Peace Round-up – 27 September 2021

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Swarthmore Lecture: Kinder Ground: Creating Space for Truth

by Thomas Penny - https://woodbrooke.org.uk/swarthmore

Security in Community: Finding a Home In the Hostile Environment

Rethinking Security https://lght.ly/9oh0h97

Rethinking Security in Germany: From Scenario to Policy?

Rethinking Security Blog - https://lght.ly/pca60ep

Mercenaries must leave Libya to pave way for peace

Ekklesia - https://www.ekklesia.co.uk/2021/08/03/mercenaries-must-leave-libya-to-pave-way-for-peace

MPs urged to change law on sex abuse in the military

Ekklesia - https://www.ekklesia.co.uk/2021/07/28/mps-urged-to-change-law-on-sexual-abuse-in-the-military

CAA opens skies to military drones

Drone Wars - https://dronewars.net/nousdronetests

A Decade after Tottenham burned, social alienation mean riots could happen again

David Lammy, Guardian article -

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/jul/30/Ftottenham-social-alienation-riots-tory-governments-family-youth-police

Quakers make commitments on racism, gender diversity and climate change

Britain Yearly Meeting - https://www.quaker.org.uk/Fnews-and-events/news/quakers-make-commitments-on-racism-gender-diversity-and-climate-justice

Shadows in the summer sky: US military drone tests in the UK

Rethinking Security - https://lght.ly/lde8epl

Faith Groups to "make COP26 count"

The Friend https://thefriend.org/article/faith-groups-to-make-cop26-count

Defence projects set to be late & over budget

Daily Telegraph report

https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2021/08/30/defence-projects-worth-166bn-set-late-budget

Vaccine Inequality: We are not all safe

Rethinking Security - https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2021/09/02/vaccine-inequality

Why Addressing the Climate Crisis Can Help Build more sustainable peace

New Security Beat

https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2021/08/addressing-climate-crisis-build-sustainable-peace

Peace Operations in Africa: Experts, policy-makers converge to Ethiopia to discuss emerging dynamics

Modern Ghana - https://www.modernghana.com/news/1102633%2Fpeace-operations-in-africa-experts-policy-makers.html

Challenging War stories

The Australian Friend - https://australianfriend.org/challenging-war-stories

BBC – A house through time – including pacifist owner

BBC iplayer https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000zqtptd

Declassified UK: Britain's 'robust' arms sales controls are a fiction

Daily Maverick - https://Ft.co/C9mkogcvjP

Quakers join international action for climate loss and damage

Quakers in Britain - https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-join-international-action-for-climate-loss-and-damage

How militarism fuels climate change

Jan Oberg https://www.youtube.com/watch

Dismantling racism and militarism in US Foreign policy.

FCNL https://www.fcnl.org/dismantling-racism-and-militarism-us-foreign-policy

Global peacebuilders call on governments to invest in peace

https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/global-peacebuilders-call-on-governments-to-invest-in-peace

Afghanistan / 20th anniversary of 9/11

The global implications of the Taliban's advance in Afghanistan

Open Democracy - https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/the-global-implications-of-the-talibans-advance-in-afghanistan

Quakers urge UK government to accept responsibility for Afghan refugees

Quakers in Britain - https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-urge-uk-government-to-recognise-responsibility-for-afghan-refugees

Why has so little been said about Afghan casualties over the last 20 years?

Guardian article Clive Lewis

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Afghanistan: counting the cost

GCOMS - https://demilitarize.org.uk/afghanistan-counting-the-cost

UK planning for drone strikes against ISIS says head of RAF

Drone Wars - https://dronewars.net/2021/08/31/Fuk-planning-for-strikes-against-isis-in-afghanistan-says-head-of-royal-air-force

Two Decades of War

Friends Committee on National Legislation - https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2021-09/two-decades-war

Calculating the costs of the Afghan War

Defenseone - https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2021/09/calculating-costs-afghanistan-war

Afghanistan: unprepared then, unprepared now

Daily Maverick: unclassified UK - https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-09-03-britain-in-afghanistan-unprepared-then-unprepared-now

Fears UK weapon exports could fall into Taliban's hands

Politico

https://www.politico.eu/article/uk-weapons-military-equipment-exports-trade-taliban-afghanistan

The West is out of Afghanistan but the arms trade rolls on

The London Economic - https://www.thelondoneconomic.com/politics/the-west-is-out-of-afghanistan-but-the-arms-trade-rolls-on-288098

Peace group challenges 'architect' of failed wars Tony Blair to public debate

Common Dreams - https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/08/26/peace-group-challenges-architect-failed-wars-tony-blair-public-debate

Two Decades of War

Friends Committee on National Legislation - https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2021-09/two-decades-war

Twenty Years on: reflecting on 9/11

Quakers in Britain

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9/11 Twenty years on

Peace Direct - https://www.peacedirect.org/9-11-twenty-years-on

As the US Empire declines, what opportunity for progressive movements?

