

# Stop the arms fair!

The international arms fair, DSEI, is setting up shop in London in September 2017, to export war and conflict around the world.

While the United Kingdom plays host to one of the world's largest arms fairs, war, repression and injustice start here. Let's stop it here.

Quaker Peace & Social Witness has been working with a coalition of groups, including Stop the Arms Fair and Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) to build resistance to the arms fair. Get involved with the key events overleaf.



## **No faith in war day of action**

Tuesday 5 September

A coalition of faith groups will gather for a day of worship, prayer and nonviolent resistance, as truck loads of equipment arrive at DSEI.

09:00 Gather for prayer

11:00 Quaker meeting for worship

12.30–14.00ish Bring-and-share share lunch plus interfaith speakers.

More details: [www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/faith](http://www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/faith).

## **Big day of action**

Saturday 9 September

This is the errrr... big day of action. It should be lively and engaging, and there will probably be some direct action taking place. More precise times to follow but it will probably run from about 11.00 to 16.00 with a meeting for worship at 14.00ish.

More details: [www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/events](http://www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/events).

## **Candle-lit vigil**

Monday 11 September

A silent, candle-lit vigil in the evening before the arms fair opens, in solidarity with victims of the arms trade. All faiths and none welcome.

Young Quakers are particularly welcome at this event, and staff from the Children & Young People's Team of Quaker Life will be on hand.

Meet at 18.30 on Tidal Basin Road, near Royal Victoria DLR, London, E16 3BX. Vigil 19:00–20:00.

Quaker Peace & Social Witness staff will be at these three events, available on 07523 357 905. If you cannot make it to London but want to send a banner or placard for Friends to hold, get in touch. For events across the UK see [www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/events](http://www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/events). Friends choosing to take part in these events should be aware that some of the actions may result in participants being at risk of arrest. Contact: [samw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:samw@quaker.org.uk) or 020 7663 1090.

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