



Women in Black
London

**ACTION
FOR
PEACE**

Women in Black (London) remember the dead and take action for peace

Today we are wearing white poppies. The White Poppy symbolises the belief that there are better ways to resolve conflicts than killing strangers. They are produced by the Peace Pledge Union. The PPU's work, primarily educational, draws attention to many of our social values and habits which make continuing violence a likely outcome. From economic reliance on arms sales (Britain is the world's eighth largest arms exporter), to maintaining and renewing manifestly useless nuclear weapons, Britain contributes significantly to international instability. The outcome of recent military adventures highlights their danger and ineffectiveness in today's complex world.

Now, 100 years after the end of the 'war to end all wars', we still have a long way to go to put an end to a social institution which, in the last decade alone, killed over two million children. (<https://www.unicef.org/sowc96/1cinwar.htm>)

Take action for peace: If you want to influence the government's actions here are some suggestions for what you can do.

TALK....to your friends and colleagues;* to your local clubs and societies about non-violence and the alternatives to war; * in your school, college, workplace, place of worship, cafe or pub; to your union or professional organisation and encourage it to discuss publicly and advocate long-term, nonviolent solutions to the current situation and the addressing of the underlying problems which breed terrorism.

WRITE...letters to your local MP – they are very important; letters and articles to your local paper; to encourage those national figures who also advocate addressing the underlying problems; to world leaders and the United Nations.

JOIN...with like-minded people, form a local group to promote and work for Peace; your local Peace group, if you have one, and take part in their activities; any national or local demonstration etc; get signatures on any petition that is organised

HELP...your local group to organise meetings; demonstrations etc. **BE HEARD**...join any relevant radio phone-in. **VISIT** your local MP's surgery. **ENGAGE** in civil disobedience or take part in non-violent direct action. (See www.tridentploughshares.org, and www.greenpeace.org.uk) **STICK UP** a poster – make your own or see websites below. **WEAR** a white poppy – or make stickers on address labels. **COPY** this leaflet and give it to someone else. **REMEMBER** – you don't have to spend lots of time unless you can, or take part in major action unless you wish. Small personal actions count. But do take action **NOW**.

CONTACTS for protest against militarism and war policies: Rt. Hon Boris Johnson, MP, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA; Rt. Hon Dominic Raab, MP, The Foreign Secretary, FCO, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH; Rt. Hon Ben Wallace, MP, Secretary of State for Defence, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB;

or your MP: House of Commons, Westminster London SW1A 0AA.

And see these websites for information, tools for action, news and views:

<www.peacenews.info><www.cnduk.org><www.stopwar.org.uk><www.medact.org><wilpf.int.ch>
<www.gn.apc.org><<https://www.ppu.org.uk>><www.antiwar.com><www.peacedirect.org>

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Donations for leaflets always most welcome

Women in Black holds vigils every Wednesday 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the door of the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London WC2. The vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black.

If you are a woman, and agree with us – do come and join us!