



SHUT IT DOWN

# IT STARTS HERE

9-10 MARCH 2019

STOP THE ARMS FAIR

# WORKSHOP MANUAL

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**Every two years the global arms trade sets up shop in East London. The DSEI arms fair returns in September 2019. We are many. Together we can shut it down.**

The movement to Stop DSEI is growing. This weekend of workshops and skillshares will introduce you to the issues involved, skill you up and bring you together with other like-minded activists to shut down the arms fair.

of all the great work taking place, and for use in future publicity and communications. We have coloured lanyards to show whether you do or do not feel comfortable being photographed. Please ask at the entry desk for more information.

### **Join the conversation online**

If you're tweeting from It Starts Here, use the hashtag **#StopDSEI**. Stop the Arms Fair's Twitter handle is **@stopthearmsfair** CAAT's is **@CAATuk**.

### **Photos**

We will be taking photos during the conference, to make sure we have a record

### **An Evening with Stop The Arms Fair**

Included in your day or weekend ticket is access to our evening event on Saturday 9th March, which will be held at Williamson Street Community Centre, 76 Parkhurst Road, N7 OFF. Free dinner will be provided by Food Not Bombs North London. We will have 'activist speed-networking', and performances, including from Shareefa Energy.



# VENUE INFORMATION

The venue for the weekend is Resource for London. The Evening with Stop The Arms Fair will be held at Williamson Street Community Centre, which is a 10 minute walk away.

## Resource for London

356 Holloway Rd,  
London N7 6PA

Tel: 020 7697 4000

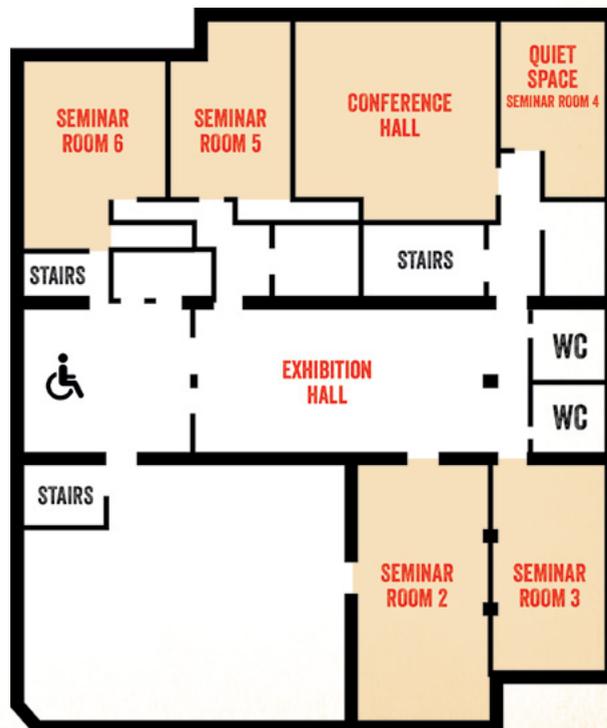
[resourceforlondon.org](http://resourceforlondon.org)

## Williamson Street Community Centre

76 Parkhurst Road,  
London N7 0FF

Tel: 020 3724 0880

[ourcommunitycentre.co.uk](http://ourcommunitycentre.co.uk)



## Resource for London First Floor Map

Seminar Room 1 is on the second floor.

## HOW TO GET HERE

Resource for London and Williamson Street CC are both in Holloway, London. See the map below for local walking directions to the two venues.

### By Bicycle

There is on-street cycle parking on Holloway Road and adjoining streets.

### By Tube

Take the Piccadilly line to **Holloway Road** station. On leaving the station, turn left and walk in that direction, under the railway bridge for five minutes. Resource for London is on the opposite side of the road and can be reached by using the pedestrian crossing.

### By Bus

Buses **4, 17, 29, 43, 153, 253, 259, 271, 279** and **X43** stop within a short walk of Resource for London. Also there are mobility buses available in the area; these are numbered **920, 921, 923** and **927**.

### By Car

There is parking available for disabled drivers by arrangement at Resource for London. Please email [events@caat.org.uk](mailto:events@caat.org.uk) for more information.

There is very little on-street parking in this area. Therefore, unless for accessibility reasons, we strongly advise you do not drive.



## ACCESSIBILITY

### Resource for London

The venue has full wheelchair access, including lifts, accessible toilets and a level entrance. The main auditorium is equipped with a hearing loop and screens for those seated further back. We will provide a palantypist with a screen in the conference hall to ensure there is visual representation of the spoken content.

Parking for disabled drivers by prior arrangement only, please email [events@caat.org.uk](mailto:events@caat.org.uk) to arrange.

For further information, visit: [www.resourceforlondon.org/meeting-room-page](http://www.resourceforlondon.org/meeting-room-page)

### Williamson Street Community Centre

The venue has full wheelchair access: all on one level, with accessible toilet. A hearing loop will be provided.

