



Peace Movement Aotearoa

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Urgent appeal for support

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Kia ora,

Due to an unexpected delay with a grant we usually receive in November, which we have just heard has been postponed until next February or March, we urgently need your support to continue our work over the next few months.

Our most immediate needs, until the donations we regularly receive from other organisations arrive next year, are to continue to pay a living wage to our Coordinator, Edwina Hughes, and to purchase a new computer to replace our outdated system. A sum of \$9,000 is needed for these purposes.

Details of how you can support our work by internet banking, credit card or cheque, are included at the end of this message and available at www.converge.org.nz/pma/donate.htm - a tax rebate receipt is provided for all donations.

As well as our ongoing day-to-day work, your generosity will support the projects we have planned over the next few months, including:

- planning for the 2016 National Peace Workshops, ‘Making the Links: Climate justice, social justice, and peace’;
- publishing the first two factsheets in the new series on challenging militarism and building peace - No. 1 ‘Military spending: some facts and figures’ and No. 2 ‘Climate change and militarisation’;
- providing information to a wide range of NGOs about the three UN human rights monitoring bodies who will be considering the government’s performance next year, and sending our own reports on issues including: the Prime Minister’s support for the extra-judicial execution of NZ citizens by way of drone strikes, increasing state surveillance, the rising level of militarisation of children and their education, the lack of constitutional protection for the Treaty and human rights, social and economic justice, government spending priorities, deep sea oil exploration and drilling, climate justice, privatisation of prisons, and humanitarian disarmament topics such as banning nuclear weapons and lethal autonomous weapons systems (killer robots);

- preparing resources for the 2016 Global Day of Action on Military Spending;
- co-ordinating and promoting the nationwide ANZAC Day peace vigils;
- planning the 2016 White Poppies for Peace annual appeal; and
- advertising the availability of White Poppy Peace Scholarships.

In the November 2015 public survey of our work, 97% of respondents said the analysis and information Peace Movement Aotearoa provides is extremely or very useful. Feedback on our work included:

- “Peace Movement Aotearoa is doing a fantastic job of promoting justice and peace issues.”
- “You keep all the peace-related issues before my eyes and heart.”
- “I like the critical analysis, the clear and reasoned presentation of evidence, the wide-ranging attention to critical issues - and most of all, the alternatives provided to mainstream media and analysis.”
- “I like your dedication to bringing a peace perspective to issues that would otherwise not receive that perspective.”
- “Without Peace Movement Aotearoa it would be very difficult to keep informed on all these issues.”

Please give generously to ensure that our vital work for peace, justice and human rights continues so we can keep on providing analysis, information and resources.

How you can support our work:

- **by internet banking or direct credit:** to account no: 02 0536 0323908 97 - please email your name and postal address to pma@xtra.co.nz so we can send your tax rebate receipt;
- **by credit card:** <https://givealittle.co.nz/donate/org/peacemovementaotearoa> - Givealittle will automatically send your tax rebate receipt; or
- **by cheque:** made payable to 'Peace Movement Aotearoa', posted to Peace Movement Aotearoa, PO Box 9314, Wellington 6141 - please include your name and address so we can send your tax rebate receipt.

If you would like to become a Peace Movement Aotearoa Pledger and give regular donations to support our work, please use the form at www.converge.org.nz/pma/pledge-form.doc

Thank you.

Kind regards, Tim Jones,
On behalf of the Peace Movement Aotearoa Working Group