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This issue is jam-packed with stories about DSEI, and no wonder – the London location of the world's biggest arms fair was a strong focus for arms trade opponents from all around the UK. Pages 3, 8 and 9 cover actions that mainly took place in London; page 6 showcases work by local groups in the run-up to DSEI; and page 11 highlights that ripples of inspiration from arms

fair actions can travel around the globe. Page 10 demonstrates that these ripples cross sectors as well as borders, detailing a fabulous blurring of lines between academia and activism.

If you're buying greeting cards and gifts this December then please do consider rippling out CAAT's profile yourself, while also supporting fund-raising efforts – for CAAT's online shop see page 14.

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DISMANTLING DSEI

In September the weapons industry arrived in London for one of the world's biggest arms fairs. Actions took place before and during the event – and provided inspiration for campaigns to continue afterwards too.

Defence & Security Equipment International (DSEI) brings together military buyers from countries propagating war and repressing their own populations, and the weapons manufacturers who profit from conflict and insecurity – with the support of the British government. While David Cameron has said Britain will fulfil its 'moral responsibilities' to refugees, and that he 'wants peace in the Middle East', the Government gave a warm welcome to the global arms trade; the very people who are helping to fuel the current refugee crisis.

Run-up to the fair

But DSEI didn't happen unhindered, and the host venue, the ExCeL Centre, faced two weeks of daily direct action and creative protest. Stop the Arms Fair called a week of action the week before DSEI opened, with the aim of disrupting the set-up of the fair and making it as difficult as possible for it to take place. Each day had a different theme, making links between the arms trade and issues such as Palestine, climate change, and the militarisation of education.

DSEI didn't happen unhindered, and the ExCeL Centre faced two weeks of daily direct action and creative protest

By the time DSEI opened its doors there had been six days of blockades, including a big day of action on Saturday 12 September, which brought together a wide range of people from faith activists to environmentalists, academics (see page 10), musicians and artists.

Range of actions

Actions targeted the ExCeL Centre where DSEI takes place, local arms companies around the country (see page 6), the government department that promotes weapons sales, and the Cutty Sark, which hosted a BAE Systems dinner. In Parliament, MPs debated the impact of arms

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sales on human rights and over 10,000 people signed a petition to David Cameron calling on him to 'welcome refugees, not arms dealers.' The day before DSEI opened, the London transport system was subverted with spoof adverts on the Underground and on bus stops; and even the

famous street artist Banksy got involved in protesting DSEI (see page 15).

During the fair itself, several actions took place, from interacting with arms dealers on the Docklands Light Railway, to Kurdish activists disrupting the boat show, to leafleting the hotels where arms dealers were staying. There was also a silent vigil organised by faith groups.

Mass movement

It really was a marathon of resistance against DSEI. As well as causing chaos for the organisers of the arms fair, the two weeks of action were an empowering experience for those who took part; providing inspiration to work with different groups and to continue building a mass movement against the arms trade.

See pages 8 and 9 for pictures of actions up to and during DSEI



ARMS TRADE SHORTS

SCHOOLS



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The number of cadet units in state schools is to increase five-fold by 2020. A Treasury spokesperson said funding would come from fines levied on banks, rather than from the schools budget.

Schools Week, 8/7/15

ARMS PROMOTION

The Ministry of Defence has drawn up plans for British soldiers to act as salespeople for UK arms abroad. They would “take the lead” on efforts to sell weapons such as Typhoon fighter jets, which the Government hopes to be the subject of a further order by Saudi Arabia.

Financial Times, 16/9/15

ACQUISITIONS

German tank builder Krauss-Maffei Wegmann has merged with French competitor Nexter, creating a new European arms giant. The alliance could weaken German guidelines on arms exports due to the possibility that the German government would not have sole control over the export of German-made weapons.

DW.com, 18/9/15

Lockheed Martin is to buy Black Hawk helicopter maker Sikorsky Aircraft for \$9bn, in a move that the company expects will increase its access to key foreign markets.

Reuters, 20/7/15

GKN Aerospace is to buy Dutch company Fokker Technologies in a €706m deal. A key Fokker project is the F-35/Joint Strike Fighter.

