

## National Peace History Conference held in Manchester

A 'full-house' sign went up at the People's History Museum in Manchester as 130 people from around Britain, and some from overseas, gathered on 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> November for the sixth annual Peace History Conference.

Participants listened to presentations and engaged in vigorous discussions. Under the title of 'From local to global - the north's role in peace and co-operation', academics and others gave talks on the Manchester Peace Conference of 1853, the Women's Co-operative Guild and peace activism, and Jewish involvement in the struggle for peace and justice.

Films and readings uncovered forgotten women against war, Enid Stacey and Ethel Carnie Holdsworth, and 400 years of peace medals were on display.

An opening session at the Friends' Meeting House on Friday evening, 'Threads of Occupy', was a presentation and conversation that linked ordinary people's involvement in Peterloo to the Greenham Common Women's peace camps and the current worldwide Occupy movement.

Before the conference many participants joined guided walks around the city centre Peace and Social Justice Trail.

Bruce Kent commented that Manchester has often led the way in peace activism and put on a superb conference.

The content of the conference and future work on peace history will be available on a new platform being developed at [www.peacehistoryhub.org](http://www.peacehistoryhub.org)  
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