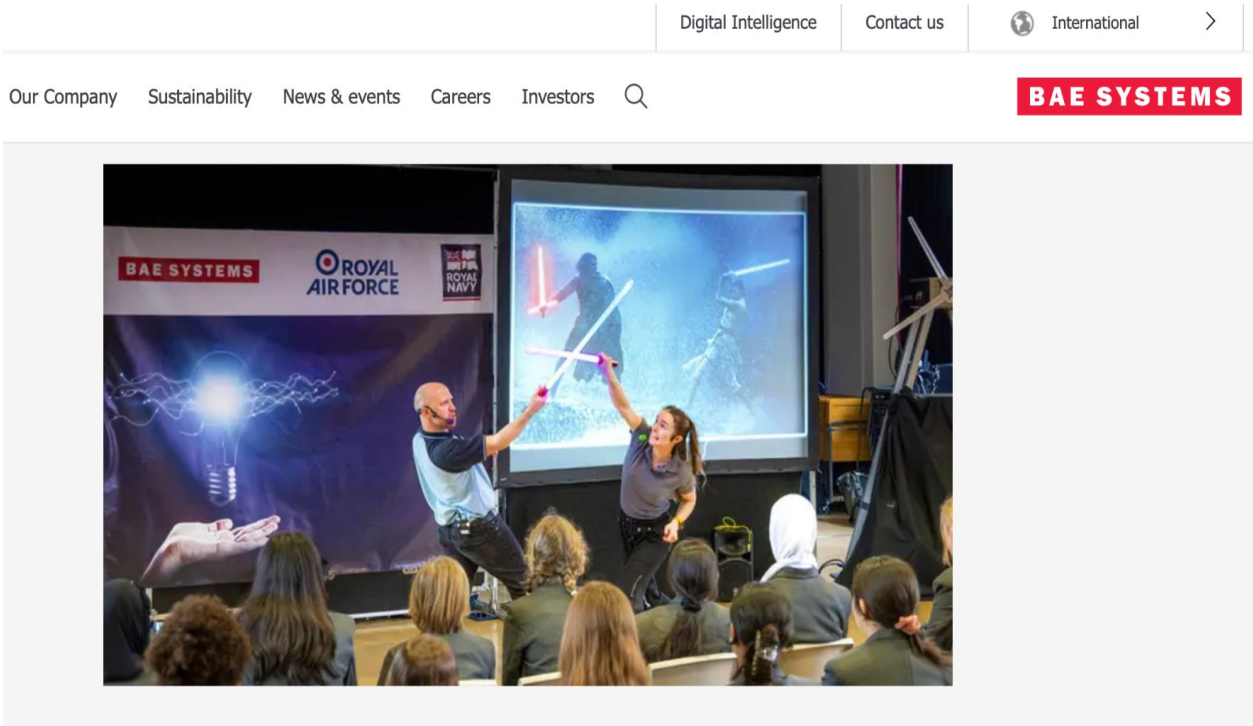
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Disarm Education is a campaign by educators, parents and students to stop the collaboration of places of education with arms companies and weapons manufacturers. We firmly believe that students and young people should not be exposed to the production of war and violence should not be normalised through education.

On this workplace day of action, The Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Disarm Education are asking educators to take steps prohibit or end any partnerships with companies producing arms.



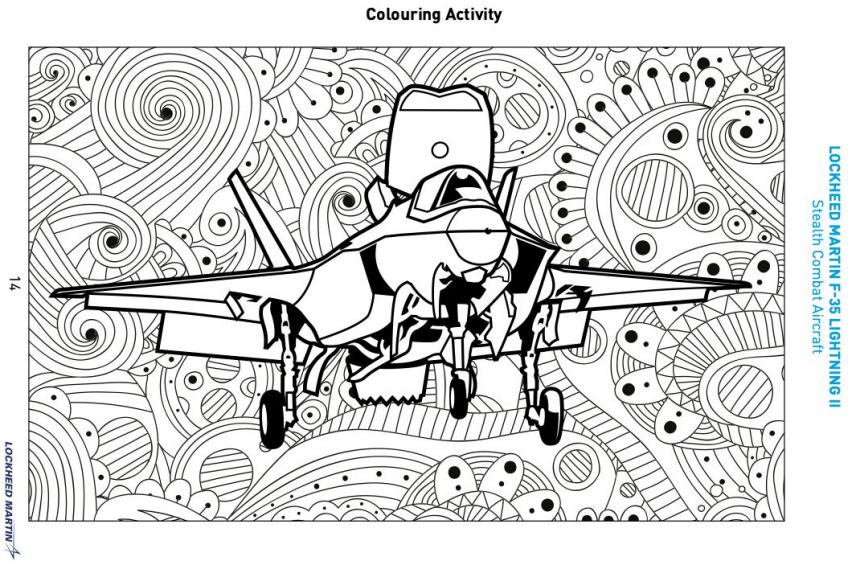
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Arms Industry In Schools

The presence of weapons manufacturers in schools across the UK cannot be underestimated. Companies including BAE systems, Rolls Royce and Lockheed Martin spend millions every year to sponsor school events, fund competitions, do careers roadshows, provide work experience, and fund apprenticeship opportunities for students.

