

Calendar of WW1-related Peace Plans

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Firm dates / plans for events	Suggestions / proposals
2013	
Immediate Housmans 2014 Peace Diary in preparation now, 'War to end all wars' theme. Input re organisations, ideas, perspectives, plans asap to Albert Beale - worldpeace@gn.apc.org	
2-3 September, The Hague, Netherlands Peace philanthropy symposium in the Peace Palace (part of its centenary celebrations). An exhibition on the same subject will be opened on 4 September in the city hall. International Network of Museums for Peace	
6-7 September 'You don't have to kill to be a hero: helping your Quaker meeting to tell the peace stories of WW1' Woodbrooke, Birmingham www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses	
20-21 September Peace History conference at Friends Meeting House, Manchester Details: gmdcnd@gn.apc.org	
October Networking event on the militarisation of everyday life. (Other initiatives around WW1 to come out of this.) Emma Sangster, office@forceswatch.net	
November around Remembrance day Proposed launch event to prepare for 2014 series. CND/Stop the War Coalition 'No Glory'	
Monday 2 December Concert at Christ Church Oxford to start Fellowship of Reconciliation Centenary www.for.org.uk	
2014	
All year, Germany Peace Sculpture travelling from city to city. Pax Christi Germany and Mayors for Peace www.paxchristi.de	
February Complete resource kit for every local Quaker Meeting - mirandag@quaker.org.uk	
February, May and November, Belgium Three times each year - a Peace Vigil in Langemark, http://www.vredeswakes.be/ Regular Peace Walks in Heuvelland, Flanders Fields, and Bike Peace Routes in Flanders Fields Pax Christi Flanders www.paxchristi.be	
6 March, Ypres, Belgium Pilgrimage/Seminar: 'Known Unto God - Learning Peace from Great War' Pax Christi Flanders www.paxchristi.be	April Devise motion to put to our denomination at Annual Meeting to raise awareness and prompt action by our congregations. Unitarian Peace Fellowship
15 May International COs Day 12 noon ceremony round rock dedicated to all COs - in Tavistock Square London. Right to refuse to kill group - edna.mathieson1@btinternet.com plus PPU, Pax Christi, QPSW, FOR, WILPF, PN www.ppu.org.uk , www.paxchristi.org.uk www.quaker.org.uk , www.for.org.uk www.ukwilpf.org.uk , www.peacenews.info	

15 May Launch date for Quaker activities commemorating WW1. Event in Tavistock Square, London.	May Newsletter issue on WW1 theme National Justice and Peace network
16-18 May, Potsdam, Germany Conference '1914-2014: Science, Universities, and Militarism'. Event on 'peace activist' Albert Einstein, Berlin. Scientists for Peace Germany (natwiss) and IALANA. www.inesglobal.com	
17-23 May Week on Iona 'Pilgrims for Peace: celebrating 100 years of Nonviolence, peacemaking, forgiveness, compassion and reconciliation' www.for.org.uk	
22 May The Peace Party will contest the European Parliamentary Election in the South East Region (and possibly Yorkshire and Humberside) info@peaceparty.org.uk	
6-9 June, Sarajevo International peace events (peace university, youth camp, festivities) and conference on NATO, event on Rosa Luxemburg, conference on EU Militarization www.1914-2014.eu	
21 June, Vienna A new group intend to open a peace museum on centenary of the death of Bertha von Suttner. http://peacemuseumvienna.com	
13-20 July, East Tirol on the border between Austria and Italy: International Peace Pilgrimage in Alps - organised by Pax Christi Austria www.paxchristi.at	Summer Inter-European Peace News camp (in the UK) with WW1 focus www.peacenews.info
Monday 4 August Silent vigil 12-2pm with messages 'War no More - War never again' - on steps of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London Pax Christi, PPU, QPSW, FOR, WILPF, PN www.paxchristi.org.uk , www.ppu.org.uk www.quaker.org.uk , www.for.org.uk www.ukwilpf.org.uk , www.peacenews.info	Monday 4 August If the plinth in Trafalgar Square is vacant, opportunity to raise a 'No More War' banner on it. Movement for the Abolition of War (MAW)
Monday 4 August All-night vigil in Norfolk 'Remembering those shot at Dawn' with candles lit for the 306 soldiers. Superior@societyforpeace.org.uk	Sat 11 October Proposed date of the Peace History Conference at the Imperial War Museum London organised by Movement for the Abolition of War
22 November FOR centenary conference in Cambridge with Rowan Williams as keynote speaker. www.for.org.uk	Event in Huddersfield with the author of <i>Comrades in Conscience</i>
	Christmas football match of anti-war veterans on the former front line
	As with children disabled by cluster munitions, why not a football match involving people disabled in war?
2015	
WILPF anniversary exhibitions in Edinburgh, Bradford, Coventry and London; newspaper article Scotland; Dance performance; illustrated booklet on history of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom	
January FOR Centenary Thanksgiving Service Oxford Publication of History of the Fellowship	
January-March National Quaker multimedia exhibition - collaboration between Woodbrooke Quaker Centre and Quakers in Britain	

