



21 September UN International Day of Peace

A day of global ceasefire and non-violence

To some it's just a single day. But 21 September is a 24 hour-long platform for life-saving activities around the world and an opportunity for individuals - particularly young people - to become involved in the peace process.

By 2007, the UN estimated that over 100 million people from all walks of life actively supported Peace Day around the world. That same year, the Peace One Day organisation was instrumental in securing the conditions by which mass polio vaccinations could be carried out in Afghanistan on Peace Day; 1.4 million children were vaccinated in some of the most remote areas of the country. And in 2008, an additional 1.6 million were treated. That's an estimated 3 million children in Afghanistan alone. On Peace Day 2008 in Afghanistan the United Nations Department for Safety and Security, which monitors security related incidents, recorded a 70 per cent reduction in violent incidents on the day itself.

Events in Bangor for Peace Day 2009

Friday 18 September - Peace Cabaret - from 7pm at the Blue Sky Café (behind the butchers) 236 High Street. An evening packed with music, poetry and drama, admission £5, delicious tapas and wine to round things off.

Saturday 19 September - Samba with Batala and Bangor Community Choir - on the High Street from 3pm.

Monday 21 September - Discussion "*Iran and Middle East Peace*" with Sir Harold Walker, former British Ambassador to Iraq and Professor Gareth Wyn-Jones, at Capel Berea Newydd (behind PC World) from 7.30pm - free.

Organised by Bangor and Menai Bridge United Nations Association, Amnesty International Glannau Menai branch and the Bangor and Anglesey Peace and Justice Group.

Wednesday 23 September - Film - at 7.30pm "*Joyeux Noël*" a deeply moving story of the first Christmas of the Great War - at Blue Sky Café, food from 6pm, admission £4. Organised by Occasional Cinema.

UN Secretary-General's message

The International Day of Peace, observed each year on 21 September, is a global call for ceasefire and non-violence. It is a time to reflect on the horror and cost of war and the benefits of peacefully resolving our disputes. This year, I will use this important day to ask Governments and citizens of the world to focus on the important issues of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

The end of the cold war helped lift the burden of nuclear catastrophe from a generation that had lived under its cloud since the end of the Second World War. Nonetheless, the threat persists, as recent events attest. Unless we vigorously work for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, we will continue to face threats from existing nuclear weapons, as well as additional risks that more States, even terrorists, might acquire and deploy such weapons, potentially annihilating millions of people.

This alarming outlook is counterbalanced by a new momentum on the part of world leaders to address the issue of nuclear weapons. The United States and the Russian Federation have signalled a new commitment to cut their nuclear arsenals. Furthermore, the Conference on Disarmament, which includes all States with nuclear arms, has recently broken a decade-long deadlock and agreed to work to resolve some of the key issues related to disarmament and non-proliferation.

We must build on this momentum. To that end, I am launching the WMD-WeMustDisarm! Campaign. Over the next 100 days, the United Nations and our partners around the world will work to raise awareness of the true costs and dangers of nuclear weapons. Between now and 21 September, we will issue 100 reasons to disarm, via Twitter, MySpace, Facebook, email, text message, radio and from friend to friend. Celebrities will also help us spread the message. And finally, as we observe the International Day of Peace with world leaders gathered in New York for the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly, I will proclaim one strong, simple message: We must disarm!

Ban Ki-moon

www.internationaldayofpeace.org/

www.un.org/sg/peacedaymessage2009.shtml

www.peaceoneday.org

PEACE ONE DAY

Yn Cynorthwyo Dydd Heddwch y Cenhedloedd Unedig, Medi 21ain 2009
Supporting the United Nations Day of Peace, 21st September 2009

Week!

PEACE CABARET HEDDWCH



Dydd Gwener / Friday 18/09
Bluesky Cafe, Stryd Fawr / High St, Bangor

Cerddoriaeth / Music:

John Lawrence

Stacey Cohen

Bluebelles

Stephanie Finegan

Convoi Exceptionnel

Barddoniaeth / Poetry:

Martin Daws

Rhys Trimble

The Armchair Anarchist

Johnny Fluffypunk

£5, 7-12pm.
Tapas o / from: 7pm.

Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday 19/09

Dydd Llun / Monday 21/09

Dydd Mercher / Wednesday 23/09

SAMBA & SONG

**Batala
Bangor
Community
Choir**

2pm, Bangor Clock,
Stryd Fawr / High St, Bangor

PANEL

*Heddwch yn Iran ac Dwyrain Canol
Iran & Middle East Peace*

**Sir Harold
Walker**

Cyn Llysgenhadwr Prydeinig i Iraq
Former British Ambassador to Iraq

7pm, Capel Berea Newydd,
(Tu cefn / Behind PC World)
Bangor

JOYEAUX NOEL

Ffilm gan / A film by

**Christian
Carion**

£4. 7:30pm, Bluesky Cafe,
Stryd Fawr / High St, Bangor.

"We Must Disarm!" - Ban Ki-moon,
UN Secretary-General

Maer noson yma wedi cael ei drefnu a chynorthwyo gan / These events have been organised and are supported by:
Bangor & Ynys Mon Peace/Heddwch, Amnesty, Bangor UNA, The Occasional Cinema. Am fwy o wybodaeth / For
more info: www.thepaceofchange.co.uk, www.peaceday.org, www.peaceday.theabsurd.co.uk, www.un.org