BAE invested more than **£230m in education**, skills and early careers activities in the UK in 2023. They have visited **over 5,000 schools** through their STEM roadshow, reaching over **1.3 million pupils**.



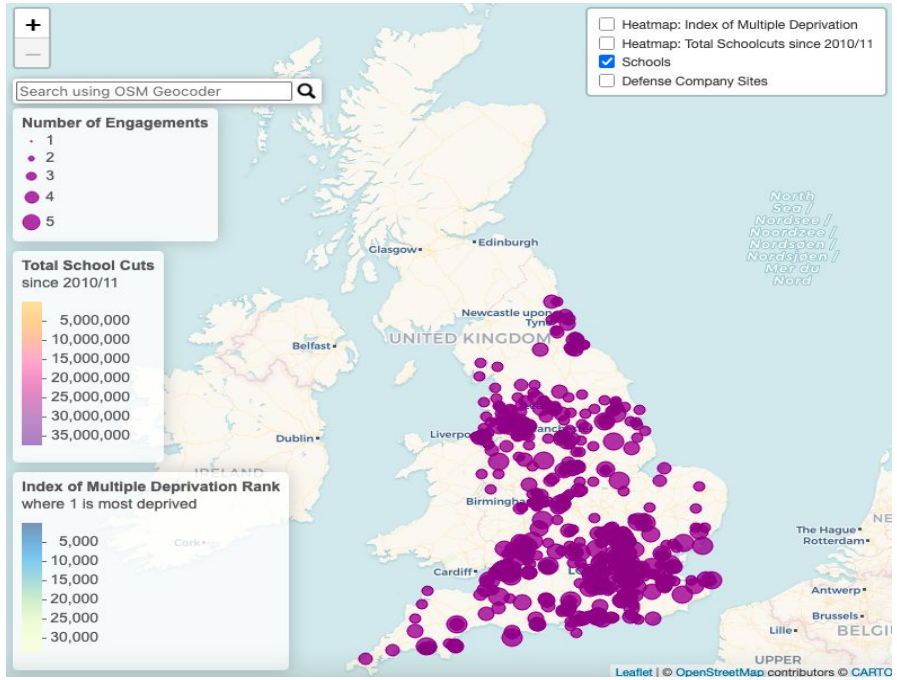


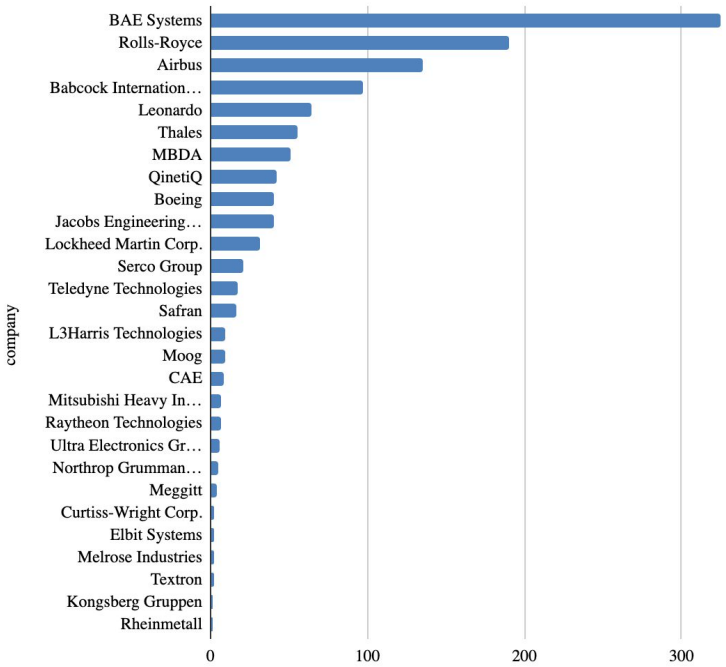
Lockheed Martin has produced a STEM activity pack for British Science week for **primary schools** which **included colouring in the F-35 fighter jet**. The F35 has been used to **destroy every school and university in Gaza**. Since 2015, Raytheon have encouraged 14 and 15 year olds to build and race their own drones as part of the Quadcopter Challenge, winning a cash prize. Quadcopter drones have been instrumental in Israel's genocide, including the targeting of children.

