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Aims of the Campaign

The Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) in the UK works to end the international arms trade.

The arms business has a devastating impact on human rights and security, and damages economic development. Large scale military procurement and arms exports only reinforce a militaristic approach to international problems.

In seeking to end the arms trade, CAAT's priorities are:

- to stop the procurement or export of arms where they might:
 - exacerbate conflict, support aggression, or increase tension
 - support an oppressive regime or undermine democracy
 - threaten social welfare through the level of military spending
- to end all government political and financial support for arms exports
- and to promote progressive demilitarisation within arms-producing countries.

CAAT considers that security needs to be seen in much broader terms that are not dominated by military and arms company interests. A wider security policy would have the opportunity to reallocate resources according to actual threats and benefits, including addressing major causes of insecurity such as inequality and climate change.

CAAT values the diversity of opinion amongst its supporters and is committed to nonviolence in all its work.

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About CAAT International

People in many countries and organised in many ways are working to end the arms trade. Some of the main campaigns are linked below.



CAAT is a core group in the European Network Against Arms Trade which was set up in 1984 and is made up of lobby and campaign organisations across Europe which work on arms trade issues.



Italy: 'Armed Banks' Campaign Italian NGOs and peace groups, working through the Rete Italiano per il Disarmo are campaigning against banks with investment in arms companies and other destructive projects like the building of oil pipelines. Targeting banks one at a time, they have had some success. More information (in Italian only) is available on the Campagna Banche Armate website. Other Italian campaigns can be found at the Control Armi website.



Stoppt den Waffenhandel is opposing German arms exports and the violence and terror "Made in Germany".



The Campagne tegen Wapenhandel works to end the arms trade in the Netherlands.



The Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade, has been campaigning in Canada since 1989. COAT has published a report detailing Canada Pension Plan investments in corporations supporting Israel's military and security industrial complex.



No WARP!, the Network Opposed to Weapons and Related Production, is part of Peace Movement Aotearoa in Aotearoa / New Zealand and is dedicated to campaigning for the production and export of socially useful products, not those designed to maim, kill and destroy.



The Bite the Bullet! education and action network of the War Resisters League in the United States is encouraging people to stand up to the war profiteers that are undermining our democracy, bankrupting our economy, ruining our environment, and destroying thousands of lives.



The War Profiteers campaign of the War Resisters International brings together people from the around the world who are opposing those profiting from war.



The International Action Network on Small Arms is a coalition which works to end the scourge of small arms and gun violence.



The Control Arms network aims to build global pressure for an international arms trade treaty.

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Commitment to non-violence

Involvement in organising and participation in CAAT's demonstrations and protests is conditional on accepting the need to remain non-violent at all times. This principle is at the core of our [guidance for involvement in CAAT actions](#).

How we are organised

CAAT's ultimate decision-making body is its [Steering Committee](#). It employs a small number of paid staff to oversee the day-to-day running of the campaign. They are supported by a large number of volunteers, without whom the campaign would not be able to function. Volunteers carry out a variety of tasks including helping with mail-outs, research, website maintenance and administration.

CAAT also has a network of [local groups and contacts](#) who play a vital role in communicating its message and strengthening its campaigns. There are also two special interest networks – currently the [Christian Network](#) and the [Universities Network](#). CAAT's networks reflect the interest of particular groups of supporters at any given time. CAAT is open to the establishment of new networks if there is a strong call from a particular section of supporters.

How we are funded

[Donations](#) from individual and group supporters make up about 80% of CAAT's income and are always gratefully received. As a campaigning organisation, CAAT is unable to take advantage of many of the benefits open to charities, but makes applications for charitable funding to a small number of [trusts and foundations](#) for its research and educational work.

International Links

CAAT is one of [many organisations around the world](#) working to end the arms trade.

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