

The Arms Fair

In Wales and in London!

Arms Fair DSEi, London, September 2017

One of the world's largest arms fairs will be held in London in September 2017. The DSEi (Defence & Security Equipment International) takes place in the ExCel Exhibition Centre in the Docks area every two years. Representatives from Arms companies, such as BAE, Lockheed Martin, Boeing and Raytheon, as well as oppressive governments from all over the world will be present, including (in 2015) Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Pakistan Oman, Qatar and Egypt. Amongst the weapons and military equipment for sale in 2015 were rocket throwers, airplanes, tanks, war ships and guns.

Hundreds of people took part in a week of protest against the fair in 2015, and this year Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) again asks people to join the protests during the week before the fair. The aim is to make the preparation for the fair as difficult as possible for the organisers through blocking entrances and roads.

The protests will take place every day between the 4th and 9th of September, finishing in a big rally on Saturday the 9th ('Big Day of Action'). Members of Cymdeithas y Cymod (Fellowship of Reconciliation) will be part of this protest. We ask everybody who has an interest to do so to join in order to try to close down the arms fair once and for all. More details about the events are available on the website: 'Stop the Arms Fair'.

The Arms Fair come to Cardiff in March of this year

The idea is to bring it back to Cardiff again in 2018

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Arms Fair Cardiff, March 2018.

The organisers of the arms fair DPRT (Defence & Procurement & Research & Technology Exportability) – a private American company – have confirmed on their website that the fair will again be held at the Motorpoint Arena on 27 March 2018. The organisers themselves described it as 'the UK's leading defence procurement event'. It is an important part of facilitating and extending the arms trade and the companies that profit from them.

Cymdeithas y Cymod will protest during the next months against holding the arms fair in the middle of the city and will encourage as many people as possible to join on the day in the protests outside the building. We aim to have enough people protesting against the fair to make the organisers think again about holding it in our capital. (The Bristol Arms Fair has been moved after effective protests were held by the local campaigners.)

Everyone who objects to the arms fair can join in our protest on the day, or by writing to Motorpoint Arena, Cardiff City Council and to members of the Assembly to ask for reconsideration of holding the event in our capital city. We will work again together with Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) this year to try to close down the arms fair in Cardiff.