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Disarm Education x The Movement Research Unit: The FOI Project

In collaboration with the **Movement Research Unit** (a group that conducts research for social justice movements), Disarm have sent Freedom of Information Requests to every school and college in the UK. An enormous number of primary schools, secondary schools and colleges currently have active relationships with private arms companies: Disarm Education will launch a detailed report in the coming weeks outlining the national picture.



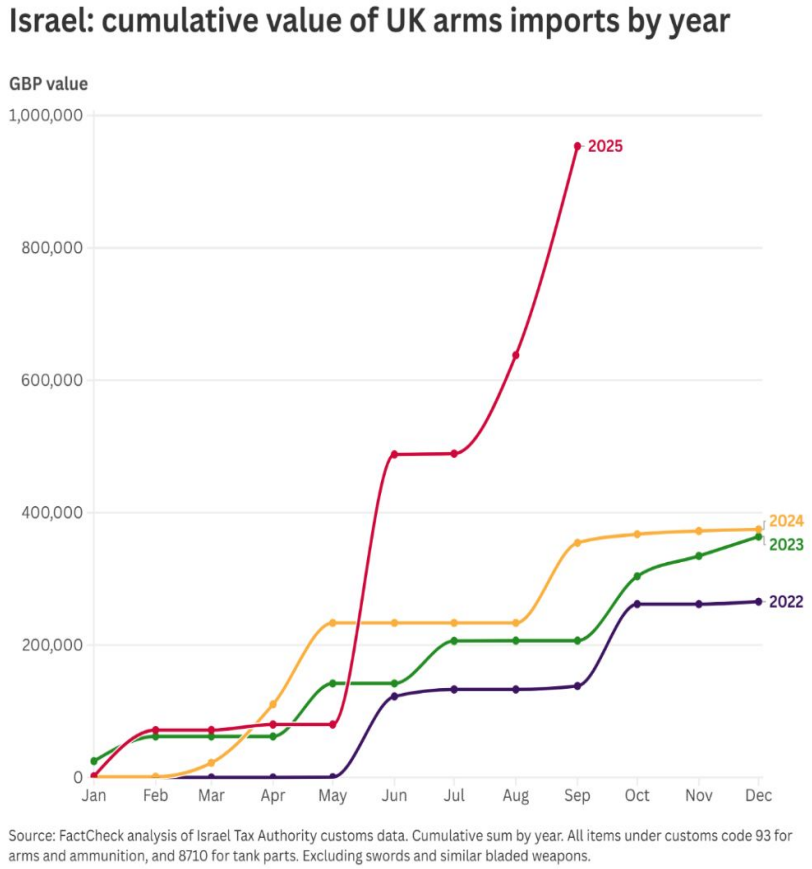


Alongside the launch of the report, Disarm Education will launch a new website in the form of a map. A sneak peak is included above: each dot is a school which works with an arms company, and the large dots represent schools that work with five or more. My clicking it the school, it will detail who the arms company are and what which countries they supply weapons to. It will also include e-actions for educators, staff and students to email school leadership directly and encourage them to end these partnerships

The UK Arms Industry in Palestine

The UK arms industry has directly contributed to the genocide of Palestinians:

- 15% of each F-35 fighter jet used by Israel is built in the UK through companies such as BAE systems, Leonardo and Martin-Baker.
- Raytheon and Lockheed Martin develop munitions used to decimate Palestinian life.
- The UK has licensed the export of arms worth £560 million to Israel since 2008, with the full scale of military production far higher due to the 'open' nature of many export licenses.
- Despite a partial suspension on arms export licences to Israel in September 2024, new reports reveal that the UK government increased their supply to 150,000 bullets, over 8,000 separate munitions goods and direct shipments of F-35 parts, reaching a record high in June 2025.



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Israel's war on education:

"As of December 2024, 95.2% of schools have been destroyed or rendered inoperable, all 12 universities are damaged or destroyed, over 12,000 students have been killed along with 492 educators-all while approximately 658,000 students have been unable to access education. The intensity of destruction is unprecedented, and analysis from Amnesty International has revealed that current damage levels are 90 times higher than during any previous offensive." (Kate May- Scholasticide in Gaza: A Need for Recognition of Systematic Educational Destruction as Genocidal)



The British arms trade is also deeply complicit in war crimes in **Lebanon, Sudan, Iran, Yemen** and beyond.

