



Humanitarian Disarmament Forum Agenda
17-18 October 2015, Pace University, New York

***Achieving long term change on humanitarian disarmament while
advocating on current humanitarian crises***

Friday 16 October – Welcome reception

18:30-20:30 - Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations at 600 3rd Ave

- Hosts: Government of Austria, Government of Mexico, and civil society represented by Forum hosts
- Format: Welcome remarks by hosts following by food and drinks

Saturday 17 October – Humanitarian Disarmament Forum

Location: Pace University at 1 Pace Plaza. (Please use the Schimmel Center for the Arts entrance (3 Spruce Street) located at the corner of Spruce Street and Gold Street)

Day 1 – Thematic campaign updates and refugee panel

MCs – Kim Brown and Martin Butcher

9:00 – 10:00 Opening registration, coffee and conversation

10:00 – 10:10 Opening remarks and welcome – *Kim and Martin*

10:10 – 10:30 Osama Damo – Save the Children Canada – *advocating from within an armed conflict* (presentation and Q&A)

10:30 – 11:00 Lightning talks on the following seven disarmament and arms control issues

- Control Arms – *Anna Macdonald*
- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) *Beatrice Fihn*
- International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munition Coalition *Amelie Chayer*
- International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW) *Richard Moyes*
- Campaign to Stop Killer Robots *Mary Wareham*
- Toxic Remnants of War *Doug Weir*
- Drones *Wim Zwijnenburg*

11:00 – 11:50 Thematic campaign session

The purpose of these sessions is to provide participants with the opportunity to learn about other campaigns that they may not work on. Participants will be able to move from group to group freely to join different discussion and ask questions. The groups will also be asked the following three questions that facilitators will report back on in the next session:

- What have you done in your campaign to further the gender and disarmament discussion and aims set out at the Forum last year?
- Are there any key updates from your campaign on plans at First Committee (events, meetings, key lobby work) that you want to share with the whole group?
- How does the work of your campaign related to the overall Forum theme this year, ie: do the current humanitarian crises that we are responding to provide opportunities or challenges to the overall aims of your campaign

11:50 – 13:00 - Report back from campaign session in plenary – facilitators to report back on discussions and answer above questions. (10 mins per group)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 - Panel discussion and small group work: the refugee crisis linked back to disarmament and arms control issues *Chair: Anna Macdonald*

Speakers:

- *Mohamad Bardan - Boston Refugees Welcome*
- *Channapha Khamvongsa – Legacies of War*
- *Askhaya Kumar – Human Rights Watch*
- *Hiba Qaraman – Save the Children (TBC)*

We will hear presentations from the four panellists, who will share their experience on their work on refugees and displacement, and the challenges this presents, as well as potential linkages with work on disarmament and conflict.

After a Q&A – we will have small group discussions at our tables on:

- Linkages between the refugee crises to disarmament and weapons, root causes of conflict, and forgotten conflicts
- How we involve and work with affected communities in our advocacy work
- What lessons the refugee crisis have taught us linked to public attention, the role of survivors in leading advocacy work, and public led mobilisation

We will then report back and have a broader discussion in plenary about our group work discussions

16:00 – 16:30 Wrap up and housekeeping announcements *MCs and Mary Wareham*

18:00 – 22:30 Evening event at WeWork 42nd street - 205 E 42nd St – dinner and drinks

Sunday 19 October – Pace University

9:00 – 10:00 Coffee and conversation

MCs – Kim Brown and Martin Butcher

10:00 – 10:30 Wrap up and report back from the previous day *Mary Wareham and colleagues*

10:30 – 11:45 - Country specific humanitarian advocacy linked to disarmament campaigning

These sessions will be an opportunity to share current and future advocacy work on country specific contexts and how these current advocacy links to our broader disarmament advocacy work. Sessions will start with a short discussion of the current context in the country (led by facilitators) and then a discussion on opportunities for collaboration on immediate advocacy work and longer term disarmament work, and how we place survivors and affected communities at the centre of our advocacy. We also will discuss coordination and how we can be most effective in the power structures in which we work. Participants will be able to move around between groups during the session.

The following sessions will be suggested, with the opportunity for others to suggest additional groups on other contexts:

- Syria – *Mohamad Bardan*
- Ukraine – *Roos Boer*
- Yemen – *Martin Butcher*
- Gaza – *Osama Damo*
- Sudan/South Sudan - TBC
- Other suggested contexts suggested by participants

11:45 – 12:30 Facilitators will report back on the top three ideas or lessons learned from the session

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 Parallel thematic sessions – session 1

Participants will self-select two sessions to participate in between the following thematic sessions. On Saturday morning participants will be encouraged to suggest and add sessions to this list:

- Gender and disarmament - *Ray Acheson*
- Survivor participation – *Handicap International*

- Managing risks and opportunities around disarmament advocacy for humanitarian organisations tease out specific question of each session (*Alma Al Osta and Kim Brown*)
- Disarmament and Arms Control as Preventive Action SCRAP/Article 26 UN Charter/General Complete Disarmament (Kevin Miletic)
- Conflict, prevention and preparedness (*Atle Karlsen*)
- Field Research to Promote Humanitarian Disarmament (*Bonnie Docherty*)
- Youth engagement (*Erin Hunt*)

14:45 – 16:00 – Parallel cross-cutting issues/skills sharing – session 2

- Same as above

16:00 – 16:45 Report back from thematic sessions, overall wrap up and farewell
Mary to lead with team (Thomas Nash, Steve Goose, Miriam Struyk, Roos Boer)

16:45 Forum ends