

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. No one will be dumped into the middle of something that they can't handle, but helping out is a great way to learn new skills. There is no site crew, we are all 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, and for their own travel, 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 over six months pulling the camp together. The organising group has responsibility for coordinating the camp as a whole, and tries to act in accordance with the values of *Peace News*.

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 2018 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

Unfortunately, because the people in the *Peace News* Summer Camp organising group don't drive, we can't offer a vehicle to ferry people from the train station. If you have mobility issues, or are looking after children, and you need transport from the train station to the camp (or the other way around), please do book a cab and the Welcome Tent folk will pay when you arrive. The cheapest fare seems to be £6 with Diss Town Taxis on 01379 414 141.

Please do book taxis in advance to avoid disappointment. There is a taxi firm actually in the train station carpark, but they don't always have a taxi available – and they're generally a bit more expensive.

For walkers and cyclists, it's roughly 2.5 miles from Diss train station to the camp.

The site is easily accessible by public transport, you can get the train either to Diss or Norwich and then catch bus No. 1 (Simonds bus company) from Diss to Norwich or vice versa – this route goes right past the site. The No. 1 buses from Diss to Woolsey Bridge Fields (near Burstons) and then to Norwich are in the morning, and the ones from Norwich to Woolsey Bridge Fields (just after Burstons) and then onto Diss are in the afternoon. Please note that it is quite a long walk through Diss town from the bus stop to Diss train station.

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**. A **torch** will be useful (and maybe a **hot water bottle**). 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.

Food: Veggies of Nottingham are providing delicious vegan food for us. **Please try to buy your food tickets as soon as you arrive;** we need people to buy tickets 90 minutes before a meal in order to cook the right amount for the camp. If you arrive after 5.30pm, please wait till the next morning: you can buy food tickets between 8am–9am each day. 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 loss (with fingers crossed for a grant). If you can afford a donation, we'd be very grateful for your help in closing the gap!

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Medics: If you are a first aider, please sign up in the Welcome Tent. If you need medical help, please ask either in the Kids' Tent or the Welcome Tent, or contact one of the first aiders.

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.

Children's Space

The Children's Space will start at 2pm on Thursday 27 July, and finish at 12.30pm on Monday 31 July. It will only run during workshop periods (10.30am-12.30pm; 2pm-4pm; and 4.30pm-6.30pm) and the responsible adults will be knocking off for tea breaks, lunch and supper. 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 told the co-ordinators of where you will be (and leave your mobile phone number, if you have one), and your children's ages, names and any relevant medical conditions or food allergies (all food provided will be vegetarian).

At *Peace News* Summer Camp, all adults are encouraged to take responsibility for the well-being of all the children at the camp at all times. Summer Camp will not tolerate physical, sexual or emotional abuse, or other inappropriate behaviour, towards children, either by adults or by other children. Any suspected or observed inappropriate behaviour should be reported to the Children's Space co-ordinators. The full Summer Camp child protection policy is available in the Welcome Tent and displayed in the Children's Space.

Fire: There is only one central fire pit, please do not build any other fires on site. If you are self-catering, please use the self-catering cooking area.

Smoking: There is 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 excellent state in which we found it so please remember to place all cigarette butts and any other rubbish into a bin.

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.

Entertainment: There will be entertainments of some kind every evening. See the schedule 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.

Please ask first if you want to take a photo that includes other people. Not everyone is comfortable with being photographed – even by friendly fellow campers – especially if the photos are to be put up on the internet. We have a 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: 07542 891492

Back up: 07762 923533

Contributing to *Peace News*

Peace News is always looking for more contributors. Would you like to write for or take photos for us? Would you like to pick up or share tips on improving your writing/photography? Then keep an eye out for the *Peace News* session. A chance to talk to PN staff – and other activists – about the nuts and bolts of making radical media.

Staff on site include: **Gabriel**, promotions worker; **Emily**, production and layout; **Mil**, editor.

THURSDAY 27 JULY

9.30am–10.15am

Meeting: Practical introduction to the day

10.30am–12.30pm

Set-up: collectively putting up structures and preparing the camp

2pm–4pm

Seeking Collective Liberation – an anti-oppression workshop

A whole-camp participatory workshop giving us an opportunity to explore different kinds of oppressions which have an impact on us, especially classism, and to consider creative responses to those oppressions in our groups and in our lives. 'Collective Liberation' means pursuing liberation for us all.

Run by **Peace News** staff.

4.30pm–6.30pm

Fossil-Free Forever!

On 13 April 2016, less than three months after the launch of Fossil Free Hastings, Conservative and Labour councillors in Hastings united to unanimously pass a fossil fuel divestment motion, and to call on East Sussex county council to rid itself of £172m in oil, coal and

gas investments. This workshop is a chance for campaigners from different areas to share their experiences, insights and strategies.

