

Welcome to the 2013 *Peace News* Summer Camp & to five days of exploration, celebration and empowerment



Taking a Lead From the Global South

The camp is a small self-governed society run by democratic camp meetings and volunteer-run working groups – a viable example of the kind of world we are trying to bring about. We aim to help build a radical movement for the future by building a living community today.

We will be learning from other movements, struggling with challenging issues and thinking about how we can all take action to create radical social change.

This year's theme for the camp is 'Taking a Lead from the Global South'.

This programme contains the schedule for the five days and details of all the workshops and sessions.

Please see the...

- **PRACTICALITIES SECTION** of this programme for important information that everyone needs to know.
- The **SCHEDULE** and **PROGRAMME DETAILS** has information on workshops, sessions and evening events.
- There will be **SESSIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH DAY** to discuss practicalities and organisational issues.
- See the **CAMP NOTICEBOARD** for updates and other information.

For this fifth Peace News Summer Camp, for the first time the organising committee are all of global majority heritage. This is an expression of the commitment of Peace News, and of the Summer Camp, to work against racism, and to give an opportunity for new ideas and voices to enter.

The new organising collective has added these dimensions to the agenda of the camp: celebrating what global majority groups have accomplished in struggles for social change around the world; helping us better understand and overcome the racism of the societies in which we live; helping us to understand the connections between racism and other forms of oppression, including those based on disability, class, gender, sexuality and age; giving us an opportunity to learn more about how different forms of oppression are affecting our struggles and ourselves and to think about how we can move forward in challenging them so that we can work together more effectively for social change.

Peace News Summer Camp is an inclusive event, open to everyone who's been before, and to everyone else – from all backgrounds – who would like to explore radical ideas and share social change skills.



Peace News works for a nonviolent world – where war has been abolished and the roots of war pulled up, including the silent, routine violence of hunger, oppression and ecological devastation.

Making such a world will require a nonviolent revolution in every area of society, transforming relationships based on domination and exclusion into ones based on mutual respect. We need a nonviolent revolution in women's relationships with men, in children's relationships with adults, in relationships between races, between disabled people and non-disabled people, between animals and humans, between nature and the human race. Peace News believes in a nonviolent revolution in our economic and political lives, subordinating work and politics to human need, not human greed; to freedom and co-operation, not hierarchy and power.

Peace News is not just about the values that we campaign for, it is also about the way that we campaign, how we treat each other, and the way that we live. Peace News is for people who do not just hold their values in their heads, but who apply them in their lives. People who are trying to be the change they want to see in the world.

Peace News supports campaigns with limited objectives – these are urgent and necessary. But we also see these campaigns as part of a larger vision of a fundamental nonviolent transformation of society.

We reject organised violence, which perpetuates structures and relationships based on privilege, hierarchy and destruction. We urge collective nonviolent action to exert another kind of force, based on solidarity and empowerment and the ability of people to regain control of their lives.

In order to strengthen collective nonviolent action for peace and justice, Peace News aims to:

- 1 publicise the activities of people and groups working for peace and justice;
- 2 analyse the words and deeds of powerful institutions working for war and injustice;
- 3 support social and economic experiments which today are trying to create the society of the future, and support people trying to incorporate humane and nonviolent values into their everyday lives;
- 4 encourage debate and self-evaluation within the broad peace movement;
- 5 spread insights, techniques and methods between nonviolent movements for social change;
- 6 give a voice, wherever possible, to local, grassroots movements caught up in international conflicts;
- 7 promote nonviolence.

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Practicalities

How the Camp is run

This is a participatory camp (see below). Each morning there will be a camp-wide meeting for announcements, rota-filling and to deal with any issues that arise. Things that need to be done include: staffing the Welcome Tent, chopping vegetables, checking toilets, washing up, and taking shifts in the bar. You won't be dumped into the middle of something that you can't handle, but helping out is a great way to learn new skills. There is no site-crew – the organisers have tried to think of everything we need to have a successful camp, but if there is something missing, or that you think could be done better, please offer to help us run things better! Please note that the organisers are all volunteers who have also paid the fee to come, to help cover running costs.

The work needing doing will be announced at the main meetings, but it really helps if the rotas are full before hand, so please go to the relevant place to fill in rotas (most rotas are in the Welcome Tent; the kitchen rota is in the Veggies marquee).