Defense News, 28/7/15

HOSPITALITY

Details released under the Freedom of Information Act revealed that civil servants from UK Trade and Investment received significant gifts and hospitality in 2013-14, including

656 meals and gifts from military companies.

BAE Systems provided 48 lunches and 39 dinners during the year.

Sunday Times, 30/8/15



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RUSSIA

Some European arms exporters were banned from the Russia Arms Expo because of sanctions against Russia. Turkey and Italy did have a presence; other exhibitors included companies from South Korea, China and the United Arab Emirates.

TASS, 24/8/15

UAE

The Metropolitan Police has admitted to training police officers from the United Arab Emirates, despite the routine use of torture by the country's police force.

Morning Star, 4/9/15

HACKING TEAM

Cybersecurity firm Hacking Team appears to have been the victim of a hack, with documents that purport to show it sold software to repressive regimes – something it had previously denied – being posted to the company's own Twitter feed. Hacking Team said that the documents contained "false lies."

Guardian, 6/7/15

EUROFIGHTER

Kuwait has agreed to buy 28 Eurofighters in a Finmeccanica-led deal worth up to €8 billion and seen as a strong market signal for more orders.

Reuters, 11/9/15

High level representatives from Eurofighter founding countries (Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK) met with the Indonesian Defence Minister in the summer, delivering a Letter of Support for Eurofighter with support from the Ministries of Defence of the four countries.

Eurofighter.com, 6/8/15

DIVERSIFICATION

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has said that workers building and maintaining the UK's nuclear weapons would be retrained to make "something

that is safer and more useful for the whole world" as part of a "defence diversification agenda."

Herald Scotland, 13/8/15



INVESTIGATIONS

Panama is seeking to cancel a €180m deal with Finmeccanica over allegations of corruption. The move is based on evidence heard in the trial in Rome of a former company manager and a consultant, who are accused of offering a 10 per cent kickback on the deal to Panama's then-president.

Defense News, 22/8/15

Prosecutors in South Korea have launched an investigation into allegations of bribery by AgustaWestland. Managing director and former UK Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon will be helping the company in its defence. The company has previously faced a number of claims of corruption in overseas deals.

ExaroNews, 18/9/15

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE DSEI ARMS FAIR

AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES INVITED TO DSEI 2015

 ALGERIA	 KUWAIT
 ANGOLA	 MOROCCO
 AZERBAIJAN	 NIGERIA
 BAHRAIN	 OMAN
 EGYPT	 QATAR
 JORDAN	 SAUDI ARABIA
 KAZAKHSTAN	 UAE

(Authoritarian Regimes are as categorised by the Economist Intelligence Unit in its Democracy Index 2014)

OF CONCERN TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE – BUT INVITED ANYWAY

 COLOMBIA
 IRAQ
 ISRAEL
 PAKISTAN
 SAUDI ARABIA

(Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Human Rights Annual Report 2014)

CHALLENGING THE ARMS TRADE AROUND THE UK

Local CAAT groups worked overtime this summer, getting ready for the DSEI arms fair protests. People in Norwich, Newcastle, Brighton, Southampton, Nottingham, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Kent all took action or held workshops, with hundreds of people joining protests in London and locally. Here are just some of the creative actions people have been up to this summer.

Manchester activists highlighted the huge government subsidy given to the arms trade by setting up a stall in the centre of the city to sell fake weapons. Passers-by met some rich “arms dealers” flashing the cash on the stall, and they were joined by activists dressed as NHS staff begging for the money to be invested in public services rather than weapons. The £700 million subsidy given to the arms trade every year could pay for 33000 NHS nurses.

The newly reformed **Norfolk** CAAT group took grim reapers to visit their local DSEI arms fair exhibitor early one morning. They had lots of support from people on their way in to work. The group has been going from strength to strength since re-forming in July 2015, and followed up the surprise action with a trip to London to take part in actions at DSEI.

