

Windsor Peace Coalition

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Windsor Participates in Pan-Canadian Anti-War Actions on 4th Anniversary of Iraq Invasion

Anti-War Rally, March and Forum Set For March 17th.

Windsor, ON (21 February 2007) – Planning for Windsor’s participation in a Pan-Canadian Day of Action on Saturday March 17, to mark the 4th anniversary of the U.S. / U.K.-led invasion of Iraq, is well under way. The Windsor Peace Coalition is organizing an action to protest the ongoing and escalating war-posture of the Harper government.

As the quagmires in Iraq and Afghanistan drag on and deepen, organizers of this year's action are providing Canadians a chance to have their say about Canada’s role Internationally. An Anti-War Community Forum will be an opportunity for citizens to formulate plans to ensure our government responds to the will of the people!

“It seems the more our government talks about building Democracy in Afghanistan the more Canadians are left out of deciding what Canada is doing around the world. We are holding our actions to show that Canadians want a say in what Canada does in our name and that we will not accept our youth being sent to fight an unjust war of conquest,” Coalition media spokesperson Rob Spring stated.

The action will kick off at 11:00 AM, on the southwest corner of Huron Church and College Avenue with welcoming speeches, including coalition chairperson Margaret Villamizar and Gary Parent, President of Windsor District Labour Council, before a short 1.2-km march.

The community forum, entitled “Canada's Role in Imperialist Wars – Building Our Opposition”, is scheduled to start at approximately 12:30 PM. A diverse range of speakers and subjects will be brought forward during the forum, including; Canada's role in Afghanistan, Canada's role in Haiti, Cuts to Social Programs to Fund the War and the growing opposition to war in the U.S.

The entire event is open and free to the public. A light lunch will be available at the forum (pay what you can). Pre-registration on the Windsor Peace Coalition website will guarantee participants get a lunch. Members of the community, groups and organizations are encouraged to involve themselves in the build up for the event as well as the action itself. Please contact the Windsor Peace Coalition to become more involved.

Members of the coalition are also available upon request to make presentation to any schools, groups or organizations who may be interested prior to March 17 in learning more. We also have people readily available for media interviews in order to inform the public about our event.

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