

Movement for the Abolition of War

Candidates for election or re-election to MAW's Executive Committee 13 November 2016

Candidates for office

Chair

Tim Devereux - a retired maths teacher living in Leeds, he has been on the Committee for four years, helped with the transition from the old web site to the new one, and presently maintains the new site. MAW chairperson 2014/2016. Has been involved with the peace movement since the 1960s, and is a member of Pax Christi and Yorkshire CND.

Vice-Chair

Rebecca Garnault - completed BA Criminology and Sociology from the University of Liverpool and MSc Humanitarian Studies from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. A founding member of MAW Youth, I endeavour to live life by my Quaker values to equality, peace, simplicity, integrity and sustainability. I have been involved in work for homelessness with Crisis and housing with Forum Housing Association, the Aegis Trust, fighting for Palestinian rights and have recently completed a consultancy for Save the Children. I am looking forward to further MAW's work with young people.

Treasurer

John Dowbekin - Retired Local Government Officer living in London. I worked in I.T. for over 25 years largely programming, designing and implementing financial software. I have been involved with Pax Christi since the late 1960s and was Pax Christi Treasurer twice (a couple of years in the early 1970s and recently from 2006 to 2014). During the latter spell I managed the implementation of a new accounting system and the transfer of data from the previous system. I am pleased that I was able to take on the role of Treasurer in 2015 and so provide support to MAW.

Secretary

Sally Reynolds - a member of MAW from the start, and secretary since November 2014. A Quaker and grandmother, she was a GP for homeless people in Oxford until 2013. Secretary of Abingdon Peace Group and Abingdon Carbon Cutters, and runs MAW's resources shop from her bedroom.

Candidates for membership of MAW exec

Hilary Evans - On the MAW Executive Committee 2010 - 2014 and again since 2015. Also an active member of Kingston Peace Council/CND for many years (14 years as Treasurer/Membership Secretary and 4 years as Secretary) involved in organising public events and activities and in conducting assemblies on peace in local schools. Heavily involved until recently with the local branch of UNA, believing strongly in the need to support and promote the ideals of the UN.

Sue Gilmurray- Now retired after many years working as an academic librarian, Sue joined MAW soon after its foundation, and served as Chair from 2009-2011. She lives in Exeter and is active in the local CND, as well as in the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship. A keen singer and songwriter, she has arranged MAW's collection of anti-war songs for choirs, which she hopes will reach 18 songs by 2018. She is also interested in the ongoing problem, around Remembrance, of separating respect for "the fallen" from respect for war itself.

Jen Harrison - I am a Photographer who is interested in social justice issues and exploring identity. I helped to co-found the MAW youth committee which aims to engage more young people in believing that they have power to make a change. We hope to allow young people to question the world they live in.

John Hills - is a semi-retired Psychotherapist working with Older Adults in the NHS Psychology Service in Canterbury. He continues to be astounded by the recurrence of war time recollections of the Blitz of many of his patients and this impact on mental health in later life. He is a former editor of "Context" a practice magazine he co-founded for Family Therapists in the UK. A practising Quaker and grandfather whose own family were civil servants working on the Polaris weapons system, he has very decided views about the clear way forward into a world that has a future!

Gill Hurle - a member of MAW since its inception and Membership Secretary for the last 3 years. Active in the peace movement since 1983, and currently Treasurer/ Membership Secretary of Kingston Peace Council/CND. Also a member of Campaign Against the Arms Trade, Amnesty and Palestine Solidarity Campaign, and before moving to the Kingston area was a committee member of Croydon CND.

Barbara Mayhew - Married/mother /grandmother living in Suffolk. Has been involved in peace issues since childhood as parents were pacifists. Works alongside her husband in their publishing company and also works as part of a multifaith education team in Ipswich called SIFRE.

Will Pritchard - Professionally, Will helps people use business to create sustainable social impact and change the world we live in. From employment programmes for ex-offenders to counter-top farming, he trains, funds and coaches across the UK, Asia and the Middle East. Recently returned from training young people in Gaza to create and shape their own future, Will is

looking forward to feeding individual perspectives and experiences into the wider narrative and furthering the work of MAW.

Maddy Ridgley - A 20 year old student studying International Relations at SOAS. Joined MAW after they sponsored her to attend a peace conference in Sarajevo in 2014. Since then she has co-founded the youth committee of MAW who aim to mobilise young people into peace activism.

Heather Speight - Teacher (retired), grandmother, music lover, especially singing and supporting the Songs for Peace project, co-ordinator of local group Peace Action Durham, longstanding supporter of CND, CAAT, PPU and CAAB. Enjoys making connections. Keen to foster links with other organisations, also pursue ideas to encourage many more members and a higher profile, so that MAW, with others, may become an irresistible force for change - an Idea whose Time Has Come.

Mark Whitehead - a journalist and public relations professional with a background in print journalism on local and national newspapers and magazines, and more recently working with organisations in the commercial, public and voluntary sectors. He has long been associated with the peace movement going back to the anti-nuclear weapons upsurge in the 1980s and beyond. He sees his role in MAW as helping clarify and simplify the anti-war message to get it across to as many people as possible in the most effective ways.