



The Resister

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Tower Hamlets for Nuclear Disarmament

Tower Hamlets
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London Region AGM & Conference



“Living in Interesting Times How the World’s shaping under President Trump”



Five members of Tower Hamlets CND attended this impressive all-day meeting at SOAS, the morning session being devoted to the normal procedures you’d expect at an AGM outlining an array of activities undertaken last year and much to look forward to in this, while the afternoon saw a wide-ranging conference.

The Conference “Living in Interesting Times: How the World’s Shaping under President Trump” had too many outstanding speakers even to list, a live link to Washington with a leading US peace activist and culminated in a series of actions that we could take to offset the obvious dangers posed by that “stable genius” in the White House.

The big picture presented included contradictory indicators. On Korea, the former British representative to North Korea felt that a war in the Korean peninsula was too risky even for Trump to consider seriously, while various speakers believed that the President would be reined in by opposition at home notably, not only in Congress, but as well as by the resistance of important overseas allies to his outbursts on the Middle East and Korea.

However, did you know that sixty per cent of the vast US military is based in the Asia and Pacific Region? All very reminiscent of the encirclement of the Soviet Union during the Cold War. The current context though, includes the continuing drive of the US to “modernise” its nuclear arsenal with smaller, more useable nuclear weapons. The leaked US Nuclear Posture Review was cited. This commits to expanding “**the circumstances in which the US will use its nuclear arsenal including in response to a non-nuclear attack**” (my emphasis). Another speaker also

highlighted the terrifying potential of nuclear conflict between India and Pakistan over Kashmir.

The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is a particular cause for optimism, and so it was pleasing to hear from Costa Rica’s London Ambassador about his Government’s leading role in bringing this about. Similarly, the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to UCAN was marked with approval at the Conference.

We also heard an authoritative account of the background to what can only be described as the holocaust in Yemen, which has also included credible evidence of the use of uranium-enriched bombs. More information can be found on the following web link: www.veteranstoday.com/2017/05/23/yemen-camp/.

All in all a very worthwhile trip outside the confines of Tower Hamlets.

Phil Sedler

UPDATE



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As Resister went to press, the first three collective trials of protestors arrested at the DSEi arms fair in September 2017 have produced mixed results. Three defendants have been found not guilty of wilful obstruction of the public highway, nine others have been found guilty of the same charge, and four have had their trial for aggravated trespass adjourned until April. There are at least seven more trials to go, running through to mid-April. All support in court or leafleting the public outside Stratford Magistrates is welcome. Your attendance at Stratford Magistrates Court and all contributions are welcome. (For information see the ad below).

Updated info on Stop the Arms Fair website or the defendants Facebook page, or for the date of the next trial please see twitter @StopTheArmsFair.

CND Secretary Kate Hudson looks back at our history • CND at 60

Kate Hudson's new book provides detailed coverage of the inside story of six decades of CND. This book is timed to coincide with the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's 60th anniversary, drawing on archive material and interviews with activists from across the decades, and situating CND's current work in the context of the Trump presidency and increasing global tensions around nuclear weapons.

Founded in 1958 at the height of the Cold War, CND voiced a growing concern about the dangers of nuclear weapons. Since then CND has become a byword for protest and radicalism, shaping three generations and inspiring mass movements for peace across the globe. This is a timely and

important book, from the mass protests at Aldermaston and Greenham Common, to its central role in post 9/11 anti-war campaigning, to today's struggle to prevent Trident replacement and win support for the United Nations' new global ban on nuclear weapons.

Kate Hudson is a political activist, peace campaigner and academic, author of *Breaking the South Slav Dream: The Rise and Fall of*

Yugoslavia; European Communism Since 1989; The New European Left: a socialism for the twenty-first century?, and editor of *Free Movement and Beyond: agenda setting for Brexit Britain.*

CND at 60

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DSEI EXCEL Court Solidarity for Arms Fair Defendants

Friday 09:30 - 10:30
23 February 2018

Stratford Magistrates Court,
The Court House,
389-397 High St,
London E15 4SB

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John Goring Rowe (1923 - 2017)



TH CNLD members will be saddened to hear of the passing of John Rowe on the night of Boxing Day. He died peacefully in bed, as he would have wished, surrounded by his family.

John was a CNLD supporter from the beginning. He was an active member of Stepney and Poplar CNLD, and the group held its meetings in St Paul's Church of which he was the curate. He and Isabel were the backbone of this group and its subsequent replacement Tower Hamlets CNLD of which John was at different times Secretary and Treasurer. His annual reports to the AGM in the former role were legendary in their perception and humour, while his letters to successive recalcitrant MPs, written in an avuncular "more in sorrow than in anger" tone surely shamed Labour MPs who really should have known better.

John was a fixture at all meetings and local and national demonstrations. He inveigled his daughter-in-law Virginia to produce a magnificent rainbow banner for us, which he and Isabel brought on marches and which only John really knew how to erect.

It is too much of a cliché to say that he will be sorely missed. His life was truly an example to us all.