Gabriel Carlyle

co-ordinates Fossil Free Hastings.

4.30pm–6.30pm

Next Steps in Facilitation

We all want our meetings to go well, but often they don't. This workshop is for people who have done some facilitating and would like to get a bit better at it. For folk who would like the meetings they run to be enjoyably effective rather than endlessly endured.

Facilitated by **Milan Rai** of *Peace News*.

8pm: Film show

The film will be announced at Camp! We might re-screen *A Life Well Loved*, which chronicles the life of Felice Yeskel, co-founder of US anti-classism group, Class Action, from her early feminist roots to her LGBT activism to the Women's Pentagon Action to Felice taking on classism in the US.



FRIDAY 28 JULY

9.30am–10.15am

Welcome to the Gathering

10.30am–12.30pm

Wood Engraving

Learn a little bit about wood engraving from one of Britain's leading political printmakers, Emily Johns.

Emily Johns exhibited as part of the Society of Wood Engravers' 79th annual exhibition at North Wall Gallery, Oxford, last winter.



10.30am–12.30pm

Racism After Brexit

In the last 12 months, the world has changed dramatically as a result of Donald Trump being elected and the United Kingdom voting to leave the European Union. Liz Fekete will talk about how these shifts have affected marginalised communities in the UK.

Liz Fekete is the director of the Institute of Race Relations.

10.30am–12.30pm

Accountancy for Anarchists (part 1 of 2)

Don't know the difference between income and cashflow? Are 'profit and loss accounts', balance sheets and forecasts gobbledygook to you? This whole-day basic financial literacy workshop was developed specifically for people in workers' and housing co-ops, but is useful for anyone trying to get more understanding (and control) of a group or organisation's finances. A practical, beginners' level, day-long workshop explaining basic financial concepts and breaking down the jargon an accountant or finance worker might use. (You can bring along your End of Year accounts and/or cashflow forecasts to apply your new-found knowledge.)

Bek is a finance officer!

2pm–4pm

The Follonsby Miners Lodge Banner

The Follonsby Miners Lodge Banner shows us social democracy, syndicalism and Bolshevism, the ballot box and the bullet, parliament and the general strike. Originally made for The Follonsby Lodge in Wardley, Gateshead, the banner featured Labour Party radical Keir Hardie, Irish revolutionary James Connolly, and communist leader Lenin, as well as 1920s miners' leader AJ Cook. The banner was recently recommissioned by ex-Wardley Colliery miner Dave Douglass.

Dave Douglass is a member of Class War, NUM, IWW.

2pm–4pm

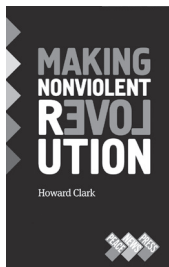
Direct Action Training

Come and learn the basics. What is Direct Action? Why do we do it? And how do we do it? All will be done in a fun and participatory way.

Ali Tamlit and **Helen Brewer** are from **Resist and Renew**, a collective of artists, activists and radical educators who facilitate workshops, courses and events.

2pm–4pm

Making Nonviolent Revolution



What does ‘nonviolent revolution’ mean? How could we possibly make one happen? This

is an opportunity to explore together what might be involved in transforming society, referring to Howard Clark’s *Making Nonviolent Revolution* and George Lakey’s *Toward a Living Revolution* (both published by Peace News).

Milan Rai is editor of *Peace News*, whose tagline is ‘for nonviolent revolution’.

4.30pm–6.30pm

Accountancy for Anarchists II (part 2 of 2)

See morning workshop description.

4.30pm–6.30pm

Deep Canvassing – Changing Minds by Listening to People

In a 22-minute conversation you can see on YouTube (search for ‘deep canvassing’), Steve, a young white gay US man, completely wins over an African-American woman who initially says that she is not prejudiced against trans people, but... Using curiosity and respect, Steve listens, empathises and shares. The Los Angeles LGBT Centre have invented something new and effective in reducing prejudice, with results verified in a peer-reviewed article in *Science*.

Milan Rai has been on the Hope not Hate ‘Difficult Conversations’ training based on Deep Canvassing.

4.30pm–6.30pm

Drawing

A chance to draw alongside, and to learn from, one of Britain’s leading radical artists, Emily Johns. Emily’s work is currently part of ‘The Sussex Open’ at the Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne.

Emily Johns is the PN layout and production worker.



EVENING OFFERING

8pm: Calling Betsy in Betsy Leondar-Wright, one of the co-founders of Class Action in the US, has written two books about class and classism: *Class Matters: Cross-Class Alliance Building for Middle-Class Activists* and *Missing Class: Strengthening Social Movement Groups by Seeing Class Cultures*.

