

Newham Opposition  
**Nowar**  
to War And Racism

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# **PUBLIC MEETING 5 SEPT**

**St Francis of Assisi RC Church • Grove Crescent Rd • Stratford E15 • 7pm-9pm**

## **Who Supplies the Weapons?**

for bombing Iraq and  
Afghanistan • fuelling  
civil wars that force  
people into exile •  
repression • torture  
• maiming civilians



Oppose the  
ExCel Centre

# **ARMS FAIR**

Arriving in Newham this September...

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**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:** Anti arms fair campaigners • refugee  
community groups • Newham Monitoring Project

# Weapons of Mass Destruction

The horrifying attacks on London in July have led to an growing backlash against Muslims living in Britain, with enormous pressure to accept 'collective responsibility' for the actions of a few extremists. But the Blair government, which refuses to acknowledge any link between the attacks on Londoners and the terrifying slaughter of its war in Iraq, is willing to encourage and support the armourers of state terror to operate freely in our borough.

DSEi (Defence Systems and Equipment International) is **the world's biggest weapons fair**, selling everything from battleships and attack helicopters to cluster bombs and machine guns. This year it runs from 13-16 September at the ExCeL Centre in Custom House. Representatives from countries including **Israel, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the US, Colombia, China and Russia** will be buying and selling weapons, products and services used for repression and terror, in a borough where refugees from all over the world live in exile from armed conflicts that kill around 35 people every hour. Arms sales increase the likelihood of fighting and prolong conflicts once they begin and sales of small arms, the weapons that produce **actual mass destruction**, kill more than 500,000 people every year.

## Protest Against the Arms Fair

### Wed 17 August - Campaign Against the Arms Trade's London Campaign Day

Afternoon of street campaigning (petitioning, leafleting etc) in Stratford, focusing especially on DSEi. Email [beccie@caat.org.uk](mailto:beccie@caat.org.uk) to get involved.

### Sat 27 August - DSEi information and action day

Help and information for people taking non-violent direct action at DSEi. 11am-4pm, venue to be confirmed

### Mon 5 September - NOWAR Meeting in Stratford

### Sun 11 September - Campaign Against the Arms Trade alternative DSEi conference. 11am-5pm

A day of talks, workshops, films, training and networking at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 (nearest tube Aldgate East).

### Mon 12 September - Silent Candle Light Procession

Organised by local churches in east London. Meet 6.30pm, Tidal Basin Road, next to ExCel Centre, Newham (Royal Victoria DLR station).

### Tue 13 September - Mass demonstration against DSEi arms fair

Assemble 12noon, East Ham Central Park (near East Ham tube) and march to the ExCel Centre.

CAAT alternative DSEi conference (part 2) with talks, films etc. 5pm-9pm, Toynbee Hall (address above)

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