Rest in peace, John



Above John Rowe and left: John Pemberton, Mayor Lutfur Rahman, Len Aldis, John Rowe, Deputy Mayor Ohid Ahmed – Mayors for Peace Presentation in Tower Hamlets Town Hall, Mulberry Place • 4 April 2011

Students

Become a CNLD member • Stand with CNLD to create a better world. Take action against nuclear weapons and join Student CNLD in your universities, colleges and schools. We can put you in touch with student groups and activists. There are dozens of anti-war and peace societies and groups in Tower Hamlets. If you're interested in setting one up yourselves, the first key step is to get in touch with us by email or through our website!

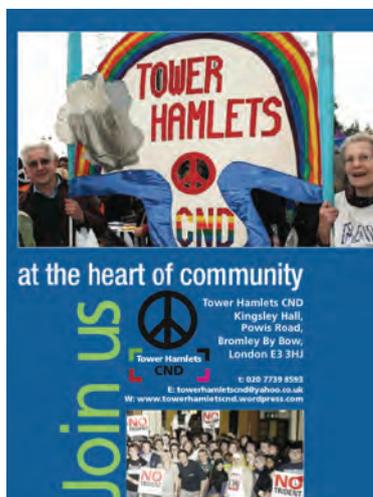


Trade Unions

The support of trade unions and the organised labour movement is central to building a powerful anti-war movement in the UK. That is why we have always called for 'welfare not warfare' and why many trade unions are affiliated to CNLD and Stop the War Coalition at national and local branch level. If you are a member of a trade union encourage Tower Hamlets Trades Council to affiliate to TH CNLD.



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Join us

There are many ways in which you can get involved in the campaign for nuclear disarmament locally and nationally.

At the heart of CND's work is bringing the issue of nuclear disarmament to peoples' doorstep and relating it to our communities. The work of Tower Hamlets CND is vital as it reaches out to people who may not have thought about nuclear disarmament before or felt there was nothing that could be done about it. You can decide how much you want to be involved in local campaigning. Send us your stories (something you feel strongly about), campaign activities, news and photos or any donations or support you can give. Our newsletter is also available on the website. Contact us for a membership form and other info.

● We always welcome new people to our regular bi monthly meetings at Kingsley Hall* from 7.30pm on second Thursdays. Next meeting 8th March 2018. Please feel free to simply turn up - you can be assured of a friendly welcome. (No meetings held in August)

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Key events to attend or remember

Let everyone know where the Action is · put the word out



Events

Stop Elbit Systems: picket of Israeli drone factory (they own 4 UK factories)
Every week Friday mornings, 7am - 9am,
UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield, WS14 0DT.

East London Against the Arms Fair (ELAAF) meeting

Second Wednesday of the month, 7-9pm at The Garden Café, 7 Cundy Road, E16 3DJ. For more info see ELAAF website.

London CAAT (Campaign Against the Arms Trade) Group Meeting

Monthly, third Tuesdays at 6.30pm CAAT office, Unit 4, 5-7 Wells Terrace, N4 3JU
The London CAAT group meets monthly to discuss arms trade issues + campaigns to end arms company sponsorship of London's Museums+Galleries: londoncaat@riseup.net.

Feb 15 2018 - 07:00pm

Why We Need An Anti-War Government

Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL
Organised by: Stop the War Coalition
Speakers: Brian Eno (Musician & StWC President), Lowkey (Rapper & Activist), Andrew Murray (Unite the Union), Lindsey German (Stop the War Convenor), Maya Evans (Voices for Creative Non-Violence), Michael Muir (Young Labour), Elif Sarican (Kurdish Activist)



3 Films · CND at 60

Feb 17 2018 Sat 6:30pm - 8:30pm

At · Sands Films Cinema

82 Saint Marychurch Street, London SE16 4HZ

The March to Aldermaston

Genie in a bottle Unleashed

Embrace! a world free of nuclear weapons

A representative of CND will be present and an opportunity for a short talk/debate after the films. This event is Free with a suggested donation of £5

Palestine Expo · Feb Sat 17 - Fri 23

Hoopoe House, London E1 6LY

Organised by: PalExpo Pop-Up

A fundraising week celebrating Palestine Expo's most memorable moments. Auction of exhibited artworks at the end of the week.

Feb 22 2018 7:30pm

Musicians for Peace & Disarmament Winter Concert for Peace

Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel, 3 Pilgrims Place, London NW3 1NG

With Emma Kirkby DBE, members of Dowland Works and distinguished speaker, journalist Martin Bell OBE. Online Tickets £20/£15.

Remember Fukushima



Commemorate the nuclear disaster Vigil
March 9th, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Outside the Japanese Embassy, 101 Piccadilly, London.

March and rally

March 11th, assemble 12 noon

Outside the Japanese Embassy, 101 Piccadilly, London.

Public meeting

March 14th, 7pm-9pm
Portcullis House, London SW1A 2LW

more information on

these events: rememberfukushima.org

Apr 1 2018 Assemble at 12 noon

CND 60th celebration at Aldermaston

West Berkshire RG7 4PR

Anniversary celebration with speeches, music and memories at AWE Aldermaston, where CND held its first ever demonstration. ■

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Protest at NATO summit in Brussels

Jul 11 and 12 2018

CND will be protesting against the nuclear-armed, military alliance NATO at its 2018 summit