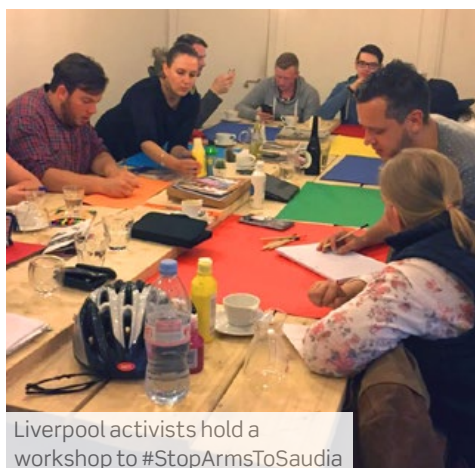
Norfolk CAAT supporters weren't the only ones surprising their local

arms company. People in **Liverpool** held an outdoor film screening ahead of DSEI to promote action at the fair, screening an anti-arms trade silent film on the side of the building of their local DSEI exhibitor, MST defence! MST was

the lead exhibitor of the naval zone at DSEI. Liverpool activists have also been active in international solidarity work, launching a #StopArmsToSaudi campaign at Liverpool Pride and highlighting UK arms sales to Turkey.



People in Manchester highlight the UK's high military spending



Liverpool activists hold a workshop to #StopArmsToSaudia



Norfolk CAAT in action at the local arms company

EDINBURGH CAAT CONFERENCE: DIVESTMENT, DEBT AND REDEPLOYMENT

Saturday 31 October, 11.15am–3.30pm, St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, 5 Lothian Rd, Edinburgh, EH1 2EP

Edinburgh CAAT is celebrating 20 years of campaigning with a conference to launch an exciting new campaign that calls on the Scottish government to divest its pension investments from the arms trade.

Join us for a day of workshops, with high level speakers from across the social and environmental justice sector as well as Scottish decision makers, and explore how to make a shift from arms to renewables!

Find out more and book your tickets for the event by visiting caat.org.uk/events.

UNIVERSITIES NETWORK

Another academic year has started, and students and staff in the CAAT Universities Network are doing fantastic work all over the country to kick arms companies out of education.

Universities offer the arms trade a huge amount of backing and financial support through investments, research and recruitment. But we want our universities to be a safe place for students to develop ideas and learn new skills that contribute to a safer world, not to help arms companies profit from killing. There are three main focuses for Universities Network campaigns:

Clean Investment Universities invest millions of pounds in the arms trade. They invest financial reserves and staff pension schemes by buying shares in arms companies. Public funds should be invested ethically, not in a way that gives legitimacy and financial support to arms companies.

Study War No More Every year hundreds of arms trade research projects are carried out by UK universities: students are used as a source of cheap labour to carry out millions of pounds worth of research and development for arms companies. We want to end arms trade influence over university syllabuses and student research options.

Ban BAE University careers services promote arms companies, invite them to careers fairs, and host their networking events. Students are not given complete,

unbiased information about the companies being promoted, or a full range of ethical alternatives. We need to stop arms companies from having a monopoly on recruiting graduates. There is a shortage of skilled STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) graduates, and the renewable energy sector is crying out for them.

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Campaigning works!

There have been some fantastic student-led campaigns in the last academic year. For example, a campaign by Edinburgh students led to the university setting up a

group to review investments in arms companies.

There have also been awesome student campaigns at LSE, Goldsmiths, Sheffield, Southampton, and Kings College London.

Get involved

- **Find out** if there is a CAAT group at your university, or set one up. We can help!
- **Find out** about links between your university and arms companies. Check universities.caat.org.uk and get in touch for advice
- **Keep in touch** by emailing universities@caat.org.uk
- **Like us on Facebook:** search “Campaign Against Arms Trade Universities Network”



HELLO FROM RACHEL

Hello, I'm Rachel Melly. I'm thrilled to be CAAT's new Universities Network Coordinator. I got involved with CAAT when I was studying at university after I realised how insidious and pandemic the arms trade's involvement was with my university and my academic department. I loved campaigning at university and I've seen first-hand

what can be achieved, so I'm super-excited for this upcoming year and supporting students trying to kick arms companies out of universities.

