

Notice
National Consultative Committee on Disarmament

Invites you to a Seminar
Afghanistan: Exit then Engagement
Monday 28th March 2011
Turnbull House
Bowen St Wellington
3 pm – 9.30 pm

Programme:

Welcome and Introduction: Dr Roderic Alley

Overview and Politics of situation and ISAF deployments.
Dr William Maley Australian National University

New Zealand's Defence Involvement
Colonel (rtd) Richard Hall
Commander NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team Bamyan 2008/09

The Role of Police
Jacquelyn Shannon

New Zealand's Development Assistance Programme
Mike Seawright NZAID

Light Refreshments and a chance to socialise.

Human Rights Perspective
Marianne Elliott
Former UN Human Rights Officer in Afghanistan

Afghan Campaign to Ban Cluster Munitions
Jamila Homayun
Campaigner during Oslo process to ban Cluster Munitions

Agenda for Insiders
(to be confirmed)

Agenda for Outsiders
Bob Maysmor
Porirua Sister City Project
Pedram Pirnia Emissary to Bamyan and photographer

General discussion

Summary

Purpose:

Probably all of the 52 countries with defence forces in Afghanistan would like to bring them home, but what would that mean for ordinary Afghans?

And when we do, how can the international community assist in the delivery of development assistance, human rights – including the education of women – and good governance, whether it be central or regional.

While New Zealand involvement through the SAS has been controversial and resulted in considerable criticism, the Provincial Reconstruction Team in the Bamiyan Province is considered to have been one of the most successful missions. But there has to be a time limit and what should it be replaced with?

These are some of the issues raised at the excellent photographic exhibition held at Pataka in Porirua last year. Porirua has a sister city arrangement with Bamiyan and plans to build on that relationship.

We especially welcome local Afghans and all who have an interest in Afghanistan and its people. There will be ample time for questions and discussion

NCCD acknowledges the financial assistance provided by the Peace and Disarmament Education Trust to assist in convening the Seminar

Background Papers:

1. Lisbon Declaration November 2010
Available at Seminar and NCCD website
2. Joint Briefing Papers by 29 Aid Organisations to Lisbon Summit Nov 2010 Available at Seminar and NCCD website
3. New Zealand's Current Involvement in Afghanistan MFAT March 2011
4. War in Afghanistan – Carnegie Institute
December 2010
5. Afghanistan: Humanitarianism under Threat Feinstein Int. Centre March 2009
6. Afghanistan – International Committee of the Red Cross
7. Security in Afghanistan Int Crisis Group
November 2010
8. Dangerous Aid in Afghanistan Foreign Policy Doctors Without Borders Jan 2011
Comment IRDVoices Jan 2011
9. Oxfam papers available at Seminar and on NCCD Website
10. Afghanistan in Time of Conflict Refugees International Dec 2010

OpEds:

1. Get Real: That's the Road to Peace –Canadian Perspective Louise Arbour Dec 2010
2. Afghanistan: Exit vs Engagement
Int. Crisis Group Nov 2010

Books available at Seminar

Bamiyan-the Heart of Afghanistan - Pataka
A Long Road to Progress - Richard Hall

Registration:

Name:

Address.....

.....

Email.....

Organisation if applicable

.....

Background papers Electronic/Hard copy.....

Dietary requirements.....

There is a small \$10 cover charge for refreshments which will include vegetarian and halal dishes. Can be paid on the day

Background papers and a final programme with brief bios will be sent to those who register interest in attending. Sent either electronically or in hard copy as requested.

Do pass this notice on to your friends and colleagues and encourage them to come.
RSVP to Robin Halliday rhalliday@paradise.net.nz or post NCCD c/- 52 Salamanca Rd
Kelburn. Wellington