Participation

Peace News Summer Camp is a participatory camp. Some of you may have been to camps and events where 'participatory' means that everyone is involved in every decision. That is not how things are organised here. Everyone in the camp is listened to and thoughts and ideas from everyone are welcome and valued. The camp couldn't happen without people getting involved. However, some people are only coming for a day to see what it's like, while others, such as those in the organising group, have spent six months pulling the camp together. The organising group has responsibility for coordinating the camp as a whole, and is accountable to *Peace News*, which underwrites the camp.

Similarly, if someone takes on an area of responsibility, they will be trusted to get on with it and make decisions and changes that seem appropriate. The organising group operates by consensus; it is an open group. If anyone is interested in being part of creating *Peace News* Summer Camp 2014 then please talk to us and get involved.

Dogs: Unfortunately, no dogs are allowed onsite during *Peace News* Summer Camp. We're very open to talking about creating a dog-friendly space at a future camp, separate from the areas where children are, but for this camp no dogs are allowed.

Getting to / from Diss Station

Because of a lack of cars and drivers, there will be a very limited pickup service operating between the camp and Shrewsbury train station – which will need to be booked in advance. This will only be operating, by arrangement, for those with children or restricted mobility. There is a bus from Diss (15 minutes walk from the train station) but service is limited, and there is no bus service on Sunday. Ask the bus driver to let you off at Woolsey Bridge Fields, on Burston Road. The taxi to and from Diss train station is around £4-£6, and is about the same as the bus fare for two or three people. It's best to book your taxi in advance, especially on Sunday. Taxi companies include: Diss Town Taxis 07821 739 011, and Scholes Taxi 01379 741 471. If you do take a taxi, and you have room, before you get in the taxi, ask if anyone around you needs a lift to the Camp/to Diss!

If you absolutely need a lift, please book by phoning (or texting) 07783 139 866, or by putting a request on the wall in the Welcome Tent. If texting, please include your name and arrival time, plus the number of places you need to reserve.

What everyone will need

If you are staying overnight at the camp you should bring a **tent**, **sleeping bag** and **sleeping mat** and any other equipment you may need. Bring **warm clothes** as it can get chilly at night. **Waterproof clothes** and **boots** are essential! You will also need **money for paying your contribution to the camp and for paying for food** (unless you have paid online). A **torch** and **hot water bottle** will be useful. You do not need to bring plates/cutlery etc. The camp will be renewably-powered and will have running (cold) water and basic washing facilities.

Children's Space

The Children's Space will start at 2pm on Thursday 25 July, and finish at 12.30 on Monday 29 July. It will only run during workshop periods (10.30am–12.30pm; 2–4pm and 4.30–6.30pm) and the responsible adults will be knocking off for tea breaks, lunch and supper. So, if you have children, please come and relieve the volunteers at these times. In return for a donation, we will cook lunch and supper for your children in the Children's Space. They are welcome to eat either in the children's space (earlier meal times, fewer 'bits'!) or at Veggies. Please put a donation for the children's meals and snacks in a pot.

If you are leaving your children in the Children's Space then please make sure that you have informed Saida of where you will be (and leave your mobile phone number, if you have one). If you have any children on site, then please let Saida know their ages, names and any relevant medical conditions or food allergies (all food provided will be vegetarian).

Medics

If you are a first aider, please sign up in the gate tent. If you need medical help, please ask either in the kids' tent or the gate tent, or contact one of the first aiders.

Food

Veggies of Nottingham are providing food for us.

If you booked your meal tickets online then please collect them from the Welcome Tent on arrival. Otherwise, please purchase them between 8–9am each day from the Veggies Kitchen Tent.

Those without meal tickets at the start of a meal may be able to purchase a meal after all those with tickets have been served. There will also be a Veggies tuck shop in the Veggies Tent.

Rota: Veggies will need people to help chop vegetables, cook, serve, and wash up for each meal.

Money

There will be an Open Budget poster on the wall of one of the marquees to explain the finances of Summer Camp. As we went to press with this programme, we were projecting a significant loss. If you can afford a donation, we'd be very grateful for your help in closing the gap!

Access and inclusion

We don't want anyone to be excluded from Peace News Summer Camp. We know that there is no one-size-fits-all solution to inclusion and there are as many barriers to inclusion as there are people.

Peace News Summer Camp is run on very limited resources and we try to allocate them in order to best support the people who might like to participate. Accessibility measures already in place include:
– step-free toilet, large-print programmes and tent-spaces allocated according to need.