28 April-5 May International Congress in The Hague Women's International League for Peace and Freedom	July Possible theme for annual conference linking peace, poverty and environment. National Justice and Peace Network
2016	
	Campaign around the adoption of the Military Service Act - recognising the right of conscientious objectors
2017 - 18 - 19	
	A peace conference in the European Parliament 'An Alternative Versailles' Frank Jackson
Network for Peace plans to update this listing. As your plans develop please email mail@networkforpeace.org.uk with news of peace movement events and resources connected to the First World War anniversary.	

Firm plans	Suggestions / proposals
Resources	
Opposing World War One: Courage and Conscience is a briefing to introduce the COs and peace activists of WW1 to those planning events, programmes, exhibitions etc. PDF available on websites of PPU, Pax Christi, WILPF, MAW, Network for Peace and others.	Sharing the film 'Oh What a Lovely War' as much as possible. Faringdon Peace Group c/o Network for Peace
Database of over 16,500 WW1 COs is to be called <i>The Pearce CO Register</i> . By autumn 2013 it will become part of the Imperial War Museum's digital platform, 'Lives of the First World War' and be available to everyone - free of charge! Check out the IWM website and look for the 'Lives of the First World War' project pages. There is a mention of the database on the page devoted to 'Supporters'. Cyril Pearce	Research & resources exploring parallels between WW1 armaments manufacturers and today. CAAT
Booklet on militarisation of everyday life www.forceswatch.net	Fellowship of Reconciliation calendar for 2014; postcards, t-shirts, tea towels www.for.org.uk
Peace Museum, Bradford: Link for our new Routes to Peace Heritage Trail (funded by the HLF) http://www.peacemuseum.org.uk/resources	
SRG Autumn 2013 newsletter article about the role that industrialisation of military equipment played in multiplying the death toll . We'll also publish this on our website for peace activists to distribute. Stuart, Scientists for Global Responsibility	
Movement for the Abolition of War will republish our small red booklet Remembrance for Today - resources which can be used in Remembrance services, vigils etc, and are thinking of styling it 'Remembrance for 2014- 2018' and including more material relevant to the First World War commemorations. If anyone has favourite resources they already use in services or vigils which they would be willing to share, contributions could be sent to sallyreynolds@btopenworld.com	
In progress: a peace pack of material for peace services to be held by our congregations on same day each year. Unitarian Peace Fellowship	
'Objecting to War' project will focus on COs in London, and the CO memorial at the PPU office. www.ppu.org.uk	
Refusing to Kill resource on WW1 COs will be reprinted by PPU for educational purposes	

Series of 'Celebrate People's history' posters celebrating the WW1 anti-war movement www.peacenews.info	
Harry Patch t-shirts 'War is organised murder' : www.peacenews.info	
Songs for choirs for 2014. Under auspices of Movement for the Abolition of War Sue Gilmurray is trying to assemble and arrange for choirs at least 14 songs - he own and other people's - to help steer events, concerts, services etc. in a peaceful direction. Songs to appear on website www.abolishwar.org.uk and audio extracts on www.soundcloud.com/songsfor2014 suegilmurray@icloud.com	
Peace resource: Better World Links - World War I Centenary http://www.betterworldlinks.org/index.php?cat=9847	
Peace and War Challenges a century apart 1900-1914 and 2000-1214 - a useful 5-page comparison from peternias@aol.com	
Dates of major World War One anniversaries also available from peternias@aol.com	
Older second-hand as well as new books about the First World War, the peace movement, COs, etc. can be found under 'specific wars' at http://www.housmans.com/booklists/peace.php	
Arts / Museums / Education	
'They Shall not have died in vain' - Exhibition for schools, town and churches by Tavistock Peace Action Group. Booklet to accompany exhibition has historical topics related to contemporary (e.g. Harry Patch, COs, chemical warfare, nationalism, youth recruitment, Europe) available as a PDF from rupert.gude@gmail.com	
Coming soon a large alternative WW1 education project and teaching resource , designed by the Peace Museum UK for Bradford Metropolitan District Council, funded by the Home Office called 'Choices'. This will have a school based element and will be also delivered to all intending teachers at the University Centre at Bradford College Peace Museum, Bradford www.peacemuseum.org.uk	Hereford Peace Council: We suggested: an evening of poetry and music, with a local choral society; Carl Jenkins; possible joint action with Churches Together and the Cathedral; celebrate the founding of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; find out if there are relatives of conscientious objectors living locally.
Develop school resources linking WW1 to current concerns around the military's involvement with young people and influence of military in society. Emma Sangster office@forceswatch.net	Produce & publish a pamphlet on the education side of these issues. Hilary Evans, Movement for the Abolition of War. Gail Chester, Free Radical Press
Gail Chester is available to give talks about WW1 novel <i>Despised and Rejected</i> (banned in 1918) about gay CO and his bisexual/lesbian woman friend. Gail Chester, c/o Network for Peace	One or more performances of Sheila Rowbotham's play 'The Friends of Alice Wheeldon'
Pamphlet by Neil Faulkner to go along with 'No Glory' series of events. CND/STW Coalition	Series of cultural events to work with BFI, Barbican, Imperial War Museum 'No Glory' CND/STW Coalition
Dramatised readings of poetry at battle sites by students aged 12-19 from countries that fought in WW1. kennethasch@hotmail.com	Yorkshire CND / Leeds Met University Exhibition on COs at Bradford Peace Museum

