

MAY 29: DAY OF ACTION AGAINST DEPLETED URANIUM WEAPONS

On Thursday 29th May, the International Day of Action against Depleted Uranium, Wrexham Peace and Justice Forum held an action in the centre of Town to raise awareness of the terrible effects of Depleted Uranium weapons.

We used the decorative circle of paving in Queen's Square to indicate the 26 mile radius over which depleted uranium can spread from just one bomb and invited passers-by to imagine what would happen if a DU bomb was dropped on Wrexham from a US A-10 bomber, to think about places they know within 26 miles of the town which could be affected by such a bomb, and to write this place name within the circle. Information sheets were displayed around the circle, explaining some of the dangers and tragic effects of these toxic and radioactive weapons.

We gave out hundreds of CADU (Campaign Against Depleted Uranium) leaflets. The use of DU armaments has already been declared illegal by the United Nations. These weapons are indiscriminate, and people harmed by them include "enemy" troops, our own troops, civilians, journalists and unborn babies. Signatures were collected for a petition calling on the government to stop manufacturing, testing and using DU weapons (petition forms available from CADU (address below).

Our action on May 29th also featured street theatre by the characters "Death", "Pain" and "Suffering", alias Sara and Guy, who took their performance to shoppers in and around the town centre, and onto the green at Llwyn Isaf. Death, Pain and Suffering spoke passionately in favour of Depleted Uranium, bringing the message home to the people of Wrexham in an imaginative and accessible way.



Sara and Guy as "Death", "Pain" & "Suffering"

SOME OF THE HEALTH RISKS OF DEPLETED URANIUM EXPOSURE
Babies born with terrible deformities such as missing limbs, no eyes, growths and bloody sores.
Cancers such as leukaemia and brain tumours.
Kidney damage, Immune system damage.

NEW CND PETITION AGAINST "STAR WARS"

A new petition against US plans for a missile defence system has been launched by CND. The US military is looking towards space and the development of new tools for warfare. We need to keep the issue alive and the opposition active. Sign the petition today online - it takes just 2 minutes.

www.petitiononline.com/notosw



OCCUPATION WATCH

The catastrophic failure of US/UK policies has never been more clear. But with a corrupt and censored media, only independent organisations can be trusted to tell the truth. The international anti-war movement now has an independent presence in Baghdad, monitoring all aspects of the US/UK occupation of Iraq.

Occupation Watch covers everything from casualties both civilian and military, law and order, health and education, to the political process in Iraq. Please do everything you can to promote and support this initiative.

www.occupationwatch.org