We ask all Camp participants to be aware of inclusion issues during the Camp.

Ramadan

There will be Muslims on-site who are fasting for Ramadan. This means they will not be eating or drinking anything between around 4am and around 9pm, and will be using the kitchen very early in the morning and late evening, and possibly using a separate fire-pit for cooking.

Bar

We will be running a bar each evening from Thursday to Sunday night. If you do take or find a glass outside the bar, please try to return it to the bar tent as soon as possible. Profits from the bar go to subsidise the cost of the gathering.

Smoking

No smoking inside any of the marquees (we don't want to burn any down!) and if you are asked not to smoke near people, please respect that.

We want to leave the field in the same good state in which we will find it so please remember to place all cigarette butts and any other rubbish into a bin.

Fire

We have one central fire pit, please do not build any other fires on site. There may also be a Ramadan cooking fire-pit – which is only to be used for this purpose.

Teen Tent

This year, for the first time, there will be a Teen Tent on-site, which will be hosting a parallel set of talks and discussions - look out on noticeboards for more info. Non-teens cannot enter the Teen Tent except by invitation.

Entertainment

There will be entertainments on Saturday and Sunday nights. See page 7 for details.

Journalists and taking photographs

After experience and discussion arising from previous camps, we will be allowing journalists on site as long as they are clearly identified. However, if any one person feels uncomfortable with having media in a workshop the journalist will be asked to leave.

Not everyone is comfortable with being photographed – even by friendly fellow campers – especially if the photos are to be put up on the internet! Please be aware of who is in the frame and ask them if they don't mind. We have an unofficial camp photographer who is documenting the camp for Peace News. Please let him know if you want to be excluded from these photos (he will announce himself at morning meetings).

Phone Numbers

In case of emergency, here are some mobile numbers:

Camp Coordinator: 07783 139 866

Back up: 07980 748 555

Thursday

Taking a Lead from the Global South

How often do British activists have the chance to hear directly and at length, over many days, from campaigners for social justice and freedom in the Global South? We will hear from Dora Estella Muñoz Atillo of the Nasa people in Colombia, and Mohamed Moghazy, a working-class organiser from the Popular Committees to Defend the Revolution in Egypt.

Dora Estella Muñoz Atillo is a development economist and an Indigenous Communicator with the Association of Indigenous Council of Northern Cauca (ACIN). Mohamed Moghazy is an organiser from Cairo.

Communities Rising Against the Cuts

As harsh cuts in government spending begin to have their full impact on UK communities, economists are predicting more years of 'austerity', with possibly £25bn more to be cut between 2016–18. Black Activists Rising Against Cuts (BARAC) and Disabled People Against Cuts (DPAC) share their experiences and their ideas on effective resistance.

Hector Wesley is a member of the BARAC National Steering Group. There will also be a speaker from DPAC Norfolk.

Contributing to Peace News

Peace News is always looking for more contributors. Would you like to write for or take photos for us? Have a chat during the camp with co-editors **Emily Johns** and **Milan Rai**.

Finger on the Trigger: Western Nuclear Terrorism since 1945

Nuclear weapons have been used, time and again, in the same way that a gun is used when it is pointed at someone's head, regardless of whether the trigger is pulled. These threats – often against non-nuclear states – have been part of a deliberate US and British policy of using the Bomb to help safeguard their 'vital' commercial interests around the world.

Milan Rai is a *Peace News* co-editor and author of *Tactical Trident: The Rifkind Doctrine and the Third World*.

The Economics of Killing

Globalisation has created an interconnected world, but has not diminished violence, militarism and inequality. The power of global elites, entrenched under globalisation, has created a deadly cycle of violence. In *The Economics of Killing* (Pluto, 2012), Vijay Mehta shows how attempts at peaceful national development are routinely blocked by Western powers, and he argues that a different world is possible, based on policies of disarmament, demilitarisation and sustainable development.

Vijay Mehta is the chair of Uniting for Peace and the Founding Trustee of the Fortune Forum Charity.

Friday

2014: The Centenary of the First World War

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the 'war to end all wars', which spread around the world. The British government is spending £50m on a 'national commemoration' which is likely to be nationalistic and militaristic. There is a huge opportunity for the British peace movement to put peace, internationalism, reconciliation and global justice on the agenda. Find out what's already being planned and contribute your own ideas.

Claire Poyner is coordinator of the Network for Peace.