Let me know if there is anything I can help you with; resources, information, or if you'd like me to give a talk or workshop at your university. Get in touch at universities@caat.org.uk.



ACTIONS A

The DSEI arms fair faced a barrage of creative protest and daily Deliveries were blocked each day for several hours at both road



SDAY

3



AT DSEI

direct action before it even opened.
entrances to the ExCeL Centre.

THURSDAY



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FRIDAY



DAY BEFORE DSEI OPENED

11



MONDAY: STOP ARMING ISRAEL

1 Activists blocking an armoured vehicle read out testimonies by people in Gaza.

TUESDAY: NO FAITH IN WAR

2 Lorries destined for the arms fair are backed up while Christian activists read a 'Litany of Resistance' in the road. Soon afterwards, the Quakers held a meeting for worship in the road.

3 'Blood' is spilled in the road while Catholic Worker activists hold a funeral for victims of the arms trade.

**WEDNESDAY:
WIND NOT WEAPONS**

4 Activists got inside ExCeL and found a green howitzer - these have been supplied to Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Thailand.

5 Activists highlight the link between military spending and climate change.

**THURSDAY:
WELFARE NOT WARFARE.**

6 An academic conference on the militarisation of education carries on while activists disrupt the delivery of an armoured vehicle (see page 10).

**FRIDAY: FREEDOM OF
MOVEMENT FOR PEOPLE,
NOT WEAPONS**

7 A petition signed by over 10,000 people calling on the Government to 'welcome refugees, not arms dealers' was handed in at Downing Street before a day of action at the ExCeL Centre. Talks highlighted the links between the arms trade, migration and institutional racism.

BIG DAY OF ACTION

8 Hundreds of people united for a day of effective and creative action. A critical mass bike ride secured the Western entrance to the ExCeL Centre; while a team of Belgian activists used arm tubes to lock-on at the East gate. There were talks by people impacted by conflict and arms sales, from countries such as Bahrain and Mexico, musical performances and a procession of grim reapers.

9 Activists blockaded the Cutty Sark during a BAE Systems event that was attended by several military delegations.

DAY BEFORE DSEI OPENED

10/11 Grim reapers blockaded the Western entrance of the ExCeL Centre, with one grim reaper hopping over the 12-foot security fence.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

Ask the Cutty Sark not to host arms companies in future. Write to Kevin Fewster, Director, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10 9NF; and see caat.org.uk/cutty-sark

CONFERENCE AT THE GATES: BLURRING THE LINES BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND ACTION

As part of the week of action to challenge DSEI, an open-air academic conference was organised at the gates of London's ExCeL Centre. It explored the links between militarism and education in the shadow of the world's largest arms fair.

In recent years, as austerity measures have drained state funding from our public services, the military and arms trade have become increasingly involved in education. For example, in universities (see page 7), the arms trade regularly attempts to recruit on campus and, worryingly, plays an increasingly large role in research and course design.

"Universities are becoming increasingly militarised spaces" said conference organiser, academic and long-time CAAT activist, Chris Rossdale. "By holding an academic conference here, during the set-up of an arms fair, we wanted to claim some of that space back."

Agenda

The day featured a packed bill of academics, students and researchers, with papers presented on a wide-range of topics related to war and militarism; from theoretical understandings of pacifism to accounts of the ongoing conflict in Syria. There was also an interactive workshop from Forces Watch, which dealt directly with the role of the military in schools, and a musical performance drawn from understandings of "the Chechen war experience."

Special setting

With moving interpretations of militarism presented out in the open air, and with all involved acutely aware of the arms fair close by, a unique environment for sharing ideas and building relationships emerged. Without



The conference gets underway

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the constraints of a classroom environment, theoretical conversations seemed to flow more freely into practical ideas.

Academics and activism

As the presence of the arms trade around conference attendees became more apparent, the lines between academic discussion and direct action became increasingly blurred. For instance, at the same time as Professor Kim Hutchings of Queen Mary's University began a presentation, activists blocked a nearby road to disrupt the delivery of an armoured vehicle to the ExCeL Centre. At this point, in probably a world first, the entire conference moved across the road, and the presentation

(fittingly entitled "War and Moral Stupidity") continued alongside the blockade, preventing the military equipment from entering DSEI. In that moment, as academics joined in the roadblock, and activists engaged with the presentation, it felt like all involved were sharing in a mutual learning process.

