

Women in Black UK - Winter newsletter, December 2018

The report of the international conference of Women in Black, which took place in Cape Town in March, is now available on the website. It offers a very detailed account of the meeting, which focused on women's displacement and resistance.

<http://womeninblack.org>

Women in Black Edinburgh hold their weekly vigil on Saturdays from 1 to 2 pm at the East end of Princes Street opposite the Balmoral Hotel. You can see images of the latest vigils on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/womeninblackedinburgh/>

Thanks to Jackie for writing to us to give us a glimpse of the peace actions in Wakefield, Yorkshire, where various groups have held marches, vigils and other events to celebrate diversity and oppose racism. If you would like to contribute any peace news from your region, please send the information to

wibinfo@gn.apc.org

It has been a busy period for Women in Black London. We have held our weekly vigils covering a range of issues, including the disappeared and detained of Syria, No to NATO, stop arming Saudi, militarisation of youth, and peace in Palestine/Israel. Please visit our website to read the leaflets/petitions that we have handed out.

<http://london.womeninblack.org>

We participated in the Alternative Remembrance Day Ceremony at Tavistock Square. This was a lively event with music, films, exhibitions and children's activities.

With other 50 civil society groups and academics we are calling on governments to pay attention to the myriad of environmental health risks that are often overlooked during and after armed conflicts. You can read the statement here:

<https://www.paxforpeace.nl/stay-informed/news/protect-the-environment-during-armed-conflict>

We are very grateful to Sue, who submitted a strong application form to the Maypole Fund and secured a grant to pay for the banners and the leaflets that we distribute during our vigil.

We wish you happy holidays and a peaceful new year!