For further information, visit: [www.ourcommunitycentre.co.uk](http://www.ourcommunitycentre.co.uk)

## CATERING

Free lunch will be available for all of our attendees on both Saturday and Sunday, provided by Kudos.

[resourceforlondon.org/catering](http://resourceforlondon.org/catering)

Vegan and gluten-free options will be available.

Hot drinks and snacks will be available from the cafe in the entrance to Resource for London.

There are various shops and cafes in the local area if you wish to leave the venue for refreshments.

## QUIET SPACE

All day on Saturday, Seminar Room 4 will be available as a quiet space if you need to take some time out.

## LIVESTREAMING

Our livestreaming partners for this weekend are Be Inspired Films, who will be livestreaming the sessions in the conference hall. We will send out a link after the event for you to access the videos.

# SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

We have designed some 'pathways' for people coming to this conference on Saturday, to help you choose which sessions to attend.

**Intersections:** if you want to learn more about the links between social justice issues and the arms trade, please join the panel discussions in the **Conference hall**.

**New to this whole arms trade thing:** if you haven't taken action at DSEI before and are interested in getting to grips with some of the basics, the Introduction sessions in **Seminar 2** will help you.

**Country and area-specific:** want to learn about the direct impact of the arms trade in a specific area? We will cover Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Israel, Palestine and Newham in these sessions in **Seminar 3**.

**Skillsharing:** if you want introductory taster sessions of key Stop DSEI skills, we designed the interactive workshops in **Seminar 1** just for you!

### Join the Movement

**Main auditorium, 10.30 - 11.30am**

To kick off our weekend of workshops and skillshares, we will hear from people resisting arms fairs around the world.

### Anti-racism, migrant solidarity and the arms trade

**Conference hall, 11.45 - 1pm**

Crissie R from Women of Colour in the Global Women's Strike, Sanaz Raji from Unis Resist Border Controls, and Feryal

Ryan from MedAct will speak to the clear links between borders, racism, Prevent and militarism.

### Stop Arming Saudi Arabia

**Seminar 3, 11.45 - 1pm**

Arabian activist Ameen Nemer will join Ahmed Alkolaib from Yemen, and Ann from CAAT to address human rights abuses within Saudi Arabia, the humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen, and the UK government's role in arming the Saudi government.

## Introduction to the arms trade

**Seminar 2, 11.45 - 1pm**

We know the arms trade is bad, but how does it actually **work**? And what's the history of resistance to it? We will answer these key questions and more in this interactive session.

## Social Media 101

**Seminar 1, 11.45 - 1pm**

Learn how to use social media to tell people about your action. Join Kirsten from Stop the Arms Fair to find out how to get started, the main DOs and DON'Ts, and how to create content that will reach a wide audience.

## Arms to renewables, nuclear power, climate justice and the arms trade

**Conference hall, 2 - 3.15pm**

Sam Mason from the New Lucas Plan, Paula Serafini from BP or not BP, and Janet Fenton from CND will join Ibtehal from CAAT to discuss nuclear weaponry, what 'just transition' means, and what climate justice looks like.

## Introduction to DSEI

**Seminar 2, 2 - 3.15pm**

What is the arms fair? Why is it a bad thing? How can we stop it? Kat from CAAT will address these questions and more in this introduction to DSEI.

## Stop Arming Israel

**Seminar 3, 2 - 3.15pm**

Is liberation for Palestinians the thing that motivates you to stop the arms fair? In this session, Huda Ammori from Palestine Solidarity Campaign will join CAAT to discuss the current situation in Palestine and Israel, and the militarised relationship between the UK and Israel.



## Know Your Rights taster

**Seminar 1, 2 - 3.15**

Green and Black Cross believe that knowing your rights when protesting is essential. Learn what No Comment means, how to ask "Under What Power?" and what happens if you or others are arrested.

## Arming Repression

**Conference hall, 3.30 - 4.45**

Activists from Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy, Kurdistan Solidarity Network, Solidarity with The People of Turkey and Brazilian Women Against Fascism UK will discuss the ever-increasing rise of authoritarianism and repression, the role of the UK arms trade, and global resistance.

## Introduction to creative action

**Seminar 2, 3.30 - 4.45**

Fun, interactive workshop to help you think outside the box, sparking new ideas and inspiration that you can bring when planning your action to Stop the Arms Fair.

## Newham: host to one of the world's biggest arms fairs

**Seminar 3, 3.30 - 4.45**

Activists from Focus E15 and Newham Against the Arms Fair will lead a session about how to get involved within the borough of Newham, and kicking off the campaign locally.

## Ad-hacking: creative resistance in public space

**Seminar 1, 3.30 - 4.45**

A guide to subvertising and ad-hacking and how it can be used to amplify your campaign. Get inspired by how others have taken over public ad spaces, and have a go yourself.