She has facilitated over 100 class and classism workshops since the 1980s.

Unfortunately, Betsy can’t be with us at Camp, partly because of a family health emergency, partly because the main training she was coming for has had to be postponed till next year. But she will be with us by Skype!



9.30am–10.15am

Morning Meeting

10.30am–12.30pm

Let’s Talk About Class

Class and class inequality have become bigger and bigger topics in the last few years, with the financial crisis, austerity, the class divide over Brexit, Trump’s claim to represent the US ‘rust belt’, and, most recently, the Grenfell Tower tragedy. This is a chance to explore what effect class and classism is having on us and on our campaigns.

Kathryn Tulip is from a working-class family and she is a trainer with **Navigate** in Oxford. **Milan Rai** is from a middle-class family and he is a trainer with *Peace News* in Hastings.

2pm–4pm

Mindfulness

This workshop explores how Mindfulness and Inquiry-based practices can support activists by: preventing burnout; developing self-care strategies; building emotional resilience; connecting us with with our hearts and each other. Staying calm and centred preserves energy, maintains focus, and allows us to keep in close contact with our creativity and inner resources. The workshop offers a tool kit of practices helping us to keep on engaging with what matters.

Colette Power is a senior mindfulness teacher, trainer, and supervisor with Breathworks CIC.

2pm–4pm

How to Stop Charter Flights

End Deportations successfully stopped a mass deportation charter flight in March. In this participatory workshop, we will explore the context of the UK border regime and the hostile environment and discuss different ways to get involved in the campaign to end deportations.

Eddy is part of **Plane Stupid**. **Ben** is a member of **Lesbians and Gays Support the Migrants**.

2pm–4pm

Activism in the Age of Trump

There has been a surge of political activism since the election of Donald Trump as US president, as people fear for the planet and for our societies. How should we, as campaigners in grassroots movements for peace, justice and a stable climate, react to this new unpredictable era? A facilitated discussion with a guest speaker.

Bruce Kent is a vice president of **CND** and **Pax Christi**.

2pm–4pm

Make Cake, Not War – vegan baking for social justice

If you're tired of talking, but not tired of eating, come bake cakes for everyone!

Veggies are three-times winners of the Vegan Society's 'Best Vegan Caterer' Award.

4.30pm–6.30pm

Self-Care for Radicals

Activists are increasingly having a difficult time keeping track of the challenges they face. This workshop will help participants identify unsustainable practices in their life, environment, and relationships that give rise to burnout. There will also be an exploration of techniques that provide them with essential self-care, recharge their batteries and increase their capacity to face challenges.

Karen works at Rethink Mental Illness on the Time to Change campaign, a growing movement of people changing the way we all think about mental health problems.

4.30pm–6.30pm

Singing for our lives: Songs of hope and resistance

Penny Stone will teach some harmony songs from international movements for social change. There will also be the opportunity to participate in some facilitated group songwriting on current issues that people are concerned about.

Penny Stone is a songwriter, community musician, songwriter, singer and activist. She teaches music and song from all over the world as well as using songwriting to help enable people to find their own voices and voice their own experiences.



4.30pm–6.30pm

The ABC of Successful Activism

Peter Tatchell has been a prominent LGBT and human rights campaigner since the 1960s. He has been involved in 3,000 direct action protests, arrested over 200 times and subjected to 300 violent assaults. From his vast experience of campaigning on a host of issues, Peter will talk about the key ingredients needed to ensure that your campaign is successful.



4.30pm–6.30pm

Abolishing War

The abolition of war is desirable, possible and essential. Disputes can be resolved through dialogue without creating the cycle of murder and revenge.

Bruce Kent is also vice president of the Movement for the Abolition of War.

EVENING OFFERING

8pm: Robb Johnson & Tracey Curtis

Robb Johnson, the brilliant radical folk singer-songwriter, is coming back to Summer Camp. His latest album is *My Best Regards*.

Tracey Curtis, another wonderful political folk singer-songwriter is also coming back to play for us at Camp. Her latest album is *Thoughts in the Dark*.

Robb and Tracey have a connection. Once part of pop punk band '**Shelley's Children**', Tracey was encouraged by her children to write a protest song against a planned by-pass that would ruin their local riverside dens and rope swings. She went in to the studio to record '*Nowhere Left to Play*', planning to send it out to local radio and TV stations. With that song recorded in three minutes, and a whole hour's studio time booked, she just carried on playing, and recorded all the other songs she had written at the time. This became '*The By-pass Demo*'.

Robb Johnson heard the demo and within a few months '*If the Moon Could Talk*' was recorded for UNLABELLED, a co-operative off-shoot of Robb's IRREGULAR RECORDS.



