

7 THINGS YOU CAN DO FROM HOME TO MARK

INTERNATIONAL CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS' DAY on Friday 15 May 2020

a day for remembering all those who have struggled for the right to refuse to fight - throughout history and today



The memorial to conscientious objectors in Tavistock Square, London.

MAKE a poster for your window on CO Day. You can find print-at-home posters for colouring-in here: https://www.ppu.org.uk/sites/default/files/CO_Day_2020_posters.pdf - or make your own.

SEND a donation to help establish a new memorial in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. Dedicated to COs and all those who oppose war, the beautiful design represents a 'handkerchief tree'. Details here <http://peaceandjustice.org.uk/projects/co-memorial/>

JOIN the online celebration of International Conscientious Objectors' Day at 12 noon on Friday 15 May. Visit co-day.org for details of how to join. The event will include:

- Actor Michael Mears offering stories of some Second World War COs
- Niat Chefena Hailemariam, from Eritrea, where military service is compulsory for both young women and men
- Reading the names of representative COs from most countries across the centuries
- Music

WATCH this short film based on the poem 'Conscientious Objector' by Edna St Vincent Millay. Talk about it with your contacts, friends and family. What orders would you refuse to obey? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yy52M8XjfX0>

LEARN some peace songs - *The ones who said No*, and *Road to peace*. Created by singer-songwriter Sue Gilmurray, they are often sung on International CO Day. Find the words on the CO Day webpage

www.soundcloud.com/mightierpen/the-ones-who-said-no

www.soundcloud.com/mightierpen/road-to-peace

For young children - *I've got peace like a river* -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2R4D6qhaD8>

USE hashtag #CODay2020 to tell others via social media what you have been doing for CO Day

SHARE your own views about conscientious objection by making a short video for the War Resisters' International YouTube channel in advance of CO Day. More details:

<https://wri-irg.org/en/programmes/rtrk/co-action-alert/2020/take-action-celebrating-international-conscientious-objection>

More ideas and resources can be found on the CO Day webpage. Visit co-day.org

The International Conscientious Objectors' Day Group includes representatives of the following organisations: Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, Conscience, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Humanists UK, Movement for the Abolition of War, Network for Peace, Pax Christi, Peace News, Peace Pledge Union, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, the Right to Refuse to Kill Group, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.