



End War on Ukraine Immediate Ceasefire Prevent nuclear attacks

Women in Black oppose militarism and work to end violence and build real security and peace.

We recognise that many wars and violations of the rights and security of women are taking place around the world. Nuclear weapons possession and threats increase the dangers for everyone.

In the face of the Putin government's military invasion of Ukraine, Women in Black call for:

First – with urgent action

- ➔ Immediate ceasefire covering all armed personnel involved in this conflict
- ➔ Stop targetting civilians, end the use of illegal cruise missiles, cluster munitions, thermobaric weapons, and all forms of explosive weaponry on cities and in populated areas
- ➔ Immediate negotiations to end the invasion and war
- ➔ Greater inclusion of skilled/experienced women and peace-builders to resolve conflict
- ➔ Putin (and his allies) and NATO governments to publicly pledge **not** to use nuclear weapons, under any circumstances
- ➔ Support, amplify and protect peace activists in Russia and Ukraine
- ➔ The UK must welcome and support all refugees, from Ukraine and other armed conflicts in the world

Further Steps

- ➔ Laws on violence against women and children must be implemented, with more action to prevent and prosecute rape as a war crime
- ➔ Make the connections between war, climate destruction and patriarchal violence
- ➔ Campaign to prevent future conflicts and end military-industrial profits, arms dealing, nuclear and fossil-fuel dependency and climate destruction
- ➔ Democratic engagement at all levels to limit the opportunities for militarists and nationalists to gain and abuse political power
- ➔ Russia, the US, the UK, France and other nuclear-armed governments to join the *UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*, and eliminate their entire nuclear arsenals.
- ➔ Reform and strengthen the United Nations system and regional organisations to work for the elimination of inhumane weapons, promote peace, human rights and justice, and adhere to and abide by international humanitarian laws
- ➔ All of us need to work together for conflict resolution, war prevention, disarmament, the ending of occupations and colonialism, and the building of cooperative relations and real security.

SUPPORT GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION TO STOP THE WAR IN UKRAINE – MARCH 6

LONDON RALLY – Meet at Portland Place, W1A 1AA at 12.00 noon.

<https://cnduk.org/events/global-day-of-action-stop-the-war-in-ukraine/>

For those who cannot join in person, put a candle in your window, tweet this with your messages of resistance and hope.

Women in Black hold vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the door of the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London, WC2. Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. See our website at www.london.womeninblack.org Contact us at: wibinfo@gn.apc.org

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Donations for leaflets gratefully received. If you are a woman and agree with us, then do come and join us.