Making a shift

Chris Rossdale said: "there can be a sense of discomfort about how to translate a critical academic posture into more practical forms. This was an opportunity for us to break out of the day-to-day enclosure of universities and to shift understandings of what kind of academic intervention might be possible."

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THE ARMS TRADE IS INTERNATIONAL: SO IS OUR RESISTANCE!

Last time CAAT tackled the DSEI arms fair – in September 2013 – we were thrilled to see the slogans and stunts we had deployed replicated across the world in South Korea at Seoul's Aerospace and Defence Exhibition (ADEX) one month later.

Different country, same message

A campaigner from South Korean organisation World Without War told us "You inspired us a lot!! We chose the same English slogan

deliberately." They had in mind that any arms dealers travelling onto ADEX after DSEI would know "We are everywhere!"

At DSEI we were joined by campaigners from Belgium who played a crucial role in blocking access to the fair

Meeting up

Social media has opened up a whole new avenue of collaboration, but now we're

making those links in person too. This May we travelled to Brno in the Czech Republic for a meeting of the European Network Against Arms Trade. There we were lucky enough to meet and plan with one of our South Korean colleagues in person, and take the grim reapers to another international arms fair, IDET, a couple of days later.

At DSEI this September we were joined by campaigners from Belgium. They played a crucial role in blocking the access to the arms fair for five hours on the big day of action.

Seoul

In October arms trade campaigners from the UK will join War Resisters' International, World Without War, and many others for an international seminar in Seoul, titled 'Stopping the War Business'. This will focus on skill sharing for taking action against war profiteering, and will be followed by nonviolence training, then an action to oppose the ADEX arms fair.

We're excited about the opportunities for further collaboration next year!



EU PROGRAMME OFFICER

CAAT is part of the European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAAT). The national campaigns within ENAAAT have noticed the growing influence of military industry within the European Union's institutions. Arms companies seem adept at

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getting EU funding for 'security' programmes and arguing for greater convergence between military and civilian research. Ironically, the UK government's stance against the EU gaining greater powers has been helpful in slowing this militarisation.

Funding has now been obtained for a one-year pilot project with an ENAAAT worker based in Brussels at the Quaker Council for European Affairs. The worker will have an advisory group comprising representatives from

CAAT and its counterparts in the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden. The worker is being recruited at present, but it is hoped they will be a campaign-oriented researcher able to feed the national campaigns with information from inside the 'Brussels bubble'. The worker will also suggest campaign and lobbying actions to the nationally-based ENAAAT groups so that opposition to arms companies' EU lobbying efforts is most effective.



COUNTRY PROFILE: SALES TO EGYPT

Arms sales to Egypt continue, despite the introduction of measures that the organisation Human Rights Watch says enshrine a permanent state of emergency & erode basic rights.

The crackdown in Egypt has intensified recently, with the arrests of activists and the passing of repressive new “anti-terror” legislation. Unfortunately, the new laws are typical of the authoritarian rule of the Sisi regime.

Coup

In August 2013, following the overthrow of the Morsi government, the Egyptian military, led by Sisi in his capacity as then-defence minister, killed over 1000 activists. The killings established the oppressive rule of the military. The coup was condemned by the international community, with the US calling for an end to attacks, the UN calling for a restoration of democracy, and David Cameron calling for a “genuinely democratic transition.”

Arms sales

The tough talk was followed by an EU arms embargo, but it was far weaker than the rhetoric suggested. It called for members to suspend licenses for equipment that could be used for repression. However, it was not legally binding and was open to interpretation. There were no time limits on restrictions, and it did not have clear definitions of what was meant by “suspension” or “equipment, which might be used for internal repression.”

