# Save the Earth Abolish War

The conference will examine the theme of militarism and the environment. The morning sessions concentrate on how war and preparation for war accelerate climate change. In the afternoon, the focus is on the abolition of war, drawing on past initiatives.

"The elephant in the kitchen when it comes to Climate Change is clearly the world's military. The world spends something like 2 trillion US dollars a year on its military. At least half of that vast sum goes on military production with a massive CO2 output. The military are both a major cause of climate change and hence, of the conflicts which result from the movement of peoples as deserts spread." Bruce Kent, President of MAW, Vice President of CND

"If we're going to win on climate we have to make sure we are counting carbon completely, not exempting different things like military emissions because it is politically inconvenient to count them. The atmosphere certainly counts the carbon from the military, therefore we must as well." Stephen Kretzmann, Director, Oil Change International.

"...if the emissions have to stop, then we must stop the emissions. To me that is black or white. There are no grey areas when it comes to survival. Either we go on as a civilization or we don't. We have to change." Greta Thunberg, Climate activist

Day Conference:

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Saturday 29th June 2019 9:30am to 5pm

at Mander Hall National Education Union (NEU) HQ,

Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD Organised by the Movement for the Abolition of War (MAW)

### **Programme**

| 9.30  | Registration  |  |
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| 10.00 | Introduction: Tim Devereux, Vice Chair MAW  |  |
| 10.05 | <b>Welcome</b> by Bruce Kent, President MAW, Vice President CND   |  |
| 10.15 | <b>"No climate justice, no peace"</b> Molly Scott Cato,<br>(Green MEP for the South West of England and Gibraltar)<br>Chair: Pat Gaffney        |  |
| 11.00 | Discussion, questions   |  |
| 11.30 | Coffee break  |  |
| 11.50 | "The carbon boot-print of the military" Stuart Parkinson,<br>(Scientists for Global Responsibility)<br>Chair: David Collins                     |  |
| 12.35 | Discussion, questions   |  |
| 1.05  | SShared lunch/Film shows. Introduction to action pledges  |  |
| 2.05  | Presentation of Prizes to winners of Essay Competition, "Walking on the moon, still warring on earth"   |  |
| 2.20  | "Abolishing war – hopeful lessons from history" Peter van den Dunger<br>(International Network of Museums for Peace)<br>Chair: Valerie Flessati |  |
| 3.05  | Discussion, questions   |  |
| 3.35  | Coffee break  |  |
| 3.55  | Final session & action pledges  |  |
|       | (Any alterations to the programme will be posted on the MAW website: www.abolishwar.org.uk/day-conference-2019.html)                            |  |

### Refreshments

Tea and coffee will be on sale during the breaks. For lunch, please bring your own food or finger-food to share.

## **Booking**

The conference is free but donations on the day will be most welcome!

Either book online: visit http://www.abolishwar.org.uk and click on the link, or go directly to the Eventbrite booking page http://tinyurl.com/yytlcm9j

or return the form below to MAW Day Conference, 37 Hough Top Leeds LS13 4QW

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