

Notes from Universities Network Session @ National Gathering 2008

Summary

Communication suggestions:

- To have a central resource on-line of a Uni Network pack
- To create a forum where you can hear what's happening with other Uni groups
- Facebook group – should it be secret?
- CAAT office to keep producing materials on the broader picture (i.e. Study War No More)

Campaign material requests:

- Guide on arms companies recruiting students at careers fairs
- Would like CAAT to give feedback on leaflets created by groups
- CAAT office to think about national picture re. Careers fairs

National Day of Student Action agreed on Wed 11th February 2009

Notes

Ethical Investment concentration to be toned down, focus on EI not beneficial to all, a more general and rounded approach more suitable, encompassing Ethical Careers, Research, EI and campaigning against local arms companies. More help needed on careers issues with Study War no More and investment data now available.

Resource Bank to be created; keeping copies of leaflets, research, posters, articles etc. Needs to be accessible by all student campaigners and possible to edit (Wikis suggested as a method). Sharing of research needs to be improved, how-to guide to careers protest suggested as a useful tool we don't have. Factual resources could be improved by giving more up-to-date and greater quantities of data on the caat website.

Email Sam (Samuel@caat.org.uk) for speakers, talks, info, etc.

Facebook group “Universities against the arms trade” needs reinvigorating, only effective as long as it is used. Groups encouraged to post articles, photos, ideas, action reports etc. Needs to remain secret in order to be kept from the prying eyes of uni staff, pro-arms students etc.

Office could help with lobbying the national careers network and researching potential improvements to their codes of practice that at present limit individual university careers services changing their ethical stance.

Mailing list; emails given during meeting. Monthly Uni digest of action reports, ideas, articles etc would be good (riseup or other list recommended).

Shared Planet; CAAT stall at the conference, get in touch there.

CND policy: (new policy?) against militarisation of campuses, January conference on militarisation of education.

National Day of Action: Agreed we want to do one, general focus, no intention of focusing on EI like last year (more inclusive). Dressing up as arts students are always keen to do, national media coverage if possible as well as local and student coverage. Wednesday the 11th, Valentines day tie in? Cupids with guns (very very cold cupids with no shame wandering around campus in nappies?).