it's time we tackled the causes of conflict

conscience campaigns for the legal right for those who have a conscientious objection to war to have the military part of their taxes spent on peacebuilding initiatives

- supported by almost 100 members of the national, UK and European parliaments from seven different parties
- joined by six new members every week
- linked with campaigns in twenty countries

Join us today and help secure proper investment in tackling the causes of conflict.

The right to refuse military service has been recognised in the UK since 1916. This right to conscientious objection is recognised in UN and European declarations as a basic human right. And yet, we still have to support the military with our taxes.

Although we no longer have to fight ourselves, our taxes pay for high-tech weapons and the soldiers who wield them on our behalf. The Iraq War, Trident nuclear missiles, the arms trade – we support them all with our taxes. This is financial conscription with no means to object. During World War II we had an alternative to military service. Today we should have an "alternative financial service" for the military part of our taxes.

The money should be put into a non-military security fund and used to help prevent and resolve conflicts. That way, everyone could contribute to society's defence according to their conscience.

If you want your taxes used to prevent conflict, not to prepare for it, join the campaign for a law to make it possible.

When you join you will receive…

- an information pack, telling you all about our work
- a quarterly newsletter, to keep you up-to-date
- a free book, when you give £3 per month or more by standing order

> "You elect the government and you support it with your taxes, a large percentage of which goes on weapons … Is there any basic difference between me and each of you?"
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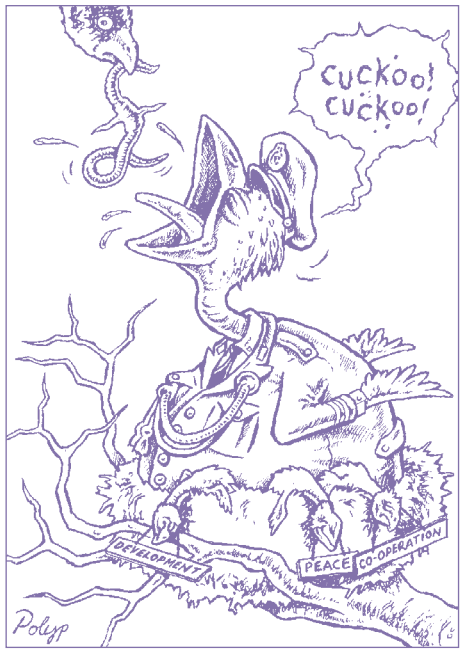
> *Sam Cummings*
> *international arms dealer*



In 1995 a US effort to broker peace between two Kurdish factions failed for the lack of $500,000 to pay for peace monitors.

In 1996 the US launched 27 cruise missiles at Iraq, each costing $790,000. Just one missile could have paid for the Kurdish peace deal.

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joining with a standing order will save us time and money and help us to campaign more effectively

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From time to time we appeal to our members for funds for specific projects. If you would prefer to be excluded from these appeals please tick this box ❑

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