

Peace Round-up – 25 April 2019

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.

Nuclear weapons ceremony criticised

The decision to hold a service at Westminster Abbey to mark fifty years of constant patrol by the UK's nuclear submarines is being deeply criticised by Quakers in Britain.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/nuclear-weapons-ceremony-criticised>

Scottish CND back Christian CND

petition opposing Nuclear Weapons Church Service <https://bit.ly/2L0yOC8>

50 Years of Continuous At Sea

Deterrence: What is there to celebrate?

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/50-years-of-continuous-at-sea-deterrence-what-is-there-to-celebrate>

Trident celebrations ignore Aboriginal victims of British nuclear weapons testing

As the British Government is set to celebrate 50 years of Trident, anti-nukes activist Linda Pearson argues they should instead be apologising for the impact of British nuclear weapons testing on Aboriginal communities

<https://bit.ly/2PtA6Ux>

The new nuclear deterrence and disarmament crisis

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/part-two-new-nuclear-deterrence-and-disarmament-crisis>

Second of two articles, this one discussing a new world role for Britain.

'No Nato in Scotland, No Scotland in Nato' <https://bit.ly/2GE2H6V>

Edinburgh and Glasgow protests on 70th anniversary

Thanking God for Nuclear Weapons

<https://bit.ly/2W2fiWM>

In a press release the Royal Navy has promised to celebrate fifty years of nuclear weapons with "high-profile public events, including services of thanksgiving in London and Edinburgh, a parade through the home of the deterrent force on the Clyde and a new commemorative award for crew are all lined up." Brian Quail reflects on the celebrations.

INF treaty collapse: a call to disarm

Daniel Jakopovich reflects on worrying global developments around nuclear weapons and what Quakers can do to create a culture of peace.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/inf-treaty-collapse-a-call-to-disarm>

Threat of nuclear weapons use has risen, says Lords Committee

<https://bit.ly/2IEpl14>

24 April 2019

The International Relations Committee publishes its report "Rising nuclear risk, disarmament and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty"

Conscience Matters: new exhibition in Edinburgh

Posted on 09/04/2019

<https://quakerstrongrooms.org/2019/04/09/conscience-matters-new-exhibition-in-edinburgh>

Roots of Resistance gathering

Hosted by Huddersfield Quaker Meeting
Sunday, 19 May 2019 from 12:00-15:00

<https://www.facebook.com/events/648949405538807>

Five ways to build solidarity across our differences

How do we build bridges between people who could be allies for radical change but who view each other with anger and suspicion?

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/transformation/five-ways-to-build-solidarity-across-our-difference>

“No Deal' Brexit endangers poorest families”

“The risks of an unplanned 'No Deal' Brexit endanger poorest families” – statement from Church Leaders

<https://bit.ly/2ICU2Eb>

<https://www.chooserespect.eu>

a project of the Quaker Council for European Affairs which aims to counter hate speech against migrants and refugees in the context of the European Parliament elections in May 2019.

Cooperatives and Peace: a report on cooperatives' contributions to peacebuilding and conflict resolution

Cooperatives Europe released a new thematic research “Cooperatives and Peace: Strengthening Democracy, Participation and Trust - A Case Study Approach,”

<https://bit.ly/2OFKgkT>

Campaigners head to court to stop arms sales to Saudi Arabia

<https://bit.ly/2U2fhAe>

Lawyers for Campaign Against Arms Trade will argue in the court of appeal that UK exports breach international law

The most polite Brexit debate ever? With Michael Morpurgo and Robert Tombs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-7P7pAoMVM>

interview/conversation on Channel 4 news

What's it like to be a Sanctuary Meeting?

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/being-a-sanctuary-meeting>

From vegetarian lunches to campaigning on indefinite detention, Chloe Scaling finds out how Cardiff Quaker Meeting became a Sanctuary Meeting that aims to provide a warm welcome to people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

Quakers host Greta Thunberg and support climate activists

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-host-greta-thunberg-and-support-climate-activists>

Swedish climate activist and Nobel Prize nominee Greta Thunberg today urged everyone to listen to scientists and face the crisis of climate change. She was welcomed to Friends House by young Quakers.

Friends flock for Extinction Rebellion protest

Friends joined others in the Extinction Rebellion protests in London, have held Meetings for Worship and discerned a minute at Marble Arch

<https://thefriend.org/article/friends-flock-for-extinction-rebellion-protest>

Why does the EU need a €13bn defence fund?

<https://bit.ly/2KWcXeP>

It should be waging peace

Andrew Smith (CAAT) writing in The Guardian The organisation known for pacifism has fallen prey to arms traders it hired to advise on military strategy