

Peace Round-up – 14 October 2019

A selection of items from a range of sources. Inclusion here does not imply full endorsement, but is based on current concerns of NFPB and its members.

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British army 'leaning on' under-18s to help fill its ranks

Army turning to younger, poorer, teenagers to fill riskiest roles, say critics of enlistment strategy
<https://bit.ly/31St3K9>

Small acts of hope: a map for these difficult times

By Jill Segger <http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/node/28773>

Bishops issue open letter on Brexit

<http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/node/28797>

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A group of Church of England bishops has issued an open letter on the prospect of a 'no-deal' Brexit and the need for national reconciliation, notwithstanding the potential prorogation of Parliament.

Coalition of over 80 charities express 'grave concerns' about no-deal Brexit

<https://bit.ly/2J2a74E>

Civil society leaders issue warning on proroguing parliament

Quakers in Britain have joined a host of civil society leaders, warning that proroguing parliament risks eroding democratic accountability.
<https://bit.ly/2P8DdU7>

Boris Johnson accused of 'violating international law' with 'inflammatory' remarks about sending migrants back

<https://bit.ly/2BiECiB>

Human rights groups protest as world arms fair returns to London

At least 116 demonstrators have been arrested ahead of controversial trade show
<https://bit.ly/2IH6HM4>

DSEI arms fair invitations to repressive regimes are wrong

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/09/dsei-arms-fair-invitations-to-repressive-regimes-are-wrong>

SILENT PROTEST AT THE LONDON ARMS FAIR

Today, 10 members of Veterans for Peace UK staged a silent protest outside the 2019 DSEI arms trade fair.
<http://vfpuk.org/articles/silent-protest-at-the-london-arms-fair>

Is it time to ditch the NPT?

By Joeliën Pretorius, Tom Sauer, September 6, 2019
<https://thebulletin.org/2019/09/is-it-time-to-ditch-the-npt>

Why I was refused entry to cover UK arms fair

Ian Cobain
<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/why-i-was-refused-entry-cover-uk-arms-fair>

The forging of a nonviolent faith

The final part of our interview with long-time Catholic peace activist Pat Gaffney
<https://peacenews.info/node/9490/forging-nonviolent-faith>

Beatrice Fihn: "As long as we have nuclear weapons, nuclear war will always be an option"

<https://www.equaltimes.org/beatrice-fihn-as-long-as-we-have>

WAR ON THE WORLD

Industrialized Militaries Are a Bigger Part of the Climate Emergency Than You Know

<https://theintercept.com/2019/09/15/climate-change-us-military-war>

2019 Right Livelihood Award Laureates Announced

<https://www.rightlivelihoodaward.org/media/2019-right-livelihood-award-laureates-announced>

Push for campaign to stop Scots banks funding arms firms

<https://www.thenational.scot/news/17919105.push-campaign-stop-scots-banks-funding-arms-firms>

Brexit, threats and divisions By Savi Hensman
<http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/node/28925>

Renewal and Rebellion: Faith, Economy and Climate

JPIT's 2020 national conference

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/conference2020>

Statement on political situation

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference, has released the following statement regarding the current political situation.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/statement-on-political-situation/>

Time For Reflection

Alastair Cameron, Clerk to the South East Scotland Area Quaker Meeting

<https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/time-for-reflection-october-1-2019>

After the arms fair: a Quaker reflects on conscience, arrest and privilege

Bradford Quaker Rosie Horsley joined a day of faith-led action outside one of the world's biggest arms fairs. Here she shares what happened next.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/our-stories/after-the-arms-fair-a-quaker-reflects-on-conscience-arrest-and-privilege>

'In stillness we can ask ourselves whether there might be seeds of war within ourselves.'

Tim Gee considers the Peace Testimony

<https://thefriend.org/article/in-stillness-we-can-ask-ourselves-whether-there-might-be-seeds-of-war-withi>

New exhibition at the Peace Museum explores untold stories of Britain's nuclear bomb test veterans

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/17957027.new-exhibition-peace-museum-explores-untold-stories-britains-nuclear-bomb-test-veterans>

Local government: why it matters

Mairi Campbell-Jack outlines why working through local councils can enact real change in the community.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/local-government-why-it-matters>

Standing up to hate - statement following the attack in Halle, Germany

Statement from the Inter Faith Network for the UK Co-Chairs and Faith Communities Forum Moderators

<https://www.interfaith.org.uk/news/standing-up-to-hate-statement-following-the-attack-in-halle-germany>

Quakers welcome historic Equal Protection from Assault Bill

Quakers in Britain have welcomed the passing of the Equal Protection from Assault Bill as a historic moment for Scotland's children.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-welcome-historic-equal-protection-from-assault-bill>

Irresponsible science?

How the fossil fuel and arms corporations finance professional engineering and science organisations

<https://www.sgr.org.uk/publications/irresponsible-science>

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Red poppy to mark civilian victims of war and 'acts of terrorism'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-50068785>

Does punishment work?

Home Secretary Priti Patel says she wants criminals to 'literally feel terror at the thought of committing offences'. Quakers have a different approach.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/does-punishment-work>

Call to Action in Times of Transition and Change

Reconcilers Together 10 Oct 2019

<https://www.placeforhope.org.uk/blog/call-to-action-in-times-of-transition-and-change>

Extinction Rebellion targets arms industry: Disarm to Decarbonise

<https://www.pressenza.com/2019/10/extinction-rebellion-targets-arms-industry-disarm-to-decarbonise/>