Free exhibition by English Heritage in Richmond Castle, N Yorks. Telling the story of the 16 COs who were illegally sent to France in 1916.	Exhibition plus seminar on the WW1 COs and peacemakers drawing on resource by various organisations: <i>Opposing World War One: Courage and Conscience</i> WILPF
	Sponsor a short pamphlet on the origins of WW1 for distribution in schools Frank Jackson
Media / Messages	
Focus on how WW1 informs militarisation today. Emma Sangster office@forceswatch.net	Input on BBC religious programmes www.for.org.uk
Respond to media opportunities, focusing on current concerns around the military's involvement with young people and the influence of militarism in society Emma Sangster office@forceswatch.net	Any event should explain the imperialist nature of WW1 and oppose and expose 'jingoism'.
Letter of support in Guardian signed by celebs and read out at Sassoon House. Pledge at ww1.stopwar.org.uk CND/STW Coalition 'No Glory'	Create a directory of 'our experts' on WW1 related topics, to be made available to the media
Tavistock Peace Action Group has joined the Imperial War Museum's First World War Centenary Partnership - a website through which peace organisations can share their resources and mainstream their message to the wider public - and also find out what else is planned locally. http://www.1914.org/partners/	Better to commemorate the ending of the war rather than the start of WW1. Lesley Docksey, MAW
	With every WW1 anniversary pose questions rhetorically, e.g. : <i>What lessons have we learnt from this? What have we yet to learn?</i> Hopefully these will make people think about the issue, not just to recognise the awfulness of it all. Letters to the local press may be useful in the same vein. Also pose the question: <i>Why do war memorials say 'they gave their lives' (for their country) rather than ' they lost their lives' (for their country)?</i> peternias@aol.com
	Make a list of WW1 war words which have become common place in everyday language, and explain their background e.g over the top, cannon fodder, cenotaph, armistice, front, conscientious objection, going AWOL, basket case (injured soldiers in hospital). How to use these? - perhaps as a local paper article. peternias@aol.com
	Organise a 'Question Time' event on a WW1 centenary and issues arising from it. Broadcast on local radio. peternias@aol.com
Political Initiatives	
Looking at the experience of young soldiers in WW1 and relating WW1 to campaign to raise the age of military recruitment www.forceswatch.net	Encourage local authorities which are already planning events to focus on the alternatives to war rather than battles etc. Mayors for Peace to circulate all their members. Frank Jackson

<p>On-line open letter for people to register their objections to Cameron's plans for the anniversary. Stop the War</p>	<p>Peacewalks from designated places to military bases www.for.org.uk</p>
<p>Monitor and respond to how WW1 centenary events impact on how young people engage with military today and the level of wider support for the military www.forceswatch.net</p>	<p>Suggest to local and national Royal British Legion that, at the annual Remembrance Day at the cenotaph in London, the national politicians should not lay wreaths nor attend (suggested by Ted Harrison in <i>Remembrance Today</i> 2012 p228 pub by Reaktion Books). The reason being that they are the decision-makers who send young people to war. peternias@aol.com</p>
<p>Fundraising</p>	
<p>Heritage Lottery Fund has money for projects about understanding the First World War http://www.hlf.org.uk</p>	<p>Why don't all the peace organisations apply for some of the money which Cameron has assigned to the centenary, and use it for a conference with international speakers. Lesley Docksey, MAW</p>
	<p>European Union Frank Jackson</p>
<p>Needs / How to...</p>	
	<p>An email discussion list for people at this meeting</p>