

XR PEACE

AT THE OCTOBER REBELLION: OCTOBER 7 ONWARDS

A coming together of movements to resist the twin existential threats of militarism & climate emergency.

Two weeks of Nonviolent Direct Action with workshops, teach-ins and exhibitions, choirs, musicians, comedians, academics, story tellers, speakers.

Making the links between militarism and the climate emergency. As long as our states and societies remain militarised we will not be able to achieve climate justice.

Let us join the forces of peace with the climate movement and join the October rebellion.

REBEL FOR PEACE AND PLANET

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Militarism is one of the central pillars of the exploitative, carbon-intensive industrial system that is driving the climate crisis.

Getting to net zero by 2025 will require a radical social transformation. Challenging the militarism that underpins the fossil fuel industry will be an essential part of this process.

- The military are huge carbon emitters. The US military alone emits more greenhouse gases than each of 142 countries. Yet military carbon emissions are exempt from the Kyoto agreement.
- Many 21st Century conflicts are about **controlling** access to dwindling oil supplies.
- Migration, the refugee crisis and conflicts are already being driven by climate change. **Extreme weather and resource scarcity caused by climate change will increasingly lead to conflict.**
- Conflicts often lead to environmental destruction - and reconstruction often carried out by profiteering corporations – depleting scarce resources.
- **Indigenous people** – at the sharp end of the climate crisis – are **routinely intimidated and murdered** by states or corporations who prioritise power and profits over the environment and human life.
- States often turn to militarised solutions to sustain extractivist projects.
- The use or threat of military power backs up the political and corporate self-interest that is resisting the **changes needed to address the climate crisis.**
- Nuclear weapons – the pinnacle of militarism and materialism – **pose an existential threat as great as that of the climate emergency.** The use of just 50 nuclear weapons would destroy global ecosystems, devastate the climate and lead to global famine and the death of more than a billion people. The world contains nearly 14,000 nuclear weapons in total. The UK has 200.

We need to redirect resources from the military to address climate change.



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