

# Programme

**Peace News birthday event**  
**17 June 2006 at the Square**  
**21 Russell Sq, London W1**

## 1. ABOUT THE VENUE

The Square is a squatted social centre in the heart of London (see <http://www.londonsocialcentre.org.uk>)  
Nearest tube is Russell Square. Parking is rubbish (bring a bike!).  
Location map – see <http://tinyurl.com/radyb>

**ACCESS:** We chose this venue because it had the kind of spaces we needed for this event and because we can afford it (we will give its current custodians an appropriate donation). However, it is not perfect, particularly with regard to access. There are eight steps up into the venue – which is spread over two levels (including more stairs) – and it does not have a wheelchair-accessible toilet. There will be no formal signers, nor translations.

We apologise for not providing a venue which is accessible to everyone in our community, but we do not have the finances to provide a better solution. We understand the Square is due to be evicted one week after this event, otherwise we would have made structural modifications ourselves, as we have done on previous occasions.

## 2. ABOUT THE DAY

**Children:** Some aspects of this event are more child-friendly than others. There is no formal crèche or child-minding facilities (experienced volunteers welcome to step forward!). Please use your judgement as to whether you think this is an event which will be suitable for your child

**Dogs:** This is not a very dog-suitable event!

**Food:** There will be vegetarian and vegan food available for donations/small charge during lunch and evening. There are also many good places to get food locally.

**Info-share:** If you are from a campaign/activist group/network, feel free to bring some flyers, a banner, other info along with you to share. There will be a central propaganda point at the venue.

**PROGRAMME** (all times approximate, though we aim to start promptly)

| TIME        | ACTIVITY  | ADDITIONAL INFO  |
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| 10.45-11am  | Arrive!   | Quick drinks, hellos, toilet, etc!   |
| 11-11.30am  | Opening plenary-style session   | Welcomes, about day, history, political mission, where we're at now, "how/why I use PN", etc   |
| 11.30am-1pm | Workshops (parallel)<br><b>war on terror = repression at home:</b> freedom to protest and civil liberties<br><b>next generations:</b> new nuclear weapons and power<br><b>patriotism and discontent:</b> antimilitarism and counter recruitment | THEORY - old wars-new battles<br>PRACTICE - strategic campaigning: cultural decontamination, tactical pressure and the tipping point   |
| 1-2.30pm    | Leisurely lunch break   | Banner-making and other creative activities for those artistically inclined!   |
| 2.30-4pm    | Readers' meeting  | Have your say! And help the paper develop  |
| 4.15-5pm    | Closing plenary-style session   | Feedback from workshops and reader meeting. Looking forward. Wrap up morning.  |
| 5pm-7pm     | Break for dinner and trainings (tbc)  | Possible NVDA training, more food, chill out   |
| 7pm- 12     | Party!<br>Food, drinks etc provided - for suitable donations  | <b>Performance lineup:</b> Jeff & Dennis riff poetry / Pink Punk / The Ballinsky Project / Walking Wounded / DJ SexyRubberSoul / DJs Alba & Tim Munt<br><b>Plus random films:</b> World Naked Bike Ride / Undercurrents News Network / Yes Sir! No |

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