



*NETWORK OF OXFORD  
WOMEN (NOW) FOR  
JUSTICE AND PEACE*



Network of Oxford Women (NOW) for Justice and Peace was set up in 2002, has grown rapidly and involves women from all backgrounds and a range of ages, political views, religious beliefs and ethnic groups, who are active in peace and justice campaigns, and also events at international, national or local community level. We call for the world's resources and advances in science and technology to be used not for military confrontations but for the benefit of all the people of the planet.

DO YOU CARE ABOUT THE ISSUES WE DEAL WITH AT **NOW** ?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED WITH US OR WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS THAT LINK TOGETHER THE WOMEN IN OUR NETWORK?

If you want further information, complete the following form.

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[www.nowpeace.org.uk](http://www.nowpeace.org.uk)

## HOW DOES NOW ACT?

WE have opposed war in Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon, and the threat of war on Iran. We oppose the renewal of Trident. We have written letters and lobbied our MPs. Andrew Smith, MP for Oxford East, has attended two of our meetings to hear our views and discuss with us what actions he would be taking.



We supported a friendship delegation to Palestine that visited women's projects in the West Bank and joined the weekly vigil in Jerusalem held by Israel's Women in Black (WIB).

We part financed a film about women in Afghanistan.

We work with organisations concerned with the rights of asylum seekers and refugees.

WE organize Women in Black peace vigils in Oxford, using symbolic black hands held high, as used by the Israeli peace campaigners, bearing the words "Stop the Occupation" relating to Palestine and Iraq.

We take part in national and local anti-war demonstrations.

We are affiliated to Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) and Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT), joining their demonstrations at arms fairs and manufacturers' annual general meetings.

We exchange ideas and information about the diverse justice and peace organisations to which we belong, publicising and supporting their activities.

We are developing links with women overseas in countries ranging from Spain to South Korea, including the USA.

## OXFORD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

NOW takes part in the annual Women's Festival in March with exhibitions and public meetings.

Themes have included:

- War, Women and Children
- Women in Palestine
- Fabric of Society (about the exploitation of women workers in the garment industry)
- Women and the environment
- Iraqi women speak out
- Women in Slavery - Then and Now (including modern-day trafficking of women).

## NOW MEETINGS

We meet every month from 4:00 to 6:00pm on Saturday afternoons. The meetings are friendly and informal. Volunteers take turns to chair, make notes and provide tea and cakes. We welcome women from all over Oxfordshire.