Meaningless

Inevitably it was ignored, with arms sales resuming almost straight away. If we look at the UK as an example then it becomes clear how ineffective it was. In August 2013, the UK suspended 49 licences. However, only two months later, 24 of the suspensions were lifted, with only seven being revoked.

The EU arms embargo was not legally binding and was open to interpretation. Inevitably it was ignored

Sales continue

The rhetoric has continued, but actions are more important. This February France announced the sale of €5 billion of fighter jets to Egypt. Similarly, the UK licensed over £40 million worth of components for military combat vehicles. Since then, Egyptian military representatives have attended the Security and Policing arms fair and DSEI at the invitation of the UK government, and David Cameron has invited Egyptian president Sisi for talks in London.

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Choices

Politics is about choices. It is impossible to show solidarity with Egyptian people at the same time as arming and supporting the tyranny that oppresses them. There must be an embargo on arms sales to the regime and an end to the political support that bolsters it. The 2011 uprisings were fuelled by a desire for human rights and democracy: this has not gone away, but it is being suppressed by a cruel, authoritarian government and ignored by those propping them up.

ARMING ISRAEL

This summer we published our Arming Apartheid report, which details how the UK's arms trade with Israel makes the UK complicit in Israel's continuing violations of human rights and international law. It's available at StopArmingIsrael.org (get in touch for a printed copy).



Please ask your MP to join the call for an immediate two-way embargo on the arms trade with Israel.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

Interesting times

This is an interesting time for CAAT's parliamentary work. Jeremy Corbyn has been supportive of CAAT throughout his time in Parliament and we look forward to seeing what difference his election to Labour leader may make.

Arms trade and human rights debate

Unfortunately, less than a week after the leadership election, Shadow Foreign Secretary Hilary Benn still cited the jobs argument in a debate on the arms industry and human rights. Instigated by Labour MP Ann Clwyd, the debate included excellent contributions from several newly elected Labour MPs. No-one listening to the debate could doubt that these MPs found promoting arms sales incompatible with pushing for human rights. You can read the debate online if you look for Hansard, Westminster Hall and 17 September.

A test for the Labour Party will be its approach to the review of the National Security Strategy

Scottish National Party

Among the others taking part in the human rights debate were Scottish National Party MPs. Their Westminster contingent has also spoken out against arms sales at meetings on Palestine and Saudi Arabia and seems set to raise all sorts of arms trade issues over the next five years.

Select committees

The backbench Business, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Defence Select Committees, which monitor their respective Department's work, have been formed. However, it is of concern that, at the time of writing, there is no Committees on Arms Export Controls (CAEC). It was the last Parliament's CAEC, under its excellent Chair Sir John Stanley, which did so much to raise the profile of arms trade issues.

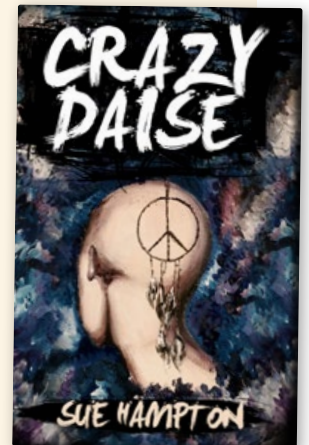
National security

A test for the Labour Party will be its approach to the review of the National Security Strategy and the Strategic Defence and Security Review. CAAT and other organisations have been advocating a wider view of security, rather than, as has been the case to date, conflating it with military approaches.

CAAT IN FICTION

Crazy Daise, Sue Hampton
(Pegasus Elliot Mackenzie, 2015)

CAAT's arms trade map (caat.org.uk/map) aims to show how the arms trade is on our doorsteps – but we still didn't expect it to turn up in a novel for young adults! *Crazy Daise*, by Sue Hampton, is the story of Rowan, a teenage girl learning to live with the hair loss condition Alopecia. Rowan meets the fearless Daisy, who insists that "Nothing will change unless we try to change it." A protest at a local arms company provides a turning point in the novel. The details of placard making, the anonymous building on a boring industrial estate, the excitement of the action and the social media follow up, are spot on and will be recognised by many CAAT supporters.



