

GLOBAL DIRECTORY 2007/8

PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION AGENCIES

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS INTERNET SERVER (VOIS)

works with young people to provide an A-Z listing of voluntary organisations and charities on the internet. *Contact: VOIS, Brecon House, 55 Gentleman's Row, Enfield, EN2 6PU. Tel: 020 8350 1576 Email: info@vois.org.uk Web: www.vois.org.uk*

VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS (VSO)

International development charity that works through volunteers. Recruits skilled and experienced professionals for two-year placements in education, health, business and management, technical and natural resources. *Contact: Information Centre, Carlton House, 85 Upper Richmond Rd, London SW15 2BS. Tel: 020 8780 7600 Email: info@vso.org.uk Web: www.vso.org.uk*

VOLUNTEER CENTRE, BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET

wants local people willing to give a few hours of their time. For details of all local volunteering opportunities call in to see us or check out the website. Contact the Centre if you would like to advertise your organisation's volunteering opportunities for free. *Contact: South Vaults, Green Park Station, Bath BA1 1JB. Tel: 01225 787928 Email: info@vol-centre.org.uk Web: www.vol-centre.org.uk*

VOLUNTEERING BRISTOL

Volunteer bureau that promotes and encourages participation in voluntary work by the widest possible selection of the community. Also provides information and advice on volunteering. *Contact: Royal Oak House, Royal Oak Ave, Bristol BS1 4GB. Tel: 0117 989 7733 Email: info@bristolvolunteers.org.uk Web: www.bristolvolunteers.org.uk*

VOLUNTEERING ENGLAND

Integrated national volunteer development organisation for England. Works across the voluntary, public and private sectors to raise the profile of volunteering as a powerful force for change. *Contact: Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints St, London N1 9RL. Tel: 0845 305 6979 Email: volunteering@volunteeringengland.org Web: www.volunteering.org.uk*

VOSCUR

Bristol Council for Voluntary Services (CVS). Development, support, information, training and representation for the voluntary and community sector. Over 500 members. Membership is free for Bristol voluntary and community groups. *Contact: CREATE Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol BS1 6XN. Tel: 0117 909 9949 Email: info@voscur.org Web: www.voscur.org*

WORLD SERVICE ENQUIRY

offers information and advice about working/volunteering in the developing world. They also publish development job magazine Opportunities Abroad. *Contact: World Service Enquiry, Room 237, Bon Marche Centre, 241-251 Ferndale Rd, London SW9 8BJ. Tel: 0870 770 3274 Email: use@use.org.uk Web: www.use.org.uk*

WORLDWIDE VOLUNTEERING

Website that matches you with volunteering opportunities worldwide. *Contact: 7 North Street Workshops, Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6QR. Tel: 01935 825588 Email: www@www.org.uk Web: www.worldwidevolunteering.org.uk*

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ARMS REDUCTION COALITION (ARC)

campaigns for the UN to agree and implement a treaty to reduce the amount of resources spent on arms, and to spend resources saved on programmes that benefit humanity and the earth. *Contact: PO BOX, 42567, London E1 2WP. Tel: 0790 3967 355 Email: info@arcuk.org Web: www.arcuk.org*

BRITISH AMERICAN SECURITY INFORMATION COUNCIL (BASIC)

A non-profit research organisation based in Washington and London, BASIC analyses government policies and promotes public awareness of defence, disarmament, military strategy and nuclear policies in order to foster informed debate. *Contact: The Graystone Centre, 2nd Floor, 28 Charles Square, London N1 6HT. Tel: 020 7324 4680 Email: basicuk@basicint.org Web: www.basicint.org*

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARMS TRADE (CAAT)

works for the reduction and ultimate abolition of the international arms trade, together with progressive demilitarisation within arms-producing countries. CAAT has campaigners across the UK. *Contact: 11 Goodwin St, London N4 3HQ. Tel: 020 7281 0297 Web: www.caat.org.uk*

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (CND)

has been actively campaigning against nuclear weapons and related issues for 40 years. With members' support, it will continue campaigning until all nuclear weapons are abolished. *Contact: 162 Holloway Rd, London N7 8DQ. Tel: 020 7700 2393 Fax: 020 7700 2357 Email: enquiries@cnduk.org Web: www.cnduk.org*

