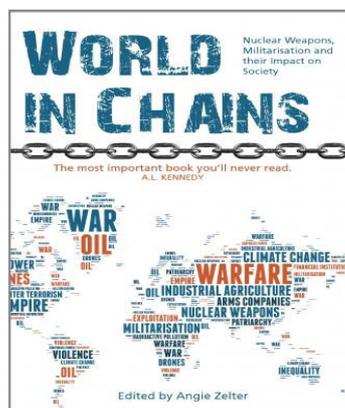


## Public meeting: The Public Interest Case Against

# Trident



**Angie Zelter** Why nuclear weapons undermine the rule of law & what to do about it.



**Friends Meeting House,  
Upper Goat Lane, Norwich NR2 1EW  
All welcome**

**7.30pm Friday 21 October 2016**



More info: Norfolk for Peace & Justice and CND Tel 01263 761471

**Veteran peace campaigner and author Angie Zelter will return to Norfolk on Friday 21st October to talk about her legal action against Britain's weapons of mass destruction, the Trident nuclear weapon system.**

Angie lived in Norfolk for 33 years between 1976 and 2009. During this time she became the driving force behind Trident Ploughshares, which campaigns non-violently against nuclear weapons. She also founded the

International Womens' Peace Service which provides international observers in Occupied Palestine. In 1996 she was one of 4 women held on remand in Risley Prison for 6 months awaiting trial for causing 1.5 million pounds worth of damage to a British Aerospace Hawk Jet destined for Indonesia.

The Jury found the 4 women not guilty on international law grounds on the basis that their actions prevented the greater crime of genocide. Their acquittal provided a useful precedent and example for other social change activists engaged in nonviolent civil resistance.

Angie said, 'It is important to understand that we have the power to resist and prevent great breaches of humanitarian law. When we see our government, armed forces or corporations involved in immoral, unjust and criminal acts then we must act to prevent these crimes. And sometimes we can even win in the courts.'

Green Party Councillor Lesley Grahame added 'We are proud to host Angie Zelter, who always challenges the prevailing more that might means right and 'official' means legal. She has always been an inspirational campaigner whose compassion for all people refuses to be cowed by those in authority'

Angie and her lawyers, Robert Manson and the late George Fairbrother, launched the Public Interest Case Against Trident (PICAT) from the Trident Ploughshares website, in 2015. This enabled individuals and groups to take the Secretary of State for Defence/ Ministry of Defence to court for conspiring to commit a war crime by having Trident, a weapon of mass destruction, as part of our 'defence' system.

Last December 60 Norfolk residents started our local PICAT action by writing to the Secretary of State for Defence. On 24 February this year, information against the Ministry of Defence was presented to Norwich Magistrates Court on behalf of 250 local residents, calling themselves 'Norfolk for Peace and Justice'. Since then we, along with 3 other PICAT groups, have been waiting for the Attorney General to give permission to have the cases heard. If this is refused we will take further legal action.

Ms Zelter will be speaking on the Public Interest Case against Trident, at 7.30 at Friends Meeting House, Upper Goat Lane, NR2 1EW and will be available for press interviews at between 6p.m and 7p.m. or after the talk.

Angie can be contacted on 07454-573135.