



Welcome

Creating Safer Space is an international research network, which aims to understand and support unarmed civilian protection and self-protection amidst violent conflict.

This edition of the newsletter provides more information on how to apply for our research grants. We aim to fund 15-20 research projects of £20,000 - £100,000 GBP each, and applicants are warmly invited to our information sessions and to our workshops on how to write grant applications.

We are also happy to announce a new research work package, which explores nonviolent activism against police brutality in Kenya.

Finally, you are warmly invited to our next two research cafés, which will explore two different creative and participatory research methods that are especially suitable for research on unarmed civilian protection. Come along to learn more about using Drawings and Textiles in your research!

New research work package

The *Creating Safer Space* network supports research on Unarmed Civilian Protection around the world. We are pleased to announce a new research work package:

Nonviolent Activism Against Police Brutality in Kenya

Research Team: Martha Okumu (Peace Tree Network, Kenya) and Elias Opongo (Hekima University College, Kenya)

[More information](#)



Learn about our Funding Opportunities

The *Creating Safer Space* network invites applications for research grants. We will fund 15 – 20 research projects to understand and support unarmed civilian protection and self-protection amidst violent conflict.

Our research focuses on conflicts in Colombia, South Sudan, Myanmar and the Philippines, but research on other Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) will also be supported. Grants range from £20,000 - £100,000 GBP. Projects must be led by organisations in the UK or in LMICs. The application deadline is **15 April 2022**. More information is available on our [website](#).

Information session

Potential applicants are warmly invited to participate in our information session, where we provide more information about our grants and how to apply. Please note that this session covers the same information as the sessions in February, so there is no need to attend more than one.

- English: 08.00 – 09.00 am UTC on **Wednesday 2 March** (contact creating-safer-space@aber.ac.uk for Zoom joining details)

Workshop on how to write grant applications

Potential applicants are also warmly invited to our workshop on how to write a grant application, where we will provide specific information and top tips on how to write a successful grant application for *Creating Safer Space* funding. Please note that each of the below sessions cover the same information, so there is no need to attend more than one.

English:

- 10.00 – 11.00 am UTC on **Thursday 3 March** – [register here](#)
- 08.00 – 09.00 am UTC on **Wednesday 9 March** – [register here](#)

Spanish:

- 14.00 – 15.00 pm UTC on **Friday 18 February** (09.00 – 10.00 am Colombian time)
- 14.00 – 15.00 pm UTC on **Friday 11 March** (09.00 – 10.00 am Colombian time)
- Contact creating-safer-space@aber.ac.uk for Zoom joining details.

Creating Safer Space Café

The aim of the monthly *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.

February: “Using Drawing as a Research Method”

In February, Prof. Berit Bliesemann de Guevara (Aberystwyth University, UK) and Prof. Rachel Julian (Leeds Beckett University, UK) will provide an introduction to ‘Drawing Out’ as a participatory and creative research method, and will explore the benefits of using this method for research on Unarmed Civilian Protection.

12.30 – 2.00 pm UTC on **Thursday 17 February**

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

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

Meeting ID 819 6165 6184 and passcode 200489

March: “Using Textiles as a Research Method”

In March, Prof. Beatriz Arias (University of Antioquia, Colombia) will provide an introduction to using textiles (embroidering, sewing, and other needle-work) as a participatory and creative research method, and will explore the benefits of using this method for research on Unarmed Civilian Protection.

12.30 – 2.00 pm UTC on **Thursday 17 March**

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

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

Meeting ID 844 4151 3041 and passcode 704910

External News and Events

The *Centre for the International Politics of Knowledge* at Aberystwyth University welcomes all to a Roundtable Event on **Armed conflict, civilian protection, and conflict knowledge**. The event will be held on Zoom at 15.00 – 17.00 UTC on Wednesday 16 February.

[Further Details and Registration](#).

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