CONSCIENCE (THE PEACE TAX CAMPAIGN)

campaigns for the legal right for people who have a conscientious objection to war to have the military part of their taxes spent on peace-building initiatives. *Contact: Archway Resource Centre, 1b Waterlow Rd, London N19 5NJ. Tel: 0870 777 3223 Email: info@conscienceonline.org.uk Web: www.conscienceonline.org.uk*

CONTROL ARMS CAMPAIGN

A campaign for tougher arms controls. There are around 639 million small arms and light weapons in the world today. Eight million more are produced every year. Unless governments act to stop the spread of arms, more lives will be lost, more human rights violations will take place, and more people will be denied the chance to escape poverty. Oxfam, Amnesty International, and IANSA (see listing below) jointly run the campaign. *Web: www.controlarms.org*

INTERNATIONAL ACTION NETWORK ON SMALL ARMS (IANSA)

A global movement working in 100 countries to stop the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons. *Contact: Development House, 56-64 Leonard St, London EC2A 4JX. Tel: 020 7065 0870 Email: contact@iansa.org Web: www.iansa.org*

INTERNATIONAL ALERT (IA)

was founded in 1985 to promote peace in countries divided by internal conflicts. IA helps to build lasting peace in countries and communities affected or threatened by violent conflict. *Contact: 346 Clapham Rd, London SW9 9AP. Tel: 020 7627 6800 Email: communications@international-alert.org Web: www.international-alert.org*

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)

acts to help all victims of war and internal violence, attempting to ensure implementation of humanitarian rules restricting armed violence. *Contact: 19 Avenue de la Paix, CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland. Tel: +41 22 734 6001 Fax: +41 22 733 2057 Web: www.icrc.org*

LANDMINE ACTION

Coalition working to eliminate landmines and find solutions to the problems caused by explosive remnants of war. Also works in advocacy, victim assistance, mine clearance and mine-risk education. *Contact: 1st Floor, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP. Tel: 020 7820 0222 Fax: 020 7820 0057 Email: info@landmineaction.org Web: www.landmineaction.org*

MAG (MINES ADVISORY GROUP)

Humanitarian NGO dedicated to assisting people affected by conflict. Focus



Where are we going?

Huge growth in air transport is neither inevitable nor necessary, says Susan Pearson of Stop Bristol Airport Expansion

Aviation is the fastest-growing source of carbon dioxide emissions. In the UK, cheap flights have driven up the demand for flying to such an extent that the country's airports are planning for passenger numbers of around 630 million per year by 2030, up 320% from 2003 levels. Despite the government's commitment to reducing CO₂ emissions by 60% by 2050, its current policy (outlined in its 2003 White Paper 'The Future of Air Transport') is encouraging massive airport expansion across the country to meet this demand.

Aviation currently accounts for at least 6.5% of the UK's CO₂ emissions and 13% of the UK's contribution to climate change, as CO₂ released at altitude causes at least twice the environmental damage as CO₂ released at ground level. While the rest of society and industry is committed to making permanent cuts in emissions, and emissions from all other UK activities have fallen by about 9% since 1990, emissions from UK aviation have more than doubled. The UK's top climatologists now predict that by 2050 emissions from aviation alone will exceed the government's target for the country's entire output of CO₂.

Against this backdrop many groups are fighting

airport expansion across the UK. Locally, the Stop Bristol Airport Expansion campaign (SBAE) is fighting the expansion of Bristol International Airport (BIA), which wants to increase passenger numbers of over six million in autumn 2007 to nine million by 2015, 12.5 million by 2030. In fact, BIA is on target to reach nine million by 2009. Flights from BIA already produce more CO₂ than all the traffic in Bristol, and by 2019 its expansion will lead to more climate damage than by adding an extra 220,000 cars to the roads.

SBAE is a coalition between local Friends of the Earth groups, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and the Parish Councils Airport Association. SBAE also challenges the damage to countryside, traffic congestion and noise misery for local communities that will result from BIA's expansion. It's also campaigned for emissions from international aviation (currently excluded) to be included in the UK's emission targets.

BIA can't expand as much as it wants without planning permission from North Somerset Council. SBAE campaigns to make sure that the views of local people are represented in the planning process, by lobbying local and national politicians and raising public awareness through local press, advertising and events.

Ffi: www.nobristolairportexpansion.co.uk