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PUBLIC LAUNCH OF ALTERNATIVE SECURITY REVIEW, 18 NOV 2021

Rethinking Security, a network of peace and security practitioners, analysts and activists, will host an online event to launch their Alternative Security Review, on Thurs 18th Nov at 5.30pm.

Speakers include Baroness **Natalie Bennett** (Greens), **Anya Nanning Ramamurthy** (UK Student Climate Network), **Clive Lewis MP** (Labour) tbc and **Richard Reeve** (Rethinking Security). It will be chaired by **Natalie Samarasinghe**, CEO of the United Nations Association of the UK.

Following the failure of world leaders to take decisive action at COP26 to avert climate disaster, this event will hear from speakers who will spell out the ways in which we in the UK can change our understanding and approach to security to develop strategies focussed on human and ecological security.

Rethinking Security's **Alternative Security Review** project has been developed in response to the government's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy. Reporting in March, the 'Integrated Review' is unashamedly focused on competition and constant global military campaigning for access to resources, markets and influence rather than the need for cooperation to address the root causes of global insecurity like greed, inequality and unsustainable consumption.

Rethinking Security aims to change the way that UK security policy is generated, based on an approach that promotes peace, human wellbeing and environmental sustainability. Working with Coventry University's Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations and a wide network of civil society groups, the Alternative Review will ask the UK public what their priorities for security and safety are and prioritise including those who are often excluded from elitist discussions on national safety and security.

The event will hear from speakers who have been active in challenging the 'business as usual' approach to security through parliament, civil society groups and protest.

Learn more and **register** to attend:

[**Securing our Common Future: Why the UK needs an Alternative Security Review?**](#)

Rethinking Security Co-ordinator Richard Reeve said:

"Like the COP26 negotiations, the development of 'national security' policy in the UK is all too often captured by the vested interests of an elite few for whom short-term profits eclipse sustainable security. The interests of people and planet rarely get a look in."



“The Alternative Security Review aims to show that things can and must be radically different. We’ll be listening to people across the UK and worldwide to learn how their long-term wellbeing can be central to a human security strategy for the UK.”

Event chair Natalie Samarasinghe, CEO of the United Nations Association UK said:

“The Alternative Security Review shows precisely why governments must listen to diverse perspectives from the people they serve to ensure their strategies disrupt the dangerous global trajectory, place human security at their core and make our world safer, fairer and more sustainable. We desperately need an inclusive conversation on our future; that’s why UNA-UK supports this timely Rethinking Security project.”

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Notes to Editors

1. Rethinking Security Co-ordinator, Richard Reeve is available for comment – 07811 362054
2. The Rethinking Security media page and factsheet is at <https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/media/media-factsheets/>
3. More details on the Alternative Security Review are available at <https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/find-out-more/alternative-security-review/>
4. All Rethinking Security’s policy work on the Integrated Review, can be viewed at <https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/policy-makers/>
5. About Rethinking Security:
 - Short description – Rethinking Security is a network of peace and security practitioners and experts.
 - Long description – Rethinking Security is a network of organisations, academics and activists working together for security based on justice, co-operation and sustainability.
6. Member organisations
 - Campaign Against Arms Trade
 - CND
 - Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy
 - Conciliation Resources
 - Forces Watch
 - International Alert
 - Medact
 - Movement for the Abolition of War
 - Northern Friends Peace Board
 - Peace Direct
 - Quaker Peace And Social Witness
 - Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network
 - Saferworld
 - Scientists for Global Responsibility
 - United Nations Association – UK
 - War on Want

Our work also benefits substantially from the active participation of academics from the universities of Bradford, Coventry, Kent, LSE, Oxford Brookes and York.