

Forum - The Costs of War?

South Tyneside Stop the War Coalition will Hold the Forum on

Wednesday, February 15, 2006 South Shields Town Hall, Committee Room C 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Topics to be Presented for Disussion:

- 1) Introduction Phil Talbot
- 2) The Costs of War Nader A Naderi
- 3) The Need For Ant-War Government Roger Nettleship
- 4) Who Pays the Price? Alan Newham

South Tyneside Stop the War Coalition believes that the illegal invasion of Iraq was itself a gross act of state terrorism bringing death to thousands of innocent Iraqi men, women and children and the needless loss of British soldiers; that the British people were lied to and misled by our Government, a Government that supported the real reason that America invaded Iraq – that is to establish military and economic control of the Middle East - but it does not end there.

The Costs of this and other wars are incalculable and have profound and the most serious consequences for the world and to what makes us human. The Forum will expose not only the huge cost in human life, the most terrrible injuries which have occurred but the consequences that are throwing the world back into a medieval anarchy.

A world in which a minority of big power governments and the transnational corporation they represent are destroying human rights, destroying conflict resolving international institutions and tearing up International Law and replacing it with the law of force, imprisonment without trial and the torture chamber of medieval times. The big powers manipulate the UN and other bodies fabricating any excuse to exert control and make war against which ever country they wish to annex. In this way the US is threatening Iran, Syria, DPRK, Venezuela and many other countries, whilst Britain also has its eyes fixed on Africa. The people have to put in the dock these powers that are flouting international law because the consequences is a cost of war that will lead to world war.

The Forum will take up many of the aspects of the Costs of war and enable people to join in discussion on the topics. The call of the times is to facilitate our discussions to think and act like human beings and to take the high road of civilisation, to uphold the interests of all people for new societies in which they decide and a new world where wars are a relic of the past.

Another World Is Possible! We Will Create It!