CAAT Presents...

Friday 19th - Sun 21st March

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About the Conference

Our It Starts Here Conference returns for another year - this time revamped!

As poet, writer, and Black Feminist Audre Lorde reminds us, 'There is no thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives'.

It is in this spirit that we bring you this ambitious programme of interconnected talks, Think-Ins, and workshops. Defeating the global arms trade is not a single-issue struggle. From the US, to the UK, to Saudi, Israel, Yemen, Bahrain, Palestine, and Nigeria, our speakers and contributors will help us

connect the dots. How is Militarism underpinned by other injustices? And what can we learn from each other's experiences, analysis, campaigning tactics and methods of resistance?

We look forward to untangling and unpacking it all across the weekend.

Siana Bangura, Training & Events Co-ordinator at CAAT & Producer of It Starts Here 2021



Zoom 101 >>

Zoom Webinar Function

All our panels across the weekend will be in **Zoom webinar mode**. Simply follow the event link sent to you for your relevant panel to enter the event.

In this function you will:

- Not be shown on screen at any point in the event only the panellists
- Not be heard at any point in the event only the panellists
- Not be featured in any recordings of the event only the panellists
- >> Be able to ask questions to the speakers using the Q&A function
- Be able to use the chat box to speak to 'panellists and attendees' by selecting that option in the dropdown or you can message the 'panellists' directly if you need any help from our Tech support during the event

Zoom Meetings Function

All our workshops & trainings across the weekend will be in **Zoom meetings mode**. Simply follow the event link sent to you for your relevant panel to enter the event.

In this function you can:

- Mute and unmute yourself
- >> Turn your camera on and off
- >> Select 'participants' list to rename yourself, to mute or unmute, or just to see who else is in the call your name will be top of the list and the hosts/ co-hosts will be next
- >> Use the chat box to speak to 'everyone' by selecting that option in the dropdown or you can message the facilitators of the session directly
- >> Use the 'raise hand' function if your device allows

(Digital) Safer Spaces Policy

At CAAT, we have a Safer Spaces Policy. Although we acknowledge no space can be completely 'safe', we will do all we can at our events and in our spaces, in-person or online, to ensure they are 'safer', particularly for those most marginalised by society. We note that this policy is a living document, evolving and growing as we do.

- >> We consider any behaviour which demeans, marginalises, threatens or harms anybody as oppression, and we commit to challenging it.
- >> Everyone has an equal right to be heard and an equal responsibility to listen.
- >> We do not tolerate violence, intimidation, harassment or unwanted sexual contact online or offline.
- >> We will challenge any oppressive behaviour or language, regardless of intention (e.g. telling an oppressive 'joke'; using unspoken privilege to interrupt someone; gaslighting people's experiences).
- >> We believe providing a safe and welcoming space is a shared responsibility. However, it is not the duty of those subject to oppression to challenge that oppression.
- >> We ask all participants to challenge oppressive attitudes and behaviours in a way that is responsible and constructive.
- with in every space (genders/races/classes/sexualities/abilities, etc.), and avoid making generalisations or assumptions about people. Also note we are in solidarity with our Trans and non-binary sibilings. Please do not assume use of pronouns. Ask people what names they want to be known by and note any pronouns people may write in their usernames in our digital space or on labels and badges when in-person.
- ▶ Identify your own privileges (e.g. race, class, gender) and actively challenge and work against them (e.g. if you identify as a man and notice that men are dominating a conversation, actively make space for people of other genders to make themselves heard).

Accessibility Info & BSL Team

We have tried to make It Starts Here weekender as accessible as possible.

We have an expert BSL Team working across the weekend - they are:

- >> Nakisayi Laursen
- **Eze** Ani
- >> Omoyele Thomas
- >> Rebekah Spencer
- >> Sumayya Si-Tayeb

You will also have the option of using Zoom's Closed Caption service during the webinar in your settings.

Recordings of the panel events will be available a few days after the It Starts Here Weekender.

If you need any additional support across the weekend please email **events@caat.org.uk**





Friday 19th March Opening Panel

	From	То
And still we struggle: From the Arab Uprisings to Black Lives Matter Tickets	6pm	7.30pm

Saturday 20th March Panels

	From	To
Arms Trade 101 & Intersecting Issues Tickets	10am	11.30am
BREAK		
Profiting from Repression Tickets	12pm	1.30pm
LUNCH BREAK		
Real Human Security Tickets	2.15pm	3.45pm
BREAK		
Domestic Militarisation: A Think-In on Policing & Borders Tickets	2.15pm	3.45pm
BREAK	• *	
Scotland & the Arms Trade Tickets	4.15pm	5.45pm
Demilitarising Education Tickets	4.15pm	5.45pm
BREAK		
An Artist's duty is to reflect the times: The role of art and creative resistance in our movements Tickets	6.15pm	7.45pm

Sunday 21st March Workshops & Trainings

	From	To , ř
Chair Yoga with Kat Hobbs Tickets	10am	10.45am
Digital Activism 101 & Online Security with John Pegram, Bristol Cop Watch Tickets	11am	12.30pm
Facilitating Online Meetings & Decision-Making 101 with Sami Çapulcu & Rowan Kinchin, Resist & Renew Tickets	11am	12.30pm
Sustainable Organising in 'normal' times and in times of crisis with Ali Tamlit & Kat Wall, Resist & Renew Tickets	11am	12.30pm
Citizen Journalism with Rainbow Collective Tickets	1pm	2.30pm
'Know Your Rights' taster with ACAB Tickets	1pm	2.30pm
Media Training 101 with Andrew Smith, CAAT Tickets	1pm	2.30pm
Disrupting Online Arms Fairs with Kirsten Bayes, CAAT Tickets	3pm	4.30pm
Arms Trade Research 101 with Ian Prichard & Sam Perlo-Freeman, CAAT Tickets	3pm	4.30pm
Ad-hacking with Brandalism Tickets	Зрт	4.30pm
Closing Session with Siana Bangura & Jayde Bradley, CAAT	5pm	5.30pm

Take Action

Did you enjoy our It Starts Here Weekender?

Want to support us to do more events like this?

>> Donate to CAAT here: caat.org.uk/eventdonation

Have you got feedback for us? We'd love to hear it!

Your answers will help us develop future plans and ensure our training and events meet the needs of everyone who would like to join them.

>> Fill in the short It Starts Here Feedback survey here: caat.org.uk/ish2021survey

Join the movement and campaign with us!

- >> Sign up here: caat.org.uk/take-action/campaign-with-us
- >> Think globally, act locally here: caat.org.uk/take-action/take-part-near-you

Are you a uni student?

>> Join our unis network here: caat.org.uk/take-action/take-part-near-you/universities

And finally:

>> Sign up to our mailing list to stay firmly in touch and updated regarding all our work throughout the year, including events, trainings, campaign news, successes, and of course our ongoing legal challenge against the UK government: caat.org.uk/signup