

# Hands Up For Peace

A campaign designed, organised and carried out entirely by young people to stop the proposed war in Iraq.

In Parliament Square thousands of hands will be raised to stop the war under the banner, 'Hands Up For Peace'. Each hand will be made by a young person to represent their opposition to an unjust war.

As young people, the future is ours to inherit and we have a right to change it. If you want your hand in Parliament Square just follow these simple steps:

- 1 Draw around your hand on a piece of card and cut it out.
- 2 Write your name, age and a message for peace on your hand decorating it however you want.
- 3 Send your hand and all your friend's hands to:

Hands Up For Peace,  
16 Rutland Park Gardens,  
London,  
NW2 4RG

We'll attach them to sticks and put them all up in one night in early March 2003, covering Parliament Square for the morning rush hour.

Get your voice heard.  
Put your hand up for Peace.

email: [handsupforpeace@hotmail.com](mailto:handsupforpeace@hotmail.com)  
web: [www.messengers.org.uk](http://www.messengers.org.uk)

**Spread the word!**

Please act now - we aim to have all hands in by the end of February.

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# **This is a declaration from young people against what we believe will be an unjust war in Iraq**

We believe a war is being deliberately pursued by those who have the power to prevent it.

A war in which the ends do not justify the means.

It is a war that represents the subordination of humanitarian interests to economic interests. Imperialism must not hide behind a mask of 'duty'.

As young people we have a right to decide what kind of future we wish to inherit. We have a right to raise our hands against spending more money on death. We cannot afford this war. We cannot afford more loss of life. If blood is shed, it will not be on our hands.

Too many innocent people were killed on September the 11th. The terrorism that brought down the twin towers was born out of instability, are we to spread that instability further?

A lasting peace in the Middle East cannot be born out of more violence. A stable future needs stable foundations. A 'short' war in Iraq in the interests of the Iraqi people cannot be entrusted into the hands of Bush and Blair. How much Depleted Uranium is going to scar the Iraqi lives for generations to come? Or does that type of suffering not matter? This kind of warfare is not safeguarding any future.

This campaign stands as a challenge to apathy and a call to consciousness.

Let it be known that we will not sit by and watch as world leaders rattle our faith in democracy by starting a war without majority support, or without endorsement from the United Nations.

**We raise up our hands in protest.**

**Will you listen?**

**We won't stop till you do.**