



## 2026 Issue No. 4, March Policy Conference Special

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### From Our Chair



**Trisha Rogers**

This special edition of *Pulse* is to circulate the agenda for our Policy Conference next week-end. If you have not yet registered for attendance ([online](#) or [in-person](#)), please do so as soon as possible to help our planning and to ensure you receive any necessary information. We are not charging for the event, but hope all attenders (both online and in-person) will contribute to the costs via donations to our bank account (UNA London and South East Region account: 71109197; Sort code; 40 05 29). Please give the reference as your surname, followed by Policy. We suggest a minimum of £15 per person for those who can afford it, but realise fares can be quite expensive for those coming a long way.

We have recently changed our mailing service (to Mailerlite) with the result that some of you did not receive our last edition of *Pulse*, for which we apologise. Thank you to those who have let us know and we hope the issue has now been resolved. You can view this edition [on our website](#).

In light of the recently started war in the Middle East/West Asia, as well as the continuing wars in Ukraine and Sudan, and the other more than 60 other current active conflicts – according to [the International Crisis Group](#)– we are also including in this edition information about an external event this week that we think might interest you.

## UNA LASER Policy Conference

Our Policy Conference will be **on 28th March, 2026**, at the Sands Film Studio, in Rotherhithe, London SE16 4HZ and online, **starting at 11:30am**. Register for coming in-person [here](#); register to attend on zoom [here](#). The studio is very close to Rotherhithe stations and to the 381 bus route from Waterloo and London Bridge. **Please bring your own packed lunch**; it will not be easy to buy food locally and lunchtime will be short.

Thank you for the draft resolutions that you have been submitting and for the

amendments, the deadline for which has now passed. Many thanks for all the work by our Policy Committee in preparing the final agenda, which is [here](#).

This is your chance to help decide what stance the Region should take on a wide range of international issues. After the conference, we shall submit the resolutions to the UK government, relevant parts of the UN, as well as political party leaders and others actors of influence on the issue concerned. You can see our current resolutions and some of the FCDO response to them on [our website](#).



## External Event

### Uniting for Peace

On **26th March, 18:00**, Uniting for Peace is holding an online event, titled ***No to War, Yes to Peace: A Global Call to End Wars and Militarism***. It will be chaired by **Rita Payne** (Professor Emeritus of the Commonwealth Journalists Association). Please register [here](#).

## Financial Support for LASER

LASER does not ask for subscriptions from its members or groups, nor does it charge for attendance at its events, in order not to exclude anyone for financial reasons. We therefore welcome donations to the UNA London and South East Region account. Please [let us know](#) if you want to make a donation.

How about a monthly 'cup-of-coffee £3.00' in the form of a standing order?  
Please [let us know](#) of any donation.

## The Next Edition of LASER *Pulse*

Please send us any materials for the next edition of *Pulse* by **2nd April, 2026**. Please keep announcements short and, for forthcoming events, include all the information requested in [the Pulse template](#). We suggest that events are initially publicised over a month ahead, as the *Pulse* mailing date may have to be varied to fit in with other constraints. We welcome pictures, but **please ensure that any pictures you send are not copyright-protected**, as we add each edition of *Pulse* to our website for public access and would be liable for copyright fees. Please note, too, that, since previous editions of *Pulse* are available on our website, **any announcements should include only information (such as contact details) that you are happy to have publicly accessible on the internet.**



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