9.30am–10.15am

Morning Meeting

10.30am–12.30pm

Counselling for Social Change

Social change campaigners and activists face huge challenges, as there is a limited amount of people doing the work that is needed, which often means that individuals often work on a variety of projects at the same time, sacrificing their leisure time - this often leads to burn out and exhaustion. Find out techniques in self-care that will help you to keep track of your responsibilities.

Emily Apple is a co-founder of Counselling for Social Change.

10.30am–12.30pm

Let's Stop DSEI!

In the week running up to the huge DSEI arms fair in London in September there will be direct action to try to stop it happening at all. Weapons sold at DSEI fuel death, destruction and injustice all around the world. In 2015, hundreds of people blocked entrances for six days, disrupting the set-up of the fair. This year, we plan to shut it down for good!

Joanna Blackman is an activist and a trainer with **Turning the Tide**.

10.30am–12.30pm

Burston Strike School Visit

This is a guided walk to the Burston Strike School just a mile from Camp. The Burston school strike began in 1914 when teachers Annie and Tom Higdon were sacked from the village's Church of England school for standing up for local working-class people. The schoolchildren - led by Violet Potter - went on strike, and the community founded the strike school. The school strike lasted from 1914 to 1939!

Shaun Jeffery is a landworker and secretary of the Burston Strike School trustees.

12.30pm–2pm

Lunchtime meeting: What next for Peace News Summer Camp?

This is the ninth *Peace News* Summer Camp. What should we do with it next? What energy and ideas would you like to put into future camps? This is a drop-in session, generating some ideas for the conversation which is part of the Monday morning workshop.

With members of the Summer Camp organising group.

2pm–4pm

Migrants rights after Brexit

How is Brexit going to affect migrants and how is immigration law going to change? Find out how the referendum result last year might affect those that are escaping tyranny in the hope of solace in the UK.

Adrian Berry is a barrister, specialist in British nationality, statelessness, EU free movement, immigration, asylum and social welfare law.

2pm–4pm

Chomsky's Politics

Intrigued by Noam Chomsky and want to know more? According to Chomsky's Propaganda Model, the mainstream media and academia in the US and UK are free from state control, but at the same time function as if they were part of a state propaganda machine. How does 'brainwashing under freedom' come about – and what can we do about it?

Milan Rai is the author of *Chomsky's Politics* (Verso, 1993) and contributed to the *Cambridge Companion to Chomsky* (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

4.30pm–6.30pm

Indian Head Massage

Learn the techniques that make make up an Indian Head Massage to help friends and family feel relaxed.

Rakesh is a trained therapist.

Evening entertainment

8pm: Talent Show!

Everyone brings out their talents to share with the camp!

Starts with children's performance and then goes through every possible type of entertainment.

Please bring a musical instrument.



MONDAY 31 JULY

9.30am–10am

Morning Meeting

10.30am–12.30pm

Taking Our Next Steps

This is a space to reflect on all that has happened during this camp and what we've learned, and to be thoughtful about what we want to do in the year ahead, individually and collectively. There will also be a chance to influence decisions about the future of *Peace News* Summer Camp.

2pm–3pm

Closing Circle / Tat Down



	8.30am Breakfast	9.30-10.15am Meeting	10.30am-12.30pm Workshop	12.30-2pm Lunch	2-4pm Workshop	4.30-6.30pm Workshop	7pm Supper	8pm-10pm Evening Entertainment
Thursday 27 July		Practical introduction to the day 30 mins	Set-up – collectively putting up structures and preparing for the camp		Seeking Collective Liberation (Whole camp)	Next Steps in Facilitation		Films related to class
					Divest!			
Friday 28 July		Welcome to the Gathering	Wood Engraving		The Follonsby Miners Lodge Banner	Deep Canvassing		Skype with Betsy
			Racism after Brexit		Direct Action Training	Accountancy for Anarchists (Part 2)		
			Accountancy for Anarchists (Part 1)		Nonviolent Revolution	Drawing		
Saturday 29 August		Morning Meeting	Let's Talk About Class (Whole camp)		Mindfulness	Singing for Our Lives		Robb Johnson & Tracey Curtis
					How to Stop Charter Flights	The ABC of Successful Activism		
					Activism in the Age of Trump	Abolishing War		
					Make Cake, Not War!	Self-Care for Radicals		
Sunday 30 August		Morning Meeting	Counselling for Social Change		Migrant Rights After Brexit	Indian Head Massage		Talent Show
			Let's Stop DSEI!	What next for Summer Camp?	Chomsky's Politics	Peace News		
			Burston Strike School Visit					
Monday 31 July		Morning Meeting	Surviving Politics (Whole camp)		Closing Circle / Tat Down			