

HEALTH THROUGH PEACE

CONFRONTING WAR, MILITARISATION & GLOBAL INSECURITY

13TH AND 14TH NOVEMBER 2015 - FRIENDS HOUSE, LONDON

Friday 13th November

Register at www.medact.org/peace2015

09¹⁵ Welcome - Dr Fiona Godlee (Editor, British Medical Journal)

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1 hour
PLENARY
Lecture and Q&A - War, Violence and Conflict: Global Trends 1945 - 2045
Professor Paul Rogers (Bradford School of Peace Studies and Oxford Research Group)

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Time to get to rooms

10⁴⁵ 1 hour 30mins SESSION 1	A1: Health Professionals and Nuclear Disarmament Current and historical perspectives on the role of the health community in nuclear disarmament. Dr Frank Boulton (Medact), Elena Carter (Wellcome Trust), Dr Lesley Morrison (Medact Scotland), Tilman Ruff (IPPNW International) and others.	B1: New Weapons And Remote Warfare The changing nature of weapons and warfare: remote fighting, drones, robotics, and cyber warfare. Richard Reeve (Director, Sustainable Security Programme, ORG), Paul Rogers (University of Bradford; ORG), and others	C1: Public Health In Conflict Zones The delivery of health care and public health in war and conflict zones. Protecting and re-building health systems. Dr Preeti Patel (Global Health and Conflict, KCL), Marieke (Overseas Development Institute) and Fawzia Gibson-Fall (KCL).	D1: The UK Arms Trade The role and scale of the global arms trade in fuelling war and the particular role of the UK government and UK-based companies Sarah Waldron (Campaigns Coordinator, CAAT), Sayed Ahmed Alwadaei (Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy) and Kat Hobbs (Outreach Coordinator, CAAT).	E1: The War on Drugs The scale of violence, conflict and damage associated with the 'War on Drugs'. Martin Drewry (Health Poverty Action), Danny Kushlick (Transform Drug Policy), and Jamie Bridge (International Drug Policy Consortium). Chaired by Natasha Horsfield (Health Poverty Action)

12¹⁵ Lunch (Provided) / Stalls and Exhibitions

13⁴⁵ 1 hour 30mins SESSION 2	A2: Unpicking Nuclear Deterrence Theory A critical look at the culture of nuclear weapons, and mainstream narratives of nuclear deterrence in the UK might be challenged. Kate Hudson (CND), Paul Ingram (BASIC), Richard Norton-Taylor (The Guardian), and others.	B2: Biological and Chemical Warfare Production and use of biological and chemical weapons, with a focus on recent events in Syria, bio-terrorism threats, future developments and control. Professor Malcolm Dando (International Security - University of Bradford), Dr Christian Enemark (Aberystwith University), Jennifer Cole (Royal United Services Institute). Chaired by Dr Simon Rushton.	C2: On The Frontline Of War and Conflict Protecting health workers, civilians and humanitarian organisations from conflict and violence. Fikr Shaloot (Gaza Medical MAP UK), Nils Peter Mork (Médecins Sans Frontières), and Stuart Gordon (LSE)	D2: The Geopolitics of the Military Industrial Complex The politics and economics of the military industrial complex with a focus on the global aspects of the arms trade. Martin Butcher (Arms and Conflict Policy Advisor, Oxfam International), Dr Paul Holtom (Conventry University; former SIPRI) and Elli Kytomaki (Chatham House)	E2: Gender, Militarism and Violence (Part One) The role of gender and other social and cultural norms in determining and shaping war, violence and conflict. Hannah Wright (Gender, Peace and Security Advisor, Saferworld), Julie Brethfeld (Conflict and Security Advisor), and Dr Julia Welland (University of Warwick).

