

# Peace Round-up – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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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## MoD under fire over plan for radioactive waste dump in Clyde

Fears have been raised after the Ministry of Defence revealed plans that could result in a significant increase in levels of radioactive waste being discharged into the sea.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-51967889>

## Annual pacifist gathering makes plans to resist militarism

Pacifist determination to resist war was made clear as Peace Pledge Union members from around Britain held their annual general meeting last weekend.

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/news/annual-pacifist-gathering-makes-plans-resist-militarism>

## Experience: I've been protesting for seven decades

I always carry a flask of tea. If you're drinking tea, it's unlikely anyone will think you're about to start a riot

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2020/mar/06/experience-ive-been-protesting-for-seven-decades>

## 25 years of gender and peacebuilding

Ndeye Sow has worked for International Alert for over 25 years in gender and peacebuilding.

<https://www.international-alert.org/blogs/ndeye-sow-25-years-gender-and-peacebuilding>

## USA and France dramatically increase major arms exports; Saudi Arabia is largest arms importer, says SIPRI

<https://www.sipri.org/media/press-release/2020/usa-and-france-dramatically-increase-major-arms-exports-saudi-arabia-largest-arms-importer-says>

## Sam Walton takes the helm at Free Tibet and Tibet Watch

The Boards of Free Tibet and Tibet Watch are delighted to announce the appointment of Sam Walton as the new Chief Executive of both organisations

<https://freetibet.org/chief-executive-appointment>

## The 2020 NPT Review Conference: From the Sublime to the Ridiculous

<https://www.ipsnews.net/2020/03/2020-npt-review-conference-sublime-ridiculous/>

## Pandemic exposes government security failure

Wash our hands of Trident to combat COVID19

<https://cnduk.org/pandemic-exposes-government-security-failure/>

## QUNO Geneva invites applications for Programme Assistantships

Applications are now open for three programme assistant positions at QUNO Geneva from September 2020 to August 2021 in Human Rights & Refugees; Peace & Disarmament; and Climate Change & Sustainability.

The closing date for applications is 6 April 2020.

<https://quno.org/timeline/2020/3/quno-geneva-invites-applications-programme-assistantships>

## Coronavirus: advice for Quaker meetings

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-organisation/support-for-meetings/coronavirus-advice-for-quaker-meetings>

## The collective psychology of coronavirus

Just like climate change or political tribalism, coronavirus asks us: do we see ourselves as part of a Larger Us, a them-and-us, or an atomised "I"?

<https://www.globaldashboard.org/2020/03/13/the-collective-psychology-of-coronavirus>

Statement 14 March 2020: Woodbrooke to suspend onsite courses in response to COVID-19

<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/statement-14-march-2020-woodbrooke-to-suspend-onsite-courses-in-response-to-covid-19>

## Coronavirus: Opportunity in Crisis?

Note: This blog was written in early March in a very fast moving situation and some elements may seem out of synch with the evolving situation.

<https://stethelburgas.org/coronavirus-opportunity-in-crisis>

## Arms industry staff seconded into key roles at UK Department for Trade

Concerns raised after FoI request reveals arms firms' employees in influential government posts

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/18/arms-industry-staff-seconded-into-key-roles-at-uk-department-for-trade>

## **‘Sometimes then, the worst brings out the best in us.’**

Thought for the week: Alastair McIntosh

<https://thefriend.org/article/sometimes-then-the-worst-brings-out-the-best-in-us>

## **The Elders call for global resolve and solidarity in the fight against COVID-19**

<https://www.theelders.org/news/elders-call-global-resolve-and-solidarity-fight-against-covid-19>

## **Radical niceness will see society through the coronavirus crisis**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/mar/19/radical-niceness-coronavirus-crisis>

## **To address the corona virus: Shift resources from nukes and the military to public health and the economy!**

<http://www.nuclearweaponsmoney.org/news/to-address-the-corona-virus-shift-resources-from-nukes-and-the-military-to-public-health-and-the-economy>

## **Supporting migrants to healthcare access during this crisis**

<https://www.medact.org/2020/blogs/covid-migrant-health>

## **Charity Commission releases advice for trustee meetings during Covid-19**

<https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/charity-commission-releases-advice-for-trustee-meetings-during-covid-19.html>

## **Ministers urged to divert military budget to tackle pandemic**

<http://www.ekklesia.co.uk/node/29440>

## **COVID-19: UN chief calls for global ceasefire to focus on ‘the true fight of our lives’**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/03/1059972>

## **War, Revolution and Coronavirus: The Human Security Case for Universal Income**

<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2020/03/24/universal-basic-income>

## **Charities waiting for government support warn of ‘imminent collapse’**

<http://www.ekklesia.co.uk/node/29449>

## **Press release: Church and Peace cancels conferences and calls for solidarity with people at the EU’s external borders**

<https://www.church-and-peace.org/en/2020/03/coronavirus-conferences-solidarity>

## **New light in the darkness: connecting in troubled times**

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/new-light-in-the-darkness-how-quakers-are-finding-online-meeting-for-worship>

## **Free Peace Activities**

As schools have closed down for most students amid the coronavirus pandemic, our education team has been busy creating educational resources to do at home.

<https://peacemuseum.org.uk/free-peace-activities>

## **IPB Supports António Guterres’ Call for a #GlobalCeaseFireNow**

<http://www.ipb.org/uncategorized/ipb-supports-antonio-guterres-call-for-a-globalceasefirenow/>

## **Teachers**

The Rethinking Security network is developing educational materials for schools, colleges and other learning environments. Please feel free to use these materials with your learners and send us your feedback.

<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/education/>

## **Living adventurously in lockdown**

Remembering the experiences of Quakers in the past while using the technology of the present can help Quakers continue to be a vibrant and loving community in these difficult times, says Paul Parker.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/living-adventurously-in-lockdown>

## **‘Many of us are stepping back, taking a look at how we are living.’**

<https://thefriend.org/article/many-of-us-are-stepping-back-taking-a-look-at-how-we-are-living>

## **US set to upgrade controversial nukes stationed in Germany**

<https://www.dw.com/en/us-set-to-upgrade-controversial-nukes-stationed-in-germany/a-52855886>

## **When home isn’t safe**

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/when-home-isnt-safe>

## **Covid-19 presents people in the crosshairs of conflict with a terrifying new threat**

As the Red Cross launches an emergency appeal, its president calls for the world to pull together

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/commentisfree/2020/mar/27/conflict-and-covid-19-are-a-deadly-mix-i-fear-for-the-worlds-most-vulnerable>

## **Coronavirus: Israeli settlers exploit lockdown to annex Palestinian land**

Over the past week, there have been at least three incidents of illegal Israeli settlers razing Palestinian lands

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/coronavirus-palestine-israel-settlers-exploit-lockdown-annex-land>

## **Coronavirus: vulnerable populations at risk in South Sudan**

South Sudan's government has put measures into place to prevent the spread of Covid-19 but millions of displaced people are at heightened risk.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-03/coronavirus-south-sudan-displaced-persons-prisoners.html>

## **NPT Review Conference May Be Postponed To No Later Than April 2021 Amid COVID-19 - UN**

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/world/npt-review-conference-may-be-postponed-to-no-875394.html>