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Building for Peace and Justice

Wales Peace Festival 2008 Bangor Saturday - Sunday 18-19th October

Peace and justice campaigners from all over Wales and beyond the borders are preparing to take part in the All Wales Peace Festival - being held this year in Bangor. The event, organised by Bangor & Ynys Môn Peace & Justice Group in conjunction with Menai Amnesty International, Student Amnesty International and Bangor United Nations Association is sponsored by CND Cymru, Cynefin y Werin and Cymdeithas y Cymod.

CND Cymru Chair Jill Evans MEP will address the conference on nuclear proliferation and the Middle East as the first speaker at the weekend of workshops, discussions, lectures, music and films on subjects which range from nuclear power plans for Ynys Môn, the new politics of Latin America, rendition and detention with out charge, the proposed Military Academy at St Athan, hidden histories of government policy, war politics and the cinema, to the role played by religion in war. The whole event is to be opened by Stephen Thomas, Director of the Welsh Centre of International Affairs at the Temple of Peace in Cardiff.

Other speakers and contributors include ex-Guantanamo Bay detainee Moazzam Begg, author Mark Curtis, Rev. Guto Prys ap Gwynfor, Milan Rai (Peace News), Mary Compton (NUT), Dylan Morgan (PAWB), Greg Muttitt (Hands Off Iraqi Oil), Nick Jewitt and Dr. Ambrose-Oji (on climate change and Africa's resources) and Ben Gregory (Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign).

Bangor Community Choir and Bustan Qaraaqa, bands - Trnstone and Bandabacana with local DJ HippyAd will entertain and there will be an exhibition of '30 Years of Protest in North Wales'.

Jill Gough, CND Cymru National Secretary joined organisers in welcoming not only peace and justice activists but anyone interested to this all Wales event. She said:

'The world is facing climatic and economic upheaval, where governments are having to deal with the costs of our past mistakes.'

'By bailing out the banks yet at the same time continuing to invest in dangerous and costly technologies and war preparations it is sadly evident that nothing has been learned. Mistakes are being repeated.'

'A change of political practice away from war and the infringement of human rights, towards the goal of a fair and just future for all people in the world and our environment would bring true peace and justice.'

'If there was a will, the costs of building a free and just world would be next to nothing.'

'Wales has a history of campaigning and working for a just and peaceful world and this weekend in Bangor advances our aims.'

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- **A pdf of the All Wales Peace Festival programme is attached.**
- **The event will be held at University of Bangor, Department of Lifelong Learning, Dean Street, Bangor, LL57 1UT**
- **Journalists are most welcome to attend any part of the Peace Festival.**
- **Photographs of Jill Evans, Moazzam Begg and performers 'Trnstone' are available from heddwch@cndcymru.org or phil_steele@btinternet.com**
- **Interviews with selected speakers may be possible please contact Phil Steele t: 01248 490 715 e: phil_steele@btinternet.com**
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