



# Women in Black London

## Stop the Arms Fair September 9–12

The bi-annual Defence & Security Equipment International (DSEI) arms fair is due to be held at the London EXCEL centre between 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September. It plans to bring together 1,600+ arms companies who will promote their lethal wares to an expected 45,000+ attendees from 90 countries. The event is supported by the Ministry of Defence and the UK Defence & Security Export Ministry and provides an opportunity for the UK to showcase military equipment and technology and secure trade for UK arms companies.

The world is at war and thousands are being killed, maimed and forced to flee their homes. Here are some of the countries where wars are being fought: Sudan, Syria, India, Pakistan, Myanmar, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Yemen, Iraq, Palestine, Israel Eritrea and Ethiopia. The trade in arms and military technology fuels these wars. **Women in Black London deplore the fact that the UK Government is to host this Exhibition in London.**

### What you can do

**Sign this petition** to stop Israel's participation in the arms fair – <https://caat.org.uk/sign-the-petition-kick-israel-out-of-dsei/>

**Share this leaflet with others.** Most people are unaware that this exhibition is taking place.

**Write to / email your MP** to make your own objections to the arms fair.

<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP> You could also write to the Mayor of London about your concerns  
<https://www.london.gov.uk/contact-us-form>

**Join one of the many events taking place to expose and protest what is happening at DESi**

**3 September.** Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) members, and friends, walk from Stratford Stations to the Excel Centre distributing leaflets to local residents. Meet at 11.00 am

**8 September:** Silent Vigil outside EXCEL between 7.00 – 8.00pm. Meet at 6.30, Royal Victoria DLR.  
(Organised by Pax Christi and QPSW)

**9 September.** No Faith in War Day. A range of faith organisations offering times of prayer and reflection West Pedestrian Entrance (near Royal Victoria DLR)

**10 September** WILPF return to Excel between 11.00 and 4.00 standing in vigil alongside other organisations. Email if you want to know more. [ukwilpf.info@gmail.org](mailto:ukwilpf.info@gmail.org)

**You can see all of the other events** being organised, before and during DSEi here  
<https://caat.org.uk/events/stopdsei2025/>



**Women in Black** hold vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London WC2.

Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to militarism and war.

Contact us: Twitter @WIB\_London FB @womeninblack.london  
<http://london.womeninblack.org/>

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Donations for leaflets most welcome