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I have worked in the social sector in Wales for over 30 years as a project manager, community development worker, trainer, fundraiser and voluntary board member.

Covid has amplified the fact that the planet is changing, and that events and actions in different parts of the world can affect the whole planet. I would like to do what I can to create a fairer and safer world.

I started to look for an international charity that works in partnership with the grassroots organisations, challenges inequality in the world and puts pressure on governments and corporations. I read about War on Want and their support for the Indian tractor protesters who are standing up against unjust new farm laws. I was moved to sign a petition and to make a regular donation. I have since signed my support several more campaigns.

It is inspiring to receive regular campaign news that informs me of the struggles that ordinary people are fighting in places that are far away from Wales. As someone living in the relative safety of the northern hemisphere, I would like to do what I can to support the fight against global inequality in different parts to the world. If more and more people spread the word, raise funding, sign petitions, join boycotts, take action or volunteer, then we can offer hope and support to the brave people who risking their freedom to fight injustice.



Keith Meredith

I support and would aim to uphold the values that I understand War on Want has of solidarity and equality with our partners and all we are here to help, and will not forget that we are part of the Labour and Trade Union movement-and will be guided by this, including continuing with my advocacy of tick box levels in our donation appeals that working class people can afford. I think we should be a fair employer, with workforce unionised and as non-hierarchical as practicable. I think that we should encourage Town Planning overseas.

I am pleased that you, like me, are based in Shoreditch. I have been in War on Want for 36 years, am a regular donor and attender of the AGM's and also have attended other WoW events over the years.

From 1996 to 2016 I was a Trustee of the United Charities of St Leonard Shoreditch, sometime Clerk to the Trustees and Treasurer there. With its Almshouses and involvement with education and relief of the poor it has been a local expression of WoW's efforts internationally. I have been a rank and file activist in the Labour Party sometime Constituency Secretary here and branch Political Education Officer. I have worked in France for Care4Calais.

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Candidates' statements

War on Want Council of Management elections 2021



The Council of Management is responsible for guiding the overall direction of War on Want's campaigns and partnerships with grassroots movements around the world, ensuring that funds are used correctly and ultimately holding the organisation accountable to our members.

War on Want received five valid nominations for the three trustee vacancies on the Council of Management. An election is therefore necessary and the three candidates with the most votes will be appointed as trustees at the AGM.

The candidates' supporting statements are in this leaflet so that you can find out more about them, and they are also on our website at:

waronwant.org/AGM.





Anna Stone

I have been a member of the Council of Management of WoW for the last three years and I am keen to continue to contribute to

the organisation by standing for re-election for another three years. WoW's goals of combating the root causes of global poverty, injustice and inequality are close to my heart. I believe the policy of working in partnership with local people and local campaigns is highly effective in achieving justice and equality. I have been a supporter of War on Want for many years and a veteran of protest struggles since joining CND in the 1970s. I have a particular interest in the education side of WoWs purposes since my profession is in education.

I am a senior lecturer in Psychology at the University of East London, an institution dedicated to widening participation in higher education and in offering opportunities to those from nontraditional backgrounds. I see the potential of education in promoting economic justice and fostering respect for the rights of others and I am a member of the University and College Union.

I have experience as the Treasurer of a national martial arts association, where my responsibilities included ensuring that funds were used to promote the aims of the association, that appropriate financial controls were maintained, and that there was transparency and fairness in financial matters. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to bring my knowledge and experience to the service of War on Want for another three years and to ensure the organisation continues to act effectively in the pursuit of its aims.





Shaista Aziz

Shaista Aziz is a Journalist and writer, her work has appeared in The Guardian, Globe and Mail, New York Times and BBC. She's the founder of The Everyday Bigotry Project seeking to disrupt narratives around race and bigotry. She's a former aid worker of 15 years and has worked across the Middle East. East and West Africa and Pakistan with women impacted by conflict and emergencies.

She's the co founder of Intersectional Feminist Foreign Policy seeking to influence the creation of an ethical feminist foreign policy that does no further harm to women and girls and that brings the lived experiences and expertise of women excluded from policy discussions based on their intersectional identities.





Roger McKenzie

I believe that the role of War on Want is more important now than it has ever been. The World is in a dangerous space. The World remains in the grip of the neoliberal politics that have dominated for many years. It is the Global South that has borne the brunt of this politics.

The defeat of this politics cannot be left to professional politicians. Ordinary citizens must take a stake in building the movement that will be necessary to put people firs and to bring about the much needed fundamental change in society. War on Want already plays an invaluable role in helping prioritise the interests of marginalized communities in this country and across the World. I believe that I can continue to make a valuable contribution to the work of War on Want particularly because of my international links across the trade union movement and through my work as a committed anti-racist campaigner.

I am asking for your support to continue to contribute to the work of the War on Want Council of Management.