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## **The Laser Pulse** The Newsletter of UNA LASER

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*The normal Pulse will be sent out after the next announcements' deadline (16<sup>th</sup> June); here is an Extra to remind you of three urgent opportunities.*

## **Ploughshares into Swords!!**



It is not too late to register for the free **LASER Summer Council** on **22<sup>nd</sup> June at 11:00 for 11:30** at **St Peter's Community Centre, Bexhill-on-Sea**. This is our annual chance to meet, hosted by a local group, in a different part of our Region and to focus together on some important aspect of UN activity. This year UNA Bexhill and Hastings are leading us to focus on the UN's work in creating a more peaceful world and how it can be made more effective.

We are delighted that **Alyn Ware**, Founder and Director of LAW not War, will be joining **Professor Richard Sakwa** as our keynote speakers. (Lord David Hannay has had to withdraw because of the convention for crossbench peers during an election campaign.) Further details are [here](#). The briefing and programme are [here](#). The draft Peace Policy Statement for discussion in the workshops is [here](#).

Please come and help shape the UNA and Bexhill draft Peace Policy Statement. Register [here](#). Please bring a packed lunch. Apply [here](#) to request help with the travel costs. Face to face discussion will be an important part of the day, but, if you are not able to attend in-person, register [here](#) and you will be sent a Zoom link.

## **Financial Support for Groups**

**London UNA Trust**  
**Grant application form**

Do join the London UNA Trust webinar on **19<sup>th</sup> June, 19:30-21:00** to:

- learn how the Trust works,
- discuss what types of project/work you think they should support, and

- walk through their application process.

Please register [here](#).

## Election Hustings



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We need to ensure the political parties do not forget the importance of international issues when discussing their policies for the next parliament. Find your local candidates [here](#). (If this does not give you the email addresses, your local Council might be able to help.) You can find ideas for topical policies in our [Policy Resolutions](#).

Broadly the questions could come under the headings:

- The UK's Impact Globally: overseas aid budget, arms trade, and nuclear weapons.
- Global Emergencies: climate change, Israel/Palestine, and Ukraine.
- Other international obligations: refugees, human rights, and supporting the ICC and ICJ.

The [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) bring many of these together.



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