

# Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space



## Annual Space Organizing Conference & Protest Oxford & Croughton, England June 22-24, 2018

The push for global domination relies heavily military satellites for surveillance, communication, command and control and the planning and execution of exercises and wars. However, military satellites require ground-based stations to send and receive information/commands - so a global military presence requires an extensive network of various bases and space centres. The Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space has campaigned to raise awareness of

these issues, to help coordinate actions at related ground based installations and to "Keep Space for Peace" for 25 years. In 2018, we will be holding our Annual Space Organizing Conference in Oxford, England. This will also include a protest at the major US/NATO military space communications and control centre at nearby "RAF" Croughton.

**Come and join us!**

Register at <https://gn2018oxford.eventbrite.com>

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### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (subject to change)

#### Friday, June 22

Friends Meeting House, 43 St Giles',  
Oxford OX1 3LW

Welcome and orientation

18:00-21:00 Get to know each other, Musical  
entertainment & light supper

#### Saturday, June 23

Friends Meeting House, Oxford

09:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:15 Welcome & Purpose of Event

10:15-11:00 Introduction to the Global Network

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:30 Plenary Panel with local organizing  
reports from around the world

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:30 Workshops on "Tying the Global  
Space System Together"

16:30-17:00 Break

17:00-18:00 Discussion, feedback, etc.

18:00-19:00 Dinner

19:00 -20:00 Keynote Speeches:

a. "The Global Military Infrastructure"  
by Paul Mobbs

b. "Space Colonisation" by Bruce Gagnon

20:00-21:00 Public Lecture - tbd

21:00-22:00 Music - Nick Gill of Oxford Classic Jazz  
Band

#### Sunday, June 24

10:30-14:00 Visit to Croughton - International Rally,  
speeches inc. Paul Mobbs on New  
Developments

14:00-15:00 Lunch - Friends Meeting House

15:00 -17:00 GN Annual Business Meeting

## COST

Registration for the space organizing conference is on a sliding scale. Please pay what you can best afford between £20 - £70.

We will send you the detailed conference program upon receipt of your registration fee.

Register at: <https://gn2018oxford.eventbrite.com>

Contact: [globenet@mindspring.com](mailto:globenet@mindspring.com).

## HOUSING

An accommodation list can be found at [www.space4peace.org/actions/gnconf\\_2018.htm](http://www.space4peace.org/actions/gnconf_2018.htm)  
Limited home hospitality may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.  
(If you live in the Oxford area please contact us if you can provide housing for others — space for just one person will be appreciated).

## TRANSPORT

Airports: London or Oxford or Luton have good bus connections;  
The Friends Meeting House is at 43 St Giles', Oxford OX1 3LW - a 20 min walk from Oxford Railway Station.



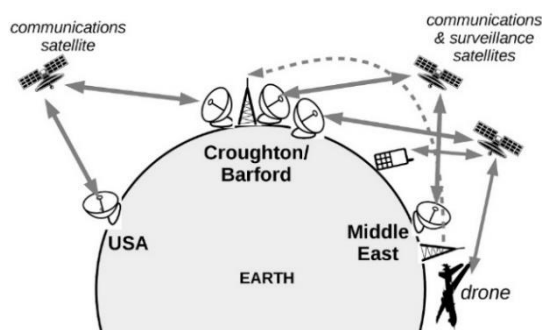
*Protest at Croughton during "Keep Space for Peace Week"*



### Why are we visiting 'RAF' Croughton?

Croughton is an American military and intelligence communications base on the border of Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire. It is a major hub in the US global electronic communications, control and surveillance network which serves the interests of the US military and intelligence services regardless of the location and the mission objectives. It handles a huge

portion of US military communications in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and is used to route vast amounts of data captured by Washington's network of listening posts in diplomatic premises back to America for analysis by the CIA and the NSA. A secure fibre-optic link between Croughton and the US air base at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti helps to co-ordinate drone strikes over Yemen. The US is now spending over £200m to transform the base into one of its largest intelligence hubs outside the US to become a new centre for counter terrorism operations in Africa.



### Co-sponsors:

Abolition 2000; Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament; No to War No to NATO network; Oxfordshire Peace Campaign; The Peace Report; Stop the War Coalition; International Network against Foreign Military Bases; Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, UK Veterans for Peace

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