ForcesWatch

ForcesWatch, which began life at a Peace News Summer Camp workshop, campaigns against the intensifying militarisation of education, the recruitment of 16- and 17-year-olds into the armed forces, the lack of discharge rights for under-18-year-olds, and the lack of political rights in the military. ForcesWatch also challenges the climate of uncritical national pride in the armed forces.

Emma Sangster is the co-ordinator of ForcesWatch.

An Alternative History: 51 Years of the Institute for Race Relations

In 1972, the membership of Institute of Race Relations (IRR) backed the staff in a radical transformation of the organisation from an establishment, academic institution into an anti-racist 'thinktank'. Since then, the

IRR has been at the cutting edge of the research and analysis that inform the struggle for racial justice in Britain, Europe and internationally. It draws its perspectives from the most vulnerable in society.

Harmit Athwal edits IRR's News Service and researches the deaths of asylum-seekers, racially-motivated murders and deaths in custody.

A Difficult Art: Peace Activism in Afghanistan

Through Skype, *Peace News* Summer Camp will be hosting a conversation with young Afghan peace activists in Kabul, brought together as the Afghan Peace Volunteers. Through their monthly Global Days of Listening programme (globaldaysoflistening.org), APV have nurtured relationships with friends around the world. (After the 45-minute Skype chat, there will be a searching Afghanistan quiz to test your knowledge!)

The Afghan Peace Volunteers are a multi-ethnic grassroots Afghan group seeking nonviolence, the unity of all people, equality, and self-reliance.

Chomsky's Politics

Noam Chomsky is the world's most influential public intellectual. His writings on media disinformation and on US foreign policy have helped to be helping to educate and inspire generations of activists around the world since 1965.

Milan Rai is a *Peace News*

Friday workshops continue overleaf

Friday continued

co-editor and author of *Chomsky's Politics* (Verso, 1995).

Iraq Today

The destruction of the Iraqi state in 2003, the US military and political quagmire, and the sectarian structures they ended up relying upon, are well-known. What is less analysed is how Iraqis, as families and citizens, are coping with the mess that emerged. Daily life, education and public services are perhaps more important for the future of the country than the machinations of corrupt political grouplets fighting over oil wealth.

Mundher Al Adhami is an educationalist and Iraqi academic. **Haifa Zangana** is an author and a columnist with *Al Quds Al Arabi*.

Learning from the Arab Spring

A chance to look back on the wave of uprisings that began in Western Sahara in October 2010, and reached world attention when protesters forced Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali from office on 14 January 2010. Mohamed Moghazy helped organise the massive 25 January 2011 demonstration in Tahrir Square, Cairo, which was a key part of the country-wide unarmed revolt that overthrew Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak.

Dave Wearing is co-editor of New Left Project and a PhD student at London's School of Oriental and African Studies.

Mohamed Moghazy is an organiser with the Popular Committees to Defend the Revolution in Egypt.

Nonviolence and the Nasa People

In the 1980s, the Nasa indigenous people in southwest Colombia declared themselves 'actively neutral' in the conflict between the Colombian army, left-wing guerrillas and right-wing paramilitaries. The Nasa rejected all forms of violence and criticised all actors in the conflict. The Nasa have organised an unarmed 'Indigenous Guard' of 6,000 members who quickly mass where they are needed to defend their 305 communities.

Dora Estella Muñoz Atillo is an indigenous Nasa organiser, from the indigenous council of Corinto, department of Cauca, Colombia.

Nonviolent Direct Action – Sitting in the Way of Control

This introduction to arrestable action is a brilliant opportunity for anyone thinking of taking part in nonviolent direct action (NVDA). It's a chance to demystify the arrest process, learn a bit about the law, share worries with others in the same situation as yourself, and enjoy playing 'bad cop, bad cop' – all in a safe and friendly environment.

Joshua Virasami is a trainer with new activist training group, the London Roots Collective.

A co-founder of London Roots in 2012, **Michele Kirschstein** has been involved in the climate movement since 2008.

Zapatismo in Mexico and Beyond

Two workshops about Zapatismo. The Zapatista communities in the mountains of the Mexican state of Chiapas are indigenous, autonomous communities with their own government, education and health care systems, founded after the Mexican government failed to implement the peace accords they had agreed with the Zapatista Army of National Liberation, an almost entirely indigenous guerrilla group, which rose up in 1994. The Zapatistas demand autonomy and their main organising principle is 'to lead by obeying'. This four-workshop series (two more on Sunday) looks at Zapatismo for inspiration, links and lessons. The workshops build on each other but can be attended singly.

