



# Women in Black Scotland

Women in Black in Scotland are standing in mourning for the dead of New York and Washington. Our deepest sympathies go to their families and friends and the people of those cities. We utterly condemn the terrible violence and shocking disregard for the value of human life shown by those who ordered and carried out these acts.

But we believe that violence must not be answered with violence. The understandable urge to vengeance must be resisted. NATO military actions are more likely to cost the lives of innocent people than to achieve justice. Terror is no antidote to terror.

We call for the Prime Minister and the British Government to take a lead in finding a way to bring these mass murderers to justice under international law, and to turn the US Government and NATO from the acts of war they are reported to be planning, which will be catastrophic for the world and its peoples.

We urge political and military leaders to reflect on the causes that terrorists use to legitimate their actions. So long as



## You are *not* powerless

If you want to influence the government's reactions to terrorism in the USA on September 11th here are some suggestions for what you can do.

### TALK

- to your friends and colleagues
- to your local clubs and societies about non-violence and the alternatives to war
- in your school, college, workplace, church or pub
- to your union or professional organisation and encourage it to discuss publicly and advocate long-term, non-violent solutions to the current situation and the addressing of the underlying problems which breed terrorism

### WRITE

- letters to your local MP
- letters and articles to your local paper to encourage those national figures who also advocate addressing the underlying problems
- to world leaders and the United Nations

### JOIN

- with like minded people, form a local group to promote and work for Peace
- your local Peace group, if you have one, and take part in their activities
- any national demonstration

### HELP

- your local group to organise meetings, demonstrations etc
- get signatures on any petition that is organised

**PHONE** any relevant radio phone-in so your views are widely heard

**STICK UP** a poster

**WEAR** a badge

**COPY** this and give it to someone else

**BE SEEN** Picasso's beautiful peace image can be used on badges, t-shirts, window stickers, placards etc. He gave it to the peace movement to use — let's use it!

**SIGN** the statement opposite and send it to Tony Blair.



## CONTACTS FOR PROTEST

- Rt. Hon Tony Blair MP, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA. phone:020 7270 3000; fax: 020 7925 0918
- Rt. Hon Jack Straw MP, The Foreign Secretary, FCO, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH; phone: 020 7270 2059 fax: 020 7839 2417
- Rt. Hon Geoff Hoon MP, Secretary of State for Defence, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB; phone: 020 7218 2111 fax: 020 7218 7140 e-mail: sofs-registry1@mod.gsi.gov.uk (or leave a message for any Minister with a real person via the Government switchboard: 020 7270 1500).
- The President, George W Bush, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20500; phone: 001 202 456 6797 Fax: 001 202 456 2883 E-mail: president@whitehouse.gov
- NATO e-mail: natodoc@hq.nato.int
- your MP: House of Commons, Westminster London SW1A 0AA

**Peace is something that has to be worked for at all times, not just times of crisis — here are some useful contacts:**

- *Peace News* (quarterly magazine) tel: 020 7278 3344
- *nonviolent action* (monthly magazine) tel: 020 7713 6540
- War Resisters' International tel: 020 7278 4040,
- Campaign Against Arms Trade tel: 020 7281 0297
- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament tel: 020 7700 2393
- Pax Christi tel: 020 8203 4884
- Trident Ploughshares tel: 0845 45 88 366
- IFOR — see [www.ifor.org/wpp](http://www.ifor.org/wpp)
- WILPF — see [www.wilpf.int.ch](http://www.wilpf.int.ch)
- ARROW — 020 7607 2302; email list: <Aftermath-11-September-2001-subscribe@yahoogroups.co.uk>
- Buy Housmans Peace Diary

### Future Women in Black vigils:

- **Saturday 22 September:** Dundee, corner of Reform St, 1-2pm
- **Wednesday 26 September** (WiB international day of action): Edinburgh, Parliament Square 6-7pm; Dundee, phone 07761 104609 for details.
- **Wednesdays 3, 10 & 17 October:** vigils in Edinburgh.



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For more information about our vigils, contact 07761 104609 (Dundee) or 0131-669 5591 email <jane@gn.apc.org> (Edinburgh).

Join the WIBS email list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wibs>.

International website: <http://wib.matriz.net/>

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injustice, exploitation and oppression are the experience of many people in many countries, genuine despair will lead to hatred of the super powers, and be used to legitimate terrorism.

## We need strategies for an inclusive and equal global society — not strategies of war.

(We invite you to sign and give your address below, and send this leaflet as a letter to the Prime Minister, Rt.Hon.Tony Blair, MP, House of Commons, London SW1.)

Signed .....

Name .....

Address .....

**Women in Black Scotland** contact 07761 104609 (Dundee) or 0131-669 5591 email <jane@gn.apc.org> (Edinburgh).

**Women in Black** is a loose network of women world-wide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and other forms of violence. We wear black to mourn all victims of war, the destruction of people and of nature.

We aim to educate, inform and influence public opinion, to make war an unthinkable option.

Our silence is visible.

Earlier this year, Women in Black was awarded the UNIFEM Millennium Peace Prize for Women. The network has recently been nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.