the QR code above.

No Faith in War Day – Pax Christi Peace Walk

Date: Thursday 7th September 2023

Meet at: St Anne's RC Church, 1 Berwick Road, London, EC16 3DR

Time: 10am for 10.30am

We will start with a short Service and then walk, in prayer, to the ExCeL Centre with Prayer Stations along the way.

At the ExCeL Centre, East Gate, E16 1FR, we will join with other Faith Groups in acts of worship through the day.

Silent Candlelit Vigil

Organised by Pax Christi England and Wales,
Quaker Roots and Quaker Peace and Social Witness

Date: Monday 11th September 2023 on the eve of the opening of the Arms Fair

Time: Meet at 6.30pm at Royal Victoria DLR Station, vigil 7pm-8pm

We will walk together to the ExCeL Centre, Royal Victoria Square, London, E16 1BD

Please bring a candle in a container – a jar or lantern.

Please arrive on time as the gates may be closed.