Zapatismo in Mexico: 1983 to the Present

A fun, interactive workshop which gives a sense of the Zapatista story, and relates some of their customs, traditions and ways of organising.

The Zapatistas and Neo-colonialism – What Have We (Whoever You and Your People Are) Been Doing During These Years of Resistance?

Our liberation is all caught up together. This workshop explores how we have experienced the last 100 years of resistance.

Denise, Hector, Lia and Will are from the Zapatista Solidarity Network, which links different groups across the UK working in solidarity with Zapatista communities and the wider social struggle in Mexico.

Saturday

Power and Privilege

Two two-hour workshops on power and privilege designed by Daniel Hunter, an African-American Training Elder with the internationally-renowned US activist training group, Training for Change.

The workshops are delivered by **Oyinlola Okolosie** and **Rashne Limki** from Black Feminists. A unique and powerful experience.

Nonviolence, the Military and the Struggle in Egypt

The last few weeks in Egypt have been confusing and fast-moving. What has been happening on the ground – how does it look from an activist point of view, from the streets of Cairo?

Mohamed Moghazy is an organiser with the Popular Committees to Defend the Revolution in Egypt.

Killer Drones

After more than 380 British drone strikes in the last five years, we still do not know: where UK drone strikes take place; how many people have been killed in British drones strikes and who they are; how many strikes are pre-planned and how many are launched 'on the fly'; how accurate British drone strikes are; and whether the UK has used drones for targeted killing in Afghanistan.

Chris Cole, Drone Wars UK coordinator, is one of six activists who broke into drone base RAF Waddington in June.

Poetry and Free Writing

An opportunity for creative writing in a safe environment.

Selina Nwulu is a poet, an activist, and a member of Black Feminists.

Saturday lunchtime event

Grassroots Takeover

Grassroots Takeover, the online activist radio show which fights injustice with apocalyptic banter, will be interviewing members of the camp at lunchtime in front of a live studio audience (you). Usually a platform for grassroots groups in London, the show will be hearing campers' stories of how they got involved in activism, funny or moving things that have happened to them along the way, and some ways to get involved.

Mark Weaver and **Alison Playford** are involved in Occupy London.

Queer Movements in the Global South

The idea that desire defines what we are – and that people can be categorised into 'sexuality types' (straight, gay, lesbian...) – is relatively recent and peculiar to the Euro-North American context. Sexuality and gender are experienced, transacted and politicised in different ways around the world. This workshop examines the diverse strategies of queer movements in the Global South, focusing on India, Uganda and Brazil.

Akshay Khanna is an anthropologist, activist and theatre practitioner who works with queer activists in the Global South.

A Culture of Resistance: The Story of Pan-Africanism

Pan-Africanism, whose history goes back over 100 years, is, at a basic level, the belief that African peoples, both on the African continent and in the Diaspora, share not merely a common history, but a common destiny. The sixth Pan-African Congress, in 1974, concluded: 'We the African people are our own liberators and thinkers whose task is to make a mighty stride towards genuine freedom by any means necessary.'

Kofi Mawuli Klu is, among other things, Joint Coordinator of the Rendezvous of Victory, an African-led, community-based, Pan-African movement.

A World to Win – A New Revolutionary International

With over 3,000 members from Albania to Venezuela, the International Organisation for a Participatory Society (IOPS) is a new global revolutionary network, wanting to help win tangible improvements in the lives of people today, while developing organisations (including IOPS itself) that show how we want to live in a future anti-sexist, anti-racist, classless and environmentally just society.

Preeti Kaur is a member of London IOPS and an international human rights lawyer, working with survivors of torture.

After Chavez: Creating Alternatives in Latin America

Waves of powerful social movements in Colombia, Bolivia and Venezuela, and left-leaning states such as Venezuela and Bolivia, have generated a wealth of ideas for how grassroots movements can work against neoliberal austerity programmes, including in the UK. Learning from Latin America, where neoliberal shock tactics were implemented years ago, this workshop will also showcase what people-centred institutions, practices and policies might look like.

Amancay Colque, a co-founder of Bolivia Solidarity Campaign, is an activist from La Paz, Bolivia, now living in the UK.

Andy Higginbottom is secretary of the Colombia Solidarity Campaign and a lecturer at Kingston University.

