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Lockheed Martin targeted by activists in weekend of action

Activists to pose as Lockheed Martin employees at their London offices on Carlisle place at 8.30am on Friday 18th March

In the run up to 'census day', activists launch a day of e-action against Lockheed Martin by targeting their London HQ. People representing different aspects of Lockheed Martins dealings with the arms trade will attempt to enter Lockheed Martin's UK offices in order to register as 'census collectors'.

The protest coincides with a day of e-action against the arms company, in which individuals and groups will flood Lockheed Martin with hundreds of emails contributing random pieces of about themselves:

In 2008, the British government awarded Lockheed Martin a £150m contract to help collect and process data from the 2011 census.¹ [Count Me Out](#) is bringing together individuals and groups taking action against the arms company's involvement in the census.

The campaign highlighting Lockheed Martin's role in the census continues on Saturday 19 March, with groups around England taking action locally to raise awareness about the issue.

Elizabeth Wild from Count Me Out spoke on the aims of the weekend's actions:

"I believe that the more people who find out about the role of a huge weapons company in our census, the more will oppose that involvement. We want to give people information about what action they can take to show their opposition to Lockheed's involvement."

The website www.countmeout.me.org exposes the links between the census and the arms trade, highlights actions being taken against it and brings together different voices against the 2011 census