THEY SAID IT

“Our mission is to provide quality ammunition and other services in a manner which provides enjoyment and benefit to those we deal with whilst upholding values and honesty, reflecting that people are more important than dollars and that our primary purpose is to bring glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Mission statement of arms company
Less Lethal Africa, LessLethalAfrica.com

“A country would not be invited where that would be contrary to the UK's international obligations. Respect for human rights is a mandatory consideration in the process.”

UKTI spokesperson defends inviting human rights abusers to DSEI. *Independent*, 10/9/15

“The UK operates one of the most rigorous and transparent arms export control regimes in the world.”

Foreign Office Minister Tobias Elwood defends arms sales to countries with child soldiers. *Observer*, 12/9/15

RAISING MONEY FOR CAAT

SPONSORED EVENTS

Every year, CAAT supporters take part in sponsored walks, runs, cycles and more in aid of the campaign. This year has been no exception with several fantastic supporters stepping up to help raise funds.

Running the arms dealers out of town

Thank you to all those who generously sponsored David Watson (pictured) to take on the Great North Run for CAAT for the second year running. David beat



his own personal best, completing the run in just 2 hours 16 seconds and raising over £2,000 for CAAT.

At the time of writing, Beth Smith is gearing up to run the Ealing Half Marathon and by the time you read this she will have completed it. Beth has done loads of amazing campaigning for CAAT in the past so she wanted to help fundraise to ensure we could keep taking effective action.

Taking part in sponsored events is one of the best ways to help support our work challenging and exposing the arms trade. If you could organise a sponsored walk in your area, or would like to take part in a sponsored run or cycle, or have any other ideas, please do get in touch today. We can help you set up an online sponsorship page, promote your event online and provide sponsorship forms.

Contact Tom – tom@caat.org.uk or call 0207 281 0297.

A CAUSE CLOSE TO YOUR HEART

A big thank you to Stuart and Angeles Pocock, who raised hundreds of pounds by inviting their wedding guests to donate to CAAT when they got married this summer. They said: "We thus chose not to request wedding presents from our families and friends and instead asked them to donate to two organisations, CAAT and a children's hospital in Africa. We are delighted that the generosity they have shown has helped to fund CAAT's activities."

CAAT ONLINE SHOP

You can buy all kinds of merchandise such as greetings cards (pictured), clothing, books and badges from the CAAT online shop. Visit: caat.org.uk/support-our-work



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DISMALAND TAKES ON DSEI

The campaign against the DSEI arms fair extended as far as Weston-super-Mare as part of street artist Banksy's latest exhibition: a dystopian "bemusement" park titled Dismaland and billed as "a family attraction that acknowledges inequality and impending catastrophe" which featured work by several different artists.

A "Stop the Arms Fair" banner formed part of the exhibition and the week before the DSEI arms fair Banksy published a free guide for tracking the manufacturers of riot control weapons. The guide was available for download from the Dismaland website under the heading "Going to the Gun Show?"

The guide is part of the #RiotID project, which helps people identify, monitor and record the use of riot control weapons against civilians, such as those used against pro-democracy protestors in Egypt in 2011 and Hong Kong in 2014. Some of the world's leading suppliers of tear gas were at DSEI, including British arms company Chemring and Brazil's Condor.

The day before DSEI opened, spoof adverts designed by artists exhibiting at Dismaland

appeared throughout the London Underground Network and on bus stops. These highlighted the UK government's role in fuelling conflict and repression and subverted Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems' marketing campaigns. The ads were seen by thousands of commuters, and gained widespread media coverage.

The week before DSEI, Banksy published a free guide for tracking the manufacturers of riot control weapons



TAKING ACTION

Inspired by the protests against DSEI? Book a workshop or talk on creative activism and for ideas for local action.

Arms trade out of the Cutty Sark! Ask the Cutty Sark not to host arms companies in future, following the BAE Systems DSEI event. See [p9](#) and caat.org.uk/cutty-sark

Are you a student? Get involved with kicking the arms trade off campus. See [page 7](#) and contact universities@caat.org.uk for a campaign pack. Join the international week of action against the militarisation of youth from 14–20 November.

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