



How can a Ministry of Peace promote Danish policy of Peace?

Fredsministerium.dk / The Danish Ministry of Peace is an umbrella organization or network of a growing number of Danish peace organizations and peace activists.

The leading wish of Fredsministerium.dk is the establishment of a Ministry of Peace for Denmark as an integral part of the national government, so we are trying to persuade the public and members of the Danish Parliament of the need of such a ministry.

We argue that a Peace Minister should be the cornerstone in changing Danish security policy from a policy of war to a policy of peace. It should be a ministry of peace which encompasses all negotiations and all peaceful conflict resolution. Peace issues would have a parliamentary ministry just like defense and the environment.

We believe that the Peace organizations still should rally, protest and campaign, whenever our government chooses to go to war or decides to spend billions on offensive weapons, such as new combat aircrafts!

But most of all we believe, that during the long period of Danish warfare, the military systems, have gained lots of competences while our country has lost its former peace capacity: Nonmilitary conflict resolution, peacebuilding negotiation skills, diplomacy and mediation.

In our annual and continual events; a small "Peace-Folk-Highschool" at the Folkemøde on the island of Bornholm in June and on our Hearings and Concerts on the UN Peace Day in September we gather peace researchers –organizations, –activist and artist.

We think that peace researchers, peace organizations and peace activists should naturally be consulted on relevant issues, be initiators and a popular base for parliamentary peace initiatives and activities.

In the future we hope to be able to attract more organizations, and become more offensive by establishing of a "shadow cabinet", that will be able to advocate factual about realistic alternatives to the policy of war.

We will do that by increasing the peace movements own capacity of peace by means of a yet closer corporation with peace-researchers and to use this capacity to build stronger "bridges" between the movement, the population and the politicians.

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