# SATURDAY TIMETABLE

	FOYER	CONFERENCE HALL	SEMINAR 3	SEMINAR 2	SEMINAR 1	
10AM-12PM	REGISTRATION					10AM-12PM
10.30-11.30AM		OPENING SESSION: JOIN THE MOVEMENT				10.30-11.30AM
11.40AM-1PM		ANTI-RACISM, MIGRANT SOLIDARITY AND THE ARMS TRADE	STOP ARMING SAUDI ARABIA	INTRODUCTION TO THE ARMS TRADE	SOCIAL MEDIA 101	11.40AM-1PM
1-2PM LUNCH BREAK						1-2PM LUNCH BREAK
2-3.15PM		ARMS TO RENEWABLES, NUCLEAR POWER, CLIMATE JUSTICE AND THE ARMS TRADE	STOP ARMING ISRAEL	INTRODUCTION TO DSEI	KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TASTER	2-3.15PM
3.30-4.45PM		ARMING REPRESSION	NEWHAM: HOST TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST ARMS FAIRS	INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE ACTION	AD-HACKING: CREATIVE RESISTANCE IN PUBLIC SPACE	3.30-4.45PM
<b>AN EVENING WITH STOP THE ARMS FAIR AT WILLIAMSON STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE</b>						
5PM-9PM	Join us to relax together, with free dinner, 'activist speed-networking', and performances, including from spoken word artists Shareefa Energy and Mizan the Poet					5PM-9PM

# SUNDAY WORKSHOPS

Our workshops on Sunday will be a deeper dive into skill sharing to Stop DSEI, and after lunch we will have some structured space to get to know other activists, work out who has similar interests, and how to work together.

## Direct action training

**Conference hall, 10.30 - 1pm**

Want to take direct action against the arms fair? If you're new to taking direct action, or are simply interested and want to learn, join Ali and Sami to explore: what is direct action? How is it different from other types of action? How can you do it effectively?



## Outreach skills

**Seminar 6, 10.30 - 1pm**

Want to get more people involved in your campaign? Join Nonhlanhla Makuyana from ActBuildChange to learn how to do effective outreach. The session will cover inclusivity, building relationships online and offline, and how to get it done!

## Media skills 101

**Seminar 5, 10.30 - 1pm**

Join CAAT's Press Officer Andrew to discuss and explore practical ways that you can get your campaign into the mainstream media, and the impact that can have on building support and calling for change.

## Sustaining ourselves in our organising

**Seminar 4, 10.30 - 1pm**

Finding it difficult to keep track of all the challenges you face? This workshop will help identify what can lead to burnout, and explore techniques for essential self-care to help you recharge your batteries and increase your capacity to face challenges.

## Organising to #StopDSEI

**Conference hall, 2 - 4.30pm**

After lunch we will come together to meet each other, work out what motivates you, set up working groups, and really get stuck into organising to #StopDSEI.

# SUNDAY TIMETABLE

10.30AM - 1PM	CONFERENCE HALL	DIRECT ACTION TRAINING	10.30AM - 1PM
	SEMINAR ROOM 6	OUTREACH SKILLS	
	SEMINAR ROOM 5	MEDIA SKILLS 101	
	SEMINAR ROOM 4	SUSTAINING OURSELVES IN OUR ORGANISING	2- 4.30 PM
	1-2PM LUNCH BREAK		
2- 4.30 PM	ORGANISING TO #STOPDSEI		2- 4.30 PM

# NEXT STEPS TO DSEI

## So, how are **you** going to get involved?

In 2017 we had actions every day during the week of the set-up. We're hoping for that again in 2019!

### Stop the Arms Fair Network meeting

**30th March, 12.30 - 5.30pm, St Hilda's Community Centre, London**

Let's get stuck into organising for DSEI! We will be deciding on days of action and setting up working groups for things like wellbeing and infrastructure. If you want to get involved, this is your next step.

### #StopDSEI skills day

**22nd June, Manchester (venue TBC)**

Want to

- learn more about taking creative, non-violent direct action?

- get your message out in the world through the news?
- know how to whip up a Twitter storm?
- understand your rights when protesting?

This is the in-depth training session for you.

### Stop DSEI weeks of action

**2 - 13th September**

The set-up of the DSEI arms fair will be from the 2nd September. DSEI aims to open to its guests on Tuesday the 10th. We'll be there to stop it.

### Can't make these dates?

We will be organising more meetings, and running more trainings, so watch this space! Sign up to our mailing lists for more info, and email [action@caat.org.uk](mailto:action@caat.org.uk) with specific requests. If you want to book a Stop the Arms Fair workshop for your group, email [outreach@caat.org.uk](mailto:outreach@caat.org.uk)

# STAY IN TOUCH



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