The Peace & Anti-War Movement on the Eve of the First World War - Lessons for Today

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st September 2013
at the Friends Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester

Friday 20th: Benjamin Britten - Peace and Conflict
A film marking the 100th anniversary of the composer’s birth

Saturday 21st September: Peace History Conference
Introduction by Martin Bell and featuring talks on Isabella Ford, the Northern Friends Peace Board Centenary and The View of Two Communities on the Eve of the First World War in Germany and England.

Further details available by emailing gmdcnd@gn.apc.org or telephoning 0161 273 8283
Programme

Friday 20th

3 – 5  Manchester Peace and Social Justice Trail
This guided walk will cover sites connected to the growth of Manchester as the world’s first industrial city and its importance as a centre for radical political activity. Led by Steve Roman.

6.30  Film – Doors Open

7 – 9  Benjamin Britten – Peace and Conflict
Peace and Conflict is a beautiful and touching evocation of Britten’s schooling at Gresham’s and the values there inculcated, which remained with him for life.

Saturday 21st

9.30 – 10  Welcome to the Conference by Martin Bell OBE
Martin Bell is a former broadcaster, war reporter and Independent MP. He is Vice President of the Movement for the Abolition of War
Chair: Jacqui Burke, Greater Manchester & District Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)

10.30 – 11.30  The Northern Friends’ Peace Board – Success and Limitations of the First Seven Years, 1913-1920
by Barry Mills, NFPB Historian

11.30   – 12  Tea/coffee break

12 – 1  Isabella Ford ((1855-1924) Peace Activist and Suffragist – Opposition of Women to the First World War
by June Hannam, Emeritus Professor of Modern History at the University of the West of England

1 – 2  Lunch

2 – 3  The View of Two Communities on the Eve of the First World War in Germany and England
by Mike Crawford, historian, Nick Wilding, film maker and historian and Wolfgang Hombach, former Director of Erich Kästner, Schule in Maintal

3 – 3.30  Tea/coffee break

3.30 – 5  Q&A Panel Discussion: Lessons for Today
Chair: Rae Street, CND and CADU (Campaign Against Depleted Uranium Weapons)
Kate Hudson, General Secretary CND
Ian Sinclair, Author ‘The March that Shook Blair’
Rachel Julian, Peace researcher
Philip Austin, Northern Friends Peace Board

Summary and closing remarks from Rae Street

Peace History Conference
Useful Information

The International Day of Peace (World Peace Day) will be observed by the 8th national Peace History Conference. Following last year’s sell-out event, the 2013 Conference will again be held in Manchester, on Friday and Saturday, 20th and 21st September.

Recognising the impact that the national commemoration of the First World War will have, Peace History Conferences in the next years will look at the peace and anti war movements, and individual campaigners, who attempted to change public perceptions and government policy, before and during WW1, and, more generally, during the following century.

This year’s Conference focuses on the years just prior to WW1 and the lessons for today.

Registration
If you would like to take part in this conference please fill in the booking form overleaf and send it with a cheque made payable to GM&D CND. Registration packs will be sent out immediately and will include the full programme and conference information such as hotels, hostels and possible home stays.

Your registration fee will include tea/coffee morning and afternoon and lunch on Saturday. Registration also includes joining the Peace Trail and Benjamin Britten film on Friday.

There will be an opportunity to register on Friday evening or from 9.30am on Saturday. Please arrive in plenty of time to register on Saturday as we do not want the first speakers to be interrupted once they have started their talks.

We regret that we cannot undertake visa applications, accommodation or travel.

Concessions and costs
We have kept the registration fee at the same low rate as last year. Concessions are only for full time students, the unemployed and retired people.

If you are able to make a donation on top of fees it would be very much appreciated.

Registration and fees
£15 Early Bird – book by 31st July
£20 Standard
£5 Full time Student, Unemployed, Retired

Stalls
There will be stalls to visit and interest you on Friday and Saturday
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Creche
Creche facilities may be available for children between the ages of 3-10, depending on demand. Tick the box on the Booking Form.