Cake-Making with Veggies!

Peace News Summer Camp wonderful caterers, Veggies, the Vegan Catering Campaign of Nottingham, will help you make the most delicious cakes in Norfolk!

Veggies have been feeding activists, promoting vegan catering, and supporting campaigns for humans, other animals and the environment since 1984.

Sunday workshops continue overleaf

Colombia: Peace Communities and Beyond

Colombia, which has been at war for 50 years, has entered a promising peace process involving direct talks between the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the main guerrilla group. In the middle of the conflict, inspiring grassroots peace communities, such as San José de Apartadó, refuse to align with any side, and assert their land rights nonviolently, despite brutal attacks by the army and right-wing paramilitaries.

Andy Higginbottom is secretary of the Colombia Solidarity Campaign and a lecturer at Kingston University.

Deschooling Society: A Black Perspective

Black communities need a progressive curriculum which doesn't reduce the black experience and contribution to the globe to enslavement and anti-racism. Disproportionate exclusion rates and low teacher assessments have made providing an alternative to mainstream schooling a common feature of black communities. By understanding how hierarchies of knowledge intersect with the politics of race, we can support projects and campaigns which black communities bring to the debate for deschooling Britain.

Adam Elliott-Cooper is researching how community organisations are addressing the issues which led to the English riots in 2011.



From Cauca and Cairo to Crouch End: Radical Community Organisers in Dialogue

Peace News Summer Camp brings together our international speakers, **Dora Estella Muñoz Atillo** from Cauca in Colombia, **Mohamed Moghazy** from Cairo in Egypt, and **Dave Morris**, best-known as one of the two defendants in the McLibel case of 1997, but also the hard-working Secretary of the Haringey Federation of Residents' Associations.

An unmissable chance to learn more about community organising from people at the cutting edge.

Dora Estella Muñoz Atillo is a development economist and an Indigenous Communicator with the Association of Indigenous Council of Northern Cauca (ACIN).

Dave Morris is a member of Haringey Solidarity Group.

Mohamed Moghazy is an organiser with the Popular Committees to Defend the Revolution in Egypt.

Global Power Shift: A New Wave in the Climate Movement

At the end of June, 500 climate justice campaigners from 135 countries were gathered in Istanbul (by climate group 350.org) to share experiences and skills and help build towards a massive and sustained show of force that disrupts the status quo and captures the public imagination. To what extent is this new wave of climate change organising being led by frontline concerns and by groups in the South?

Suzanne Dhaliwal co-founded UK Tar Sands Network, which works with the Indigenous Environmental network against Canada's Alberta Tar Sands megaproject.

Only Connect: Global Ecological Justice Movements

In the face of Climate Chaos and environmental maangamizi (Swahili for destruction or Holocaust), this workshop explores eco-solidarity work in Afrika, including the 2010 Climate Camp in Ghana, and in the UK. It also investigates the best ways to overcome fragmentation, isolation and disunity through the promotion of grassroots-to-grassroots 'Interconnexions of Eco-Solidarity for Global Justice'.

Kofi Mawuli Klu is Chief Executive Commissioner of PANAFRIINDABA, a Pan-Afrikan grassroots community-based thinktank or 'Think-and-Act Gourd'.

Solidarity for Real

We may share common values, but how can we work in genuine solidarity – within nations or across national boundaries – when we are so divided by power differentials based on class, nationality, language, ethnicity/race, gender, religion, and other differences? Support is so often given with strings attached, or in a patronising way. A chance to speak honestly and share our experiences of solidarity both good and bad.

Mohamed Moghazy is an organiser with the Popular Committees to Defend the Revolution in Egypt. **Dora Estella Muñoz Atillo** is a senior member of the Weaving of Communication of the indigenous people's network, ACIN. **Amancay Colque**, a co-founder of Bolivia Solidarity Campaign, is an activist from La Paz, Bolivia, now living in the UK. **Andy Higginbottom** is secretary of the Colombia Solidarity Campaign and a lecturer at Kingston University.

Why Iran Can't Trust the West

Drawing Paradise on the "Axis of Evil" is an exhibition of 'pre-war art' created by Emily Johns, embodying the work that a war artist does, 'for a conflict that I hope may never take place', reflecting on the intertwined histories of Persia and Britain. Alongside these images and reflections, Milan Rai lays out neglected dimensions of the nuclear crisis, and paths away from disaster.