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Taking Action

Many educators have taken action against weapons companies in education already:

- NEU members voted to nationally affiliate to Disarm Education at the 2025 Annual Conference
- Educators and parents in Manchester, London, Hastings, Edinburgh and Preston forced their school to end their partnership with weapons companies
- Thousands of students took action against militarism as part of the International Youth Strike last week
- Over 20 NEU districts have affiliated to the Disarm Education



This Workplace day of action, we are asking educators to:

1. **Sign our workplace pledge to say no to arms companies in your workplace. Present this to senior leaders (or ask your union reps to do this on your behalf). The pledge is here. Once you pass it, let us know at disarmeducation@proton.me or tag us on Instagram!**

2. Bring a motion to your next union district and branch meeting to affiliate to Disarm Education to strengthen the campaign in your area. You can find the model motion here. Get in contact at disarmeducation@proton.me for advice or to arrange a speaker

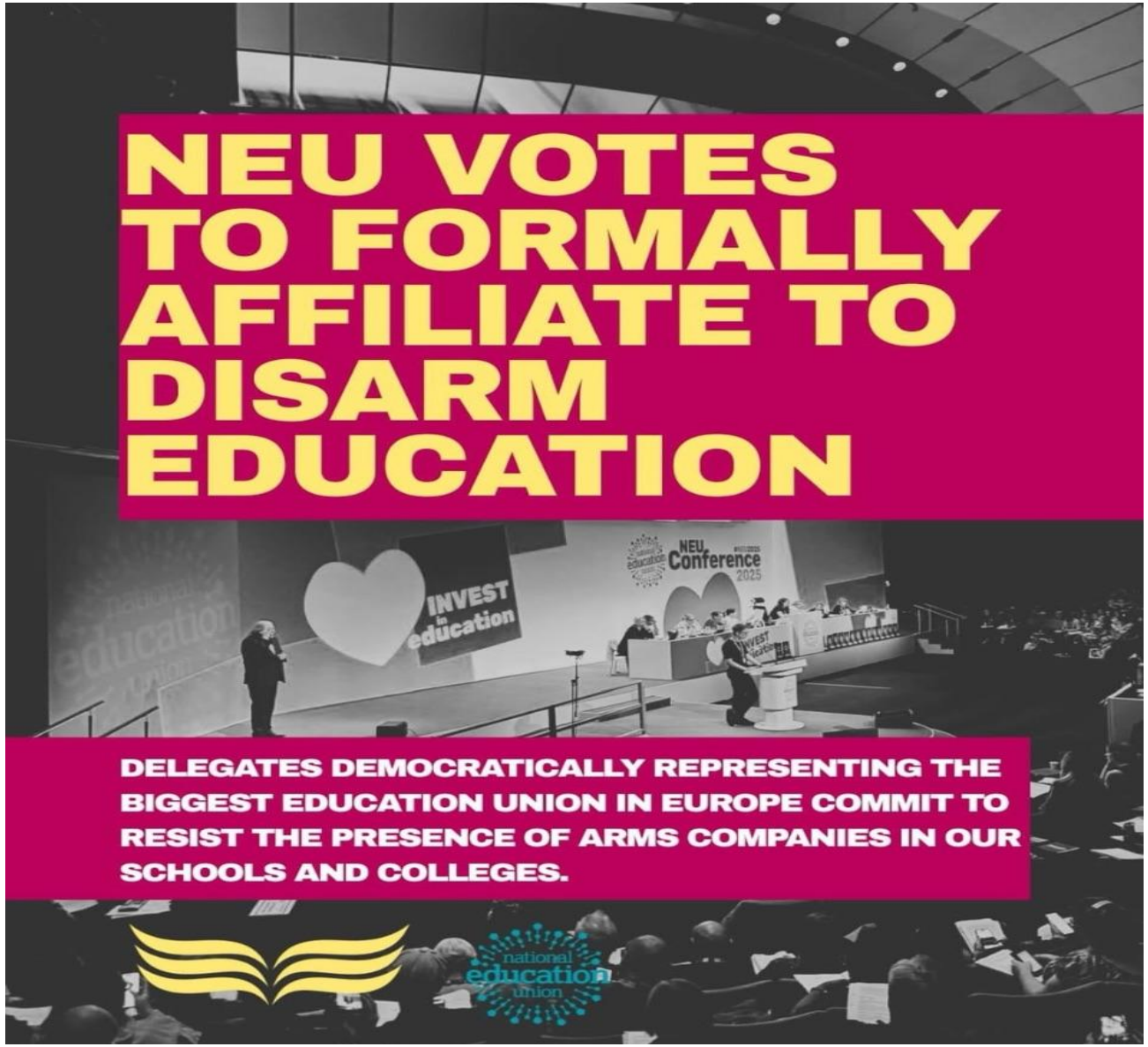
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Links/Further Reading

Disarm Education's organising guide- further information, FAQs, and how to build the campaign in your workplace
https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:8c7d4a10-ff0f-4ea6-ace7-e57ed0331387

PSC's trade union toolkit
https://palestinecampaign.org/wp-content/uploads/TU-organising-toolkit-2.pdf

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