

Newsletter #2
Creating Safer Space
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Welcome!

In today's newsletter of the *Creating Safer Space* research network, we are very happy to announce a **funding competition** to support innovative research on Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) around the world. Please help us spread the news!

We are also pleased that a new research work package has been awarded funding, to study local infrastructures and initiatives for civilian (self) protection in Papua.

The next *Creating Safer Space* research café in January will explore how Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) relates to, or differs from, civil resistance and human rights defence. We look forward to seeing you there, and in the meanwhile, very best wishes to those of you who celebrate holidays around this time of year.

Your Creating Safer Space team

Funding Competition – Deadline 15 April 2022

We invite applications for research grants to understand and support unarmed civilian protection and self-protection amidst violent conflict.

We hope to fund about **15 – 20 research projects of GBP £20,000 - £100,000**.

Projects have to be led by organisations from the UK or from Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). More details are available on our [website](#).

New Research Work Package

The Creating Safer Space network supports research on Unarmed Civilian Protection around the world. A new work package has just received funding:

Exploring Local Infrastructures and Initiatives for Civilian (Self) Protection in Papua amidst Violent Conflict

Delsy Ronnie (Nonviolent Peaceforce Philippines) and Arfiansyah (International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies, ICAIOS)

[More information](#)



Event: Creating Safer Space Café

"UCP, civil resistance, and human rights defence: demarcating three related fields of nonviolent action"

The aim of the *Creating Safer Space* Café is to enable people in different parts of the world to exchange knowledge and to help build a community of Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) researchers and practitioners.

This month, **Dr Christine Schweitzer** (BSV - Federation for Social Defense, and Institute for Peace Work and Nonviolent Conflict Transformation, Germany) will give us input for a discussion on the topic: What is Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP)? How does it relate to or differ from civil resistance and human rights defence?

12.30 – 1.30 pm UTC on Thursday 20 January 2022

All welcome. The session will be held in English and Spanish with simultaneous translation.

Click [here](#) to join us on Zoom.

Meeting ID 871 5525 1099 and passcode 194350

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