Emily Johns and **Milan Rai** are *Peace News* co-editors, recently returned from an international peace delegation to Iran.

Monday

Zapatismo in Mexico and Beyond

Two more workshops about Zapatismo. The Zapatista communities in the mountains of the Mexican state of Chiapas are indigenous, autonomous communities with their own self-government, education and health care systems, founded after the Mexican government failed to implement the peace accords they had agreed with the Zapatista Army of National Liberation, an almost entirely indigenous guerrilla group, which rose up in 1994. The Zapatistas demand autonomy and their main organising principle is 'to lead by obeying'. This four-workshop series looks at Zapatismo for inspiration, links and lessons. Workshops build on each other but can be attended singly.

The Zapatistas and the Creative Local and Global Alternative

This workshop uses familiar and everyday items for social and political expression (the mic check, the stick blockade, video accompaniment) and what this looks like for our context.

Zapatismo and My World

This workshop wraps up the highlights and learning of the previous workshops and looks at what each of us can do to change the way we are, to be able to give more energy to building the alternative.

Denise, Hector, Lia and Will are from the Zapatista Solidarity Network, which links different groups across the UK working in solidarity with Zapatista communities and the wider social struggle in Mexico.

Taking Our Next Steps

We'll be hearing from our international speakers on what we've shared, and what lies ahead.

We'll be making decisions about next year's Peace News Summer Camp, and helping each other to make new commitments for ourselves and for our work.

Evening entertainments

Thursday

8pm: 'From the Centre of the Storm: Cairo'

A participant in the democracy movement from long before 25 January 2011, Mohamed Moghazy comes directly from the streets of Cairo to give us a grassroots perspective on the tumultuous events of the last month, and the last three years.

Mohamed Moghazy is an organiser with the Popular Committees to Defend the Revolution in Egypt.

Friday

8pm: 'The Struggle for Change in Colombia'

A senior member of the Nasa people of southwest Colombia, Dora Estella Muñoz Atillo, explains how indigenous people in Colombia are struggling for their rights.

Dora Estella Muñoz Atillo is a development economist and an Indigenous Communicator with the Association of Indigenous Councils of Northern Cauca (ACIN).

Saturday

8pm: 'This Little Light'

Award-winning Nigerian-born performer **Tayo Aluko** sings extracts from his brilliant one-man show *Call Mr Robeson*, plays rare recordings of Paul Robeson singing, and talks about the life and politics of the African-American singer, actor and activist. Tayo suggests: 'Paul Robeson can be a source of inspiration to us individually and collectively in today's dark times.'

Tayo Aluko has won, among other awards, 'Best Solo Show' at the Stratford-upon-Avon Fringe, June 2013; and Impresario Award, Best Actor Award, and Best Original Work Award at the London Fringe, Canada, June 2012. Peace News co-editor Emily Johns last year described *Call Mr Robeson* as 'a profoundly moving one-man play.... Tayo Aluko carries the spirit of his subject, showing a man of deep compassion, twinkling humour and deep thought. He deftly moves his audience through laughter and tears. Maybe my tears were mixed with tears for the resonances with the world now as much as the world then.'



Sunday

8.30pm: TALENT SHOW

A Camp tradition. Music, poetry, acrobatics, escapology, dance, whatever your talent – one year the Talent Show included a rap in Esperanto about Open Source Software! Your chance to shine. Please let us know if you're interested in performing so that we can add you to the billing.

