



SCOTLAND'S INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY **21st September 2011 The Scottish Parliament**

Thank you to all guests for coming along to this evening's event to mark International Peace Day. You will find information about WILPF, ICAN and Scotland's for Peace which we hope you will take home and share with friends.

After Bill Kidd's introduction to the evening, the panel will offer short presentations, and Dr Rebecca Johnson will chair an interactive discussion to which all guests are warmly welcomed to contribute.

Bill Kidd MSP: Welcome - International Peace Day

Kerstin Grebäck: Woman to woman in Sweden and Costa Rica

Dr David Hutchinson Edgar: Ireland, Scotland, the NPT and the NWC

Angie Zelter: Order and Law for all

Janet Fenton: Bringing it home |

Dr Rebecca Johnson: ICAN, Scotland can



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Kerstin Grebäck, Vice President WILPF International

Kerstin Grebäck has worked as a peace activist and feminist since the 1960's. In 1985 she participated in the Great Peace Journey, an initiative of WILPF Sweden that posed 5 questions on peace and disarmament issues to 130 of the world's governments. This marked the journey undertaken by Jane Adams and Edinburgh's Chrystal Macmillan, founder members of WILPF at the Hague in 1914, to heads of belligerent states in Europe.



She was Secretary-General of WILPF Sweden and involved in the creation of the Standing Committee on the Middle East women's peace initiative, Jerusalem Link. In 1993 she led WILPF Sweden in building support for the women in former Yugoslavia. As a founder of the network Kvinna till Kvinna (Woman to Woman) and received the Right Livelihood Award for this work.

In recent years she has been focussed on the relationship between the development of nuclear power and its effect on proliferation of nuclear weapons, and sees a need for the redefinition of security for all citizens.

Dr David Hutchinson Edgar, Chair Irish CND



Dr David Hutchinson Edgar has been Chairperson of the Irish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament since 2008, having previously served for several years on the Irish CND National Executive Committee.

He has represented Irish CND in a number of international fora, and is editor of its newsletter, Peacework. He has also worked as a part-time lecturer in the School of Religions and Theology at Trinity College, Dublin, and as Assistant to a TD (member of parliament) in the Dail (the Irish parliament).



Dr Rebecca Johnson, Vice Chair, ICAN

Executive Director & Co-founder of the Acronym Institute and editor of *Disarmament Diplomacy*. Special advisor to the Middle Powers Initiative, the Nobel Women's Initiative, Peace Depot (Japan), Center for Policy Studies (PIR, Moscow) and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

Member of Women in Black and the women's advisory group for the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA).

Vice President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (UK) and co-founder of the Aldermaston Women's Peace Campaign. Co-editor, *Trident and International Law, Scotland's Obligations*



Angie Zelter

Angie Zelter is a British peace activist who founded Trident Ploughshares, which seeks to disarm nuclear submarines in Great Britain through nonviolent means. Since the mid-1990s she has been arrested more than 100 times and more than 2200 arrests have occurred all

around the world after Trident Ploughshares actions. These arrests help to bring media and legal attention to the cause of nuclear disarmament in order to raise public awareness about the issue.

Trident Ploughshares has also presented legal actions to show that nuclear weapons and nuclear armed submarines are a violation of many international laws. Angie Zelter is the author of the 2001 book, "Trident on Trial: the case for people's disarmament" and Co-editor, *Trident and International Law, Scotland's Obligations*



Bill Kidd MSP, Scotland



Bill Kidd is a member of the Scottish Parliament for the Scottish Nationalist Party. During that time he has introduced several motions supporting nuclear disarmament and critical of the British deployment and home-basing of nuclear submarines in Scotland. Mr Kidd also participated in international disarmament initiatives, has assisted

Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond in efforts for Scottish representation in international disarmament forums and co-convenes the Nuclear Disarmament Cross-party group



Janet Fenton

Janet is a member of Trident Ploughshares, Secretary of SCND and Convenor of Scottish WILPF. She is active with UK ICAN and Scotland's for Peace. Janet worked in political and community theatre/arts was a founder of WITCH Women's Theatre and set up the Ever Green Shop to link arts, peace and ecology. She recently resigned from co-ordinating the Peace & Justice Centre in Edinburgh and considers herself an all

rounder, happy talking to parliamentarians, locked on the road in the rain, flyposting at dead of night, or toiling over a laptop. She was a contributor to *Trident and International Law, Scotland's Obligations*



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