

# Peace Round-up – September 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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## The human cost of war

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/the-human-cost-of-war-dsei-2023>

## How the UK's arms trade funnels public cash into private pockets

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/dsei-arms-fair-london-excel-common-wealth-weapons-bae-boeing-qinetiq>

## Friends arrested at DSEI day of witness

<https://thefriend.org/article/friends-arrested-at-dsei-day-of-witness>

## Friends welcome York's first rabbi in 800 years

<https://thefriend.org/article/friends-welcome-yorks-first-rabbi-in-800-years>

## Schools programme - Peace Museum

<https://buff.ly/3uDt5r1>

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## ***Some actions and events*** (for more events, visit: <https://nfpb.org.uk/calendar/>)

- ***The Mistake*** – promote, attend and support performances by Michael Mears and Riko Nakazono, touring Britain until 30 October  
<https://michaelmears.org/dates-for-your-diary/>  
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-mistake---uk-tour-of-an-urgent-new-play>
- ***Wages Not Weapons: Demonstrations at Tory Party Conference October 1<sup>st</sup> – event***  
<https://cnduk.org/events/wages-not-weapons-demonstration-at-tory-party-conference>
- ***Festival for Survival November 4<sup>th</sup>, Glasgow***  
Scottish CND <https://ow.ly/LmIs50PGg>
- ***Huddersfield Quaker Peace Lecture, October 12th***  
Quaker Meeting House, Huddersfield  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/634747082046535>
- ***Living the Spirit of Ubuntu: preparing for World Quaker Day***  
<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/living-the-spirit-of-ubuntu-preparing-for-world-quaker-day>

### **BRICS to admit 6 new countries to bloc including Iran and Saudi Arabia**

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2023/aug/24/five-brics-nations-announce-admission-of-six-new-countries-to-bloc>

### **Meet the first (and only) conscientious objector from West Point**

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/metta/podcast/first-conscientious-objector-west-point-cary-donham>

### **Want to prevent atrocities? Think locally, act locally**

<https://www.ipsnews.net/2023/08/want-prevent-atrocities-think-locally-act-locally>

### **General Assembly President Calls for a ‘Human-Centered Approach to Disarmament’**

<https://www.ipsnews.net/2023/08/general-assembly-president-calls-for-a-human-centered-approach-to-disarmament/>

### **Securing Democracy & Human Rights**

Rethinking Security podcast - <https://on.soundcloud.com/hgwNx>

### **European Parliament supports increase in 2024 defence budgets**

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/defence-and-security/news/european-parliament-supports-increase-in-2024-defence-budgets/>

### **The UN’s Own Relevance Is at Stake at This Year’s General Assembly**

<https://www.ipsnews.net/2023/09/uns-relevance-stake-years-general-assembly/>

### **Arms & Fossil Fuels firms sponsor Labour conference events**

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/labour-party-conference-greenwashing-weapons-boeing-palantir-babcock>

### **Record numbers expected as Europe’s biggest arms fair opens in London**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/sep/12/record-numbers-expected-biggest-arms-fair-london-dsei>

### **On the Warpath: AI’s role in the defence industry**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-66459920>

### **Military Spending of the G20**

SIPRI <https://bit.ly/3Pv6Qxu>

### **Peace Pilgrimage Podcast - <https://open.spotify.com/show/6HpcPSX9vRXoXBmohkrZvV>**

### **Arms firms should be shunned by Labour**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2023/sep/14/arms-firms-should-be-shunned-by-labour>

### **Africa deals with the ripple effects of Russia’s war in Ukraine**

<https://newint.org/features/2023/08/14/view-africa-russia-ukraine>

### **Repairing the Wounds of War: Nonviolent Peace Force in Ukraine**

Friends Committee on National Legislation

<https://www.fcnl.org/events/repairing-wounds-war-nonviolent-peaceforce-ukraine>

### **Pope 'talks Ukraine peace' with new Russian envoy**

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/world/pope-ukraine-peace-new-russian-envoy-3780141>

### **China, South Africa push 'peace plan' for Ukraine at BRICS summit**

<https://www.euronews.com/2023/08/23/china-south-africa-push-peace-plan-for-ukraine-at-brics-summit>

### **As US Sends Cluster Munitions to Ukraine, Three More Countries Destroy Stockpiles**

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/cluster-munitions-ban>

### **Belief or Betrayal? Ukraine's Conscientious Objectors Face Hostility.**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/18/world/europe/ukraine-conscientious-objectors.html>

### **Anger over claims RAF Lakenheath could host nuclear weapons**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-suffolk-66657765>

### **Airbase project could pave way for UK to host US nuclear missiles**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/aug/29/surety-mission-50m-airbase-project-could-pave-way-for-uk-to-host-us-nuclear-weapons>

### **Why aren't young people engaged in nuclear disarmament?**

<https://www.europeanleadershipnetwork.org/commentary/why-arent-young-people-engaged-in-nuclear-disarmament/>

**Nuclear Responsibility** - <https://www.endinfo.net/blog/nuclear-responsibility>

### **Is Oppenheimer the Anti-Nuclear Movement's Braveheart?**

<https://www.scottishleftreview.scot/is-oppenheimer-the-anti-nuclear-movements-braveheart/>

**The Poisoned Umbrella** - <https://www.securescotland.scot/post/the-poisoned-umbrella>

### **CND announces citizens weapons check for US nuclear weapons at RAF Lakenheath**

<https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/cnd-announces-citizens-weapons-check-for-us-nuclear-weapons-at-raf-lakenheath>

### **North Cumbrian CND members join Christian march**

<https://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/23797097.north-cumbrian-cnd-members-join-christian-march/>

### **Melissa Parke appointed new Executive Director for ICAN**

[https://www.icanw.org/ican\\_appoints\\_new\\_executive\\_director\\_melissa\\_parke](https://www.icanw.org/ican_appoints_new_executive_director_melissa_parke)

### **Nobel Prize Winner Says G20 Falls Short by Not Embracing Global Nuclear Ban Treaty**

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/g20-nuclear-weapons>

**Mixture of Nuclear Modernization and Rising Global Mistrust Is 'Recipe for Annihilation': UN Chief** <https://www.commondreams.org/news/guterres-nuclear-modernization>