

# 'GIVE PEACE A BUDGET' a common activity for GDAMS, 18 April 2016

Let's give people a chance to vote on what they feel will make the world a safer place. We invite you to make this action your own on or before GDAMS day so that we can be in solidarity with one another and have one voice to **'Give peace a budget'**

The vote is **not based on monetary value** but on priorities that will help create a safer world. There is also an on-line vote

**What: Get together with others in your area who are part of the GDMS network/ other peace and social justice, environment groups.**

- Create a stall/focal point in your school, library, church community, town centre- plan ahead, do you need to get permission?
- **Let GDAMS UK know** what you plan so we can share your event with others
- Let people know that this is a national event and that results will be shared nationally as well as locally. Invite local press to come along, write letters to local papers about what you are doing...spread the word in any way you can.



**Basic resources needed.** (You can be much more creative!!)

- Table with clear signs and labels (*templates on website*)
- Jars or buckets as the pots if possible with lids
- Buttons, coins, marbles as voting tokens
- The GDAMS leaflet (*on website*)
- Info to hand on how the budget is allocated, if people should ask. (*on website*)
- Peace flag / bright, colourful banner of some kind to attract attention.
- Way of recording how many people vote and what they vote for.
- Camera /phone to take pictures to share with others

**Why:** The idea is to replicate this activity all over the country and to gather the responses at the end of the day. Each person will have four tokens with which to vote. You will need to keep a good record of the **number of people who vote** and then at the end of the day count **how many votes have been given to each 'pot'**. There will be a central number/email where you can register your results on the afternoon/evening of GDAMS. These will then be collated and used in press work / to write to the Government.

**Give** **peace** **a** **budget...**

What are **YOUR**

**priorities**

**for a safer world?**

**The people vote**

### EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE

- Invest in education and health care for all people as a way of creating safe, thriving communities
- At home and overseas, help people to be independent through life . giving projects and support for just and living wages

What are **YOUR** priorities for a safer world?

How will you use your votes?

### TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

- Finding new sources of energy
- Investment in technologies that protect the planet and its people
- Redirect the huge subsidy to the arms industry towards renewable energy

### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Diplomacy...getting people to talk.
- Conflict prevention... before things get too hot or out of control.
- Train peacemakers...who use nonviolent skills to prevent violence.
- Promote economic security in all parts of the world

### USE OF ARMS & MILITARY INTERVENTION

- More armed intervention
- More Trident nuclear weapons
- More arms sold to countries in conflict
- More young people recruited into the military

