



Women in Black London

Protest the Arms Fair September 9–12

This week the biennial Defence & Security Equipment International (DSEI) arms fair is taking place at the London EXCEL centre. This year, over 45000 attendees, representing 90+ countries, and over 1600 exhibitors are expected to attend.

The Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) say: *The UK is deeply complicit in supporting Israel's genocide in Gaza: through arms sales, RAF reconnaissance flights over Gaza, from which it is suspected intelligence is shared with Israel, training of Israeli soldiers, and other forms of military cooperation. DSEI is also **one-stop-shop** for human rights abusing regimes to stock up on military equipment to wage wars abroad and repress their populations at home. From Saudi Arabia, to Qatar to Turkey, DSEI will ensure VIP treatment for delegations from human rights abusing regimes across the world.*

Wars around the world are killing and maiming thousands and forcing thousands more to flee their homes. Here are some of the countries where wars are being fought: Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, 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 host to this Exhibition in London and will continue to draw attention to the destructive impact of UK arms sales.

What you can do

Support the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) who work all year round to raise awareness of UK arms sales and campaign for this trade to end. <https://caat.org.uk>

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 and ensure that it **does not return to London in two years time.** <https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

Activities at DSEI

Protest and awareness raising events took place last week and continue. All aim to expose what is happening at London Excel / DSEI

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

11 September Migrant Justice theme: vigil with the Peace Pledge Union and Every Casualty Counts.

12 September Feminist Justice [Last day of the DSEI 2025 Arms Fair – Arms dealers head home]



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: FB @womeninblack.london <http://london.womeninblack.org/>