

# Peace Round-up – 27 March 2023

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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**Eight reasons why we shouldn't increase UK military spending**

<https://demilitarize.org.uk/eight-reasons-why-we-shouldnt-increase-uk-military-spending>

**Groups working to protect democracy nominated for Nobel Peace Prize by Quakers**

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/groups-working-to-protect-democracy-nominated-for-nobel-peace-prize-by-quakers>

**Marking a year of war in Ukraine**

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/marking-a-year-of-war-in-ukraine>

**Ukraine one year on: time to negotiate peace**

<https://peacenews.info/blog/2023/ukraine-one-year-time-negotiate-peace>

**War in Ukraine: Christian accompaniment and turning to diplomacy**

<https://williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/war-in-ukraine>

**Ploughing more money into the army won't make us safer – quite the opposite**

<https://inews.co.uk/opinion/ploughing-more-money-british-army-wont-make-safer-quite-opposite-2164906>

**The Urgent Need for Deescalation to prevent Nuclear disaster**

<https://www.ipb.org/ipb-statement-the-urgent-need-for-deescalation-to-prevent-nuclear-disaster>

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**EVENTS** (see our website calendar for other events <https://nfpb.org.uk/calendar/> )

**Extinction Rebellion 'The Big One'**

21-24 April in London

**Hexham Debates: Climate Action after COP 27**

22 April, Speaker: Barry Gills. 11am-12pm. <https://hexhamdebates.wordpress.com/>

**Antimilitarist Roots: nonviolent resistance for a world in crisis**

16-18 June, London <https://wri-irg.org/en/programmes/antimilitarist-roots>

**International Summit for Peace in Ukraine**

10-11 June, Vienna and opportunity to join virtually

<https://www.ipb.org/events/international-summit-for-peace-in-ukraine-ipsukraine-2023/>

**NFPB members' meeting**

24 June, Darlington – for NFPB reps and other interested Friends |

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### **A Tomb with a View**

BBC programme includes segment about CO's – from 7mins in

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play>

### **Negotiation or Nuclear War**

Declassified UK

<https://declassifieduk.org/negotiation-or-nuclear-war-the-choice-in-ukraine>

### **Sunak to announce £5 billion military spending boost despite cost of living pressure**

<https://cnduk.org/sunak-to-announce-5bn-military-spending-boost-despite-cost-of-living-pressures>

### **G7 leaders should vow 'no first use' of nuclear weapons, ex-mayor of Hiroshima says**

Japan Times

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/03/05/national/hiroshima-former-mayor-no-first-use-g7>

### **New migration bill is inhumane, say Quakers**

<https://ow.ly/s9GT50NbThw>

### **Women are agents for peace**

<https://theelders.org/women-are-agents-peace>

### **Ignoring our neighbour – migration**

Joint Public Issues Team

<https://jpit.uk/response-to-illegal-migration-bill>

### **Churches voice opposition to illegal migration bill**

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland

<https://ctbi.org.uk/churches-voice-opposition-to-illegal-migration-bill>

### **Revealed: Nuclear convoy crash test 'chaotic, confused and incompetent'**

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/revealed-nuclear-convoy-crash-test-chaotic-confused-and-incompetent>

### **Investment, influence and integrity: how arms industries compromise universities' research agendas**

<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2023/03/13/investment-influence-and-integrity-how-arms-industries-compromise-universities-research-agendas>

### **Shock & War: Iraq War 20 Years on**

BBC Sounds

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001k0ch>

### **Moral Maze with Quaker contribution to exploration of pacifism**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001k0xp>

### **Quaker pamphlet to counteract militarisation of British schools**

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quaker-pamphlet-to-counteract-militarisation-of-british-schools>

### **Military spending boosted more than health, education, environment or overseas aid**

Demilitarize.org.uk

<https://demilitarize.org.uk/military-spending-boosted-more-than-health-education-environment-or-overseas-aid>

### **When journalists act as state propagandists**

<https://declassifieduk.org/when-journalists-act-as-state-propagandists>

### **Peace activists demonstrate at US embassy over return of nuclear weapons to UK**

<https://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/2023/03/19/14220>

### **Public awareness of 'nuclear winter' too low given risks, argues expert**

<https://shar.es/afEkwm>