Waging Non-violence https://wagingnonviolence.org/2021/08/afghanistan-us-empire-decline-good-news

DSEI

Activists prepare to stop London Arms Fair

Ekklesia - https://www.ekklesia.co.uk/2021/08/29/activists-prepare-to-stop-the-arms-fair

Friends get ready for DSEI

The Friend - https://thefriend.org/article/friends-get-ready-for-dsei

A Quaker response to DSEI Arms Fair

Quakers in Britain - https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/witnessing-against-the-arms-trade-at-dsei

Liverpool says to AOC Europe Arms Fair

Public Interest Law Centre https://www.pilc.org.uk/blog/liverpool-says-no-to-aoc-europe-arms-fair

An unwelcome guest: DSEI - CAAT - https://caat.org.uk/news/an-unwelcome-guest-dsei-2021

Liverpool rises in opposition to arms fair as legal challenge is mounted

Open Democracy https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/liverpool-rises-opposition-arms-fair-legal-challenge-mounted

Responsible science: A presentation at the 'Conference At the Gates' at DSEI

Scientists for Global Responsibility

https://www.sgr.org.uk/resources/growing-military-involvement-uk-universities-and-alternatives

Demilitarising Education and DSEI

CAAT - https://caat.org.uk/news/demilitarising-education-and-dsei-2021

Talk by Bishop Roger Morris at DSEI: Shame of UK involvement in arms trade

Anglican Pacifist Fellowship

https://www.youtube.com/watch/v/DD7DhoVUh46o/6ab_channel.AnglicanPacifistFellowship

"Nothing to hide here": Inside the world's largest arms fair in the heart of London

https://declassifieduk.org/nothing-to-hide-here-inside-the-worlds-largest-arms-fair-in-the-heart-of-london/

Nuclear Weapons

Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki

Britain Yearly Meeting

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Mothers, missiles and the American president

BBC programme

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000z51p/mothers-missiles-and-the-american-president

How the Greenham Common protest changed lives: we danced on the nuclear silos

Guardian article

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/mar/20/greenham-common-nuclear-silos-women-protest-peace-camp

"We owe them a huge amount:" March to honour Greenham Common Women

The Guardian

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The Greenham Common women who changed the world Wales Online -

https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/greenham-common-women-who-changed-21394438

Feminist Peace - opposing militarism & war

Youtube video - https://youtu.be/7A3YKbtCvPE

AUOB sets out 'nuclear free' vision for Scotland

The National https://www.thenational.scot/news/19544858.auob-faslane-rally-sets-nuclear-free-vision-scotland

CND vigil for nuclear bomb victims

https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/19499501.cnd-vigil-bolton-nuclear-bomb-victims

MOD could move nuclear subs abroad if Scotland breaks away

Financial Times - https://www.ft.com/content/2e73ab9d-772b-4112-871a-24207f0e982a

Politics of Nuclear Disarmament

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'Vigil' and the reality of nuclear weapons

Scottish CND blogpost - https://www.banthebomb.org/vigil-and-the-reality-of-nuclear-weapons

Scotland's nuclear military bases at 'very great' risk of flooding due to climate change, report finds

https://www.scotsman.com/news/environment/scotlands-nuclear-military-bases-at-very-great-risk-of-flooding-due-to-climate-change-report-finds-3389821

The new Australia, UK, and US nuclear submarine announcement: a terrible decision for the nonproliferation regime

Bulletin of Atomic Scientists https://thebulletin.org/2021/09/the-new-australia-uk-and-us-nuclear-submarine-announcement-a-terrible-decision-for-the-nonproliferation-regime

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https://cnduk.org/aukus-why-we-say-no/

Australian nuclear submarine plan 'wrong direction at wrong time', Nobel prize-winning group says Guardian article - https://theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/sep/16/australian-nuclear-submarine-plan-wrong-direction-at-the-wrong-time-nobel-prize-winning-group-says