
LANDMINE ACTION WEEK

November 2nd - 9th is Landmine Action Week. The organisation Landmine Action has launched a "Clear Up!" campaign to rid the world of landmines and the explosive remnants of war (ERW). Although there are international protocols regarding the use of landmines, many landmines still litter post-conflict areas, killing and maiming civilians including many children. The situation with ERW is even worse as there are currently no international laws which address the problem of ERW.

At least 84 countries around the world are affected by the explosive remnants of war, including Afghanistan, Kosovo and Iraq. ERW are more likely to kill than landmines. Common ERW injuries include loss of limbs, burns, puncture wounds and blindness. The presence of ERW in post-conflict areas impedes resettlement, rehabilitation and reconstruction. Cluster bombs are especially dangerous to civilians because of the many bomblets, the high failure rate and the fact that they are brightly coloured and likely to be picked up by children.

Members of WPJF will be in Wrexham on Saturday 8th November from 11am with a petition calling for urgent action on ERW. See us there or organise an event to raise money for LAW. More info. on www.clearup.org

A VOLUNTEER PEACE SERVICE FOR WALES?

Cynefin y Werin Peace and Justice Network is carrying out a feasibility study into setting up a volunteer / civilian peace service based in Wales.

This service might develop the capacity of organisations, individual and communities in Wales to respond to conflict within Wales and elsewhere, carry out peace building activities in areas of conflict, post-conflict or instability, provide a forum for people in Wales to reflect on and promote the lessons of peace building abroad for peace building in Wales.

Do you think that a Volunteer Peace Service for Wales would be a positive development?

Do you belong to an organisation which supports peace building or solidarity work?

Do you use non violent direct action as part of your peace campaigning?

Do you have experience of volunteering or working in an area of conflict (or pre- or post- conflict)?

Are there difficulties or drawbacks to having a Volunteer Peace Service for Wales?

All comments are welcome, whatever your experience. If you have half an hour to spare and would be willing to answer a short questionnaire by e-mail or phone, please email coney@gn.apc.org or ring 01639 700 680.



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