	8.30 Breakfast	9.30-10.15 Meeting	10.30-12.30 Workshop	12.30-14.00 Lunch	14.00-16.00 Workshop	16.30-18.30 Workshop	19.00 Supper	Evening entertainment
Thursday		Practical introduction to the day	Set-up – collectively putting up structures and preparing for the camp		Taking a Lead from the Global South	The Economics of Killing		From the Centre of the Storm 8pm start
				Finger on the Trigger Western Nuclear Terrorism since 1945				
				Communities Rising Against the Cuts				
Friday		Welcome to the Gathering	ForcesWatch		2014: The Peace Movement Marks the Centenary of the First World War	Iraq Today		The Struggle for Change in Colombia 8pm start
				Zapatismo in Mexico: 1983 to the Present		The Zapatistas and Neo-Colonialism	An Alternative History 51 Years of the Institute for Race Relations	
				Nonviolence and the Nasa People in Colombia		Chomsky's Politics	Nonviolent Direct Action Sitting in the Way of Control (4.15-7.15)	
						A Difficult Art: Peace Activism in Afghanistan	Learning from the Arab Spring	
Saturday		Morning Meeting	Power and Privilege	Grassroots Takeover Radio Show	Power and Privilege (continued)	Queer Movements in the Global South		This Little Light – Tayo Aluko sings Robeson
						An Alternative History 51 Years of the Institute for Race Relations		
						Nonviolence, the Military & the Struggle in Egypt		
						Killer Drones		
						Poetry		
Sunday		Morning Meeting	Deschooling Society A Black Perspective		Only Connect: Global Ecological Justice Movements	A Culture of Resistance: The Story of Pan-Africanism		Talent Show: Everyone brings out their hidden talents!
				Global Power Shift		From Cauca and Cairo to Crouch End: Radical	Why Iran Can't Trust The Rest	
				The Zapatistas and the Creative Local and Global Alternative		Zapatismo and My World	Solidarity for Real	
				After Chavez: Creating Alternatives to Neoliberalism in Latin America		Columbia: Peace Communities and Beyond		
				Cake-making		A World to Win: A New Revolutionary International		
Monday		Morning Meeting	Taking Our Next Steps		Tat Down & Closing Circle	Tidy up		



In June, there was a nonviolent people's uprising in Turkey, that started when people occupied Gezi Park in Istanbul, in protest at plans to 'develop' the site.

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The Smog of Racism

Dr Tatum

“Prejudice is one of the inescapable consequences of living in a racist society. Cultural racism – the cultural images and messages that affirm the assumed superiority of Whites and the assumed inferiority of people of color – is like smog in the air.

“Sometimes it is so thick it is visible, other times it is less apparent, but always, day in and day out, we are breathing it in. None of us would introduce ourselves as “smog-breathers” (and most of us don’t want to be described as prejudiced), but if we live in a smoggy place, how can we avoid breathing the air?”

“If we live in an environment in which we are bombarded with stereotypical images in the media, are frequently exposed to the ethnic jokes of friends and family members, and are rarely informed of the accomplishments of oppressed groups, we will develop the negative categorizations of those groups that form the basis of prejudice.

“To say that it is not our fault does not relieve us of responsibility, however. We may not have polluted the air, but we need to take responsibility, along with others, for cleaning it up. Each of us needs to look at our own behavior.

“Am I perpetuating and reinforcing the negative messages so pervasive in our culture, or am I seeking to challenge them? If I have not been exposed to positive images of marginalized groups, am I seeking them out, expanding my knowledge base for myself and my children? We teach what we were taught. It is not our fault, but it is our responsibility to interrupt this cycle.”

**Dr Beverly Tatum,
*Why Are All the Black Kids
Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*
(Basic Books, 2002)**

Seeing the West in its Right Place

Erskine Childers

“I often wish to make a TV film in Britain standing in Trafalgar Square, about the Arabs.

“It would shock a British – indeed, I think any Western – audience to its foundations. I would point out that the name of the square was Arab; that the cheques passing through the banks around the square were named from an Arabic word and from Arabic commercial innovation, and the numbers on them were Arabic; that the drains running under the square had been developed in Baghdad [in Iraq] and Cordova [in Muslim-ruled Spain] at a time when London and every city in Europe were squelching nightmares of mud and refuse; that the key stars in the heavens above Trafalgar Square are still called by the names given to them by Arab astronomers who discovered them at Arab observatories; that the techniques of navigation used by Nelson to reach the place called Trafalgar were first refined and codified by Arab navigators; that Nelson’s very title, admiral, is an Arabic word; that the water flowing out of the fountains beneath his statue is pure because of a science of chemistry and chemical analysis first properly organised by Arabs; that every time some learned lecturer in nearby museums or university halls refers to “our Greek heritage”, he [or she] means “our Greek heritage as preserved, codified, interpreted and spontaneously enriched and then handed on to us by the Arabs”; that the very disciplines of arithmetic, algebra and trigonometry with which it was possible for Englishmen [and others] to construct a square called Trafalgar were acquired by their ancestors from the Arabs; and that the health of the citizens of London who today walk through this square that is a central symbol of western civilization owes its origins to Arab medical scientists like al-Razi who died in 923, and Ibn Sina, the author of the veritable medical bible of the west for centuries.”

**Irish journalist and UN civil servant
Erskine Barton Childers, 1966**