15¹⁵ Break (Tea, Coffee and Cake)

15⁴⁵ 1 hour 30mins SESSION 3	A3: The Humanitarian Imperative to Ban Nuclear Weapons Learn about the humanitarian initiative to ban nuclear weapons, which has so far gained 117 signatories, and is posing a significant challenge to the international status quo. Rebecca Sharkey (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons UK), Wilbert van der Zeijden (PAX), Dr Beyza Unal (Chatham House) and others.	B3: Redefining Security How defence and security are defined and conceptualised has a profound effect on how we respond to external threats - how might we better define security in the 21st century? Phil Vernon (Head of Programmes, International Alert), Dr Rachel Julian (Leeds Beckett University), and Andrew Rigby (Ammerdown Invitation)	C3: Health Impacts of War and Conflict Assessing the full impact of war and armed conflict. Case studies from Gaza; the Ukraine; Sub-Saharan Africa; and a hypothetical war on Iran. Miri Weingarten (Medact and Physicians for Human Rights Israel), Dr Maria Kett (Leonard Cheshire Centre for Disability) and Doug Weir (Toxic Remnants of War)	D3: Climate Change And Conflict Resource scarcity, extreme weather events, sea level rise and other manifestations of climate change as a cause of war and conflict. War and conflict as a source of GHG emissions. Devin Bowles and Colin Butler (University of Canberra), Janani Vivekananda (Climate Change & Security - International Alert) and Frances MacGuire (Medact)	E3: Gender, Militarism and Violence (Part Two) The relationship between masculinities and gang violence in the UK, and the use of innovative techniques to promote critical reflection on gender and violence. Hannah Wright (Gender, Peace and Security Advisor, Saferworld), Julie Brethfeld (Conflict and Security Advisor), and David Brockway (The Great Initiative).

17¹⁵ Free Time - Eat, Drink and Discuss
(Friends House restaurant open - but food not included in ticket price)

18⁴⁵ 1 hour 30mins KEYNOTE	Health Through Peace - Keynote Lecture John Ashton CBE (Independent activist; ex-UK climate envoy) and Andrew Feinstein (Former South African MP and Author, 'The Shadow World') Chaired by Dr Preeti Patel (Kings College London)

ENDS: 20:30

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Welcome - Richard Horton (Editor, The Lancet)

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1 hour 30 mins

War, Conflict and Militarisation as Global Health Issues

Richard Horton (Editor, The Lancet), Dan Smith (Director, International Alert), and Ben Griffin (Veterans For Peace)
Chaired by June Crown (Medact).

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Break (Tea, Coffee and Cake)

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1 hour 30 mins

Responding to War, Conflict and Militarisation as a Health Community

Professor Sir Andy Haines (LSHTM), Dr Vivienne Nathanson (BMA), Layth Hanbali (Medsin),
Ira Helfand (President, IPPNW), Jose Antonio Bastos (MSF International Board) and others.

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Lunch (Provided) / Stalls / Exhibitions

15⁰⁰

2 hours

Teaching Peace in Health	Supporting Refugees in the UK	Using Research and Evidence for Peace	Advocacy and Campaigning for Peace	Health as a Bridge for Peace
Building a more peaceful world requires us all to critically reflect on what we learn about war and violence as responses to problems we face. We also need to learn new ways of approaching difficult situations. How can we promote peacemaking within our education system?	Over the coming months, up to 10,000 refugees may arrive in the UK seeking sanctuary from war and armed conflict. How can our society, and the health community in particular, best support and welcome those seeking refuge?	Even following the end of armed conflict, building future peace can take years, if not decades. Using Yemen as a practical example, we will explore what a post-war reconstruction model might look like in a country still torn apart by war.	Building a more peaceful world will rely upon our ability to effectively influence and engage with politicians, the media and the general public more generally. A workshop run by CAAT and others on effective campaigning and advocacy.	In conflict areas across the world, health professionals and health institutions provide protection and advocate on behalf of grassroots peacemakers. A workshop led by Peace Direct on how we in the UK can help catalyse those relationships.
With Medical Peace Work	With Medact			With Peace Direct

Short Break

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45 mins

Closing Plenary

Dr David McCoy (Medact and QMUL) and Guest Speaker (TBC)

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1 hour 30 minutes

Free Time - Eat, Drink and Discuss

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2 hours

SOCIAL EVENT: Music, Art and Celebration

An informal evening of music and spoken word brought to you by 'Folk and Word' - an East-London collective of spoken word artists, comedians and singers. This will be an eclectic mix of folk and acoustic music from across the world alongside some spoken word and poetry on the theme of peace, conflict and reconciliation.

Rafeef Ziadah (Palestinian activist and performance artist), Rosie Sleightome (Bristol-based folk musician), the SOAS Ceilidh Band, and more.

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