

Young People Rethinking Security and Peace conference



**Coventry &
Warwickshire
6th form students**

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to be held at the
Coventry Cathedral
9th November 2023
9.00am – 12.20pm





*Peacebuilders are needed
now more than ever!*

How can we prevent violent conflict and sustain peace and rebuild trust and restore relationships that serve the need of the whole population?

How can you as a young person take steps to promote peace and understand the issues that concern you on topics such as the environment, health, inequality and emotional security?

This conference looks at how by being informed young citizens it is possible to take action and have your voice be heard and how it is possible to build more peaceful societies.



Conference Agenda

- 9.15 – 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 – 9.40 Introduction and welcome to Cathedral
Overview of Conference & partners involved
Lord Mayors Peace Committee
- 9.40 - 10.50 Session one
Rethinking Security
Jo Frew, Outreach Coordinator for Rethinking
Security Network
- 10.50 – 11.00 Break
- 11.00 – 12.15 Session two
"I Can't Breathe"
Anthony Owen, Peace Poet
- 12.15 – 12.30 Plenary and close



This conference would not have been possible without the assistance of the following organisations and people:

Lord Mayors Peace Committee

This Committee of about 20 peace-activists works to promote the city's agenda as a city of peace and reconciliation both within Coventry and more widely. We organise several annual events and projects including the Lord Mayor's Peace Lecture, Hiroshima Commemoration, Coventry and Warwickshire School's Peace Poem and Coventry Peace Award as well as conferences for children and young people. It is a representative committee and includes people from a variety of organisations in the city who support its aims. For further information please see <https://coventrycityofpeace.uk/lmpc/>

Rethinking Security

Rethinking Security is a network of organisations, academics and activists working together for security based on justice, cooperation, and sustainability Speakers: Joanna Frew Is the Outreach Coordinator for the Rethinking Security network. She is an activist & researcher who has been involved in global economic justice, climate justice and anti-militarism work for 20 years. She is also a community gardener, historian of the British empire and lives in community with refugees and asylum seekers in north London. <https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/>

Anthony Owen

Anthony is a writer from Coventry with an avid interest in the psychological and physical effects of conflict. Since 2009 Owen has had nine volumes of poetry published by many presses internationally and his work is widely translated. His 2017 book The Nagasaki Elder (VPress) was shortlisted for the Ted Hughes Award for new work in poetry and he was also a winner of the Museum of Military Medicine Poetry Award in 2018. He has met survivors in Hiroshima, Dresden and Coventry and has a passion for peace education and the role poetry and arts has to play in raising awareness of the consequences that conflict has on people in both the immediate and longer term. His poems have been translated into Japanese, Mandarin and Dutch. CND Peace Education (UK) selected Owen as one of their first national patrons in 2015, and his poems feature in a national CND peace education resource to schools. Owen is also a recipient of the 2016 Coventry Peace & Reconciliation Award for various peace projects.

Other Partners

Students from Bluecoat C of E School and Music College; Ivana Erameh, Owain Rhodes and Yara Younes

Coventry Cathedral <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk>

Coventry Prevent Team <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/prevent-3>

Coventry Against Racism <https://www.coventryagainstracism.co.uk/>

RISING Global Peace Forum, Coventry University <https://www.coventry.ac.uk/research/areas-of-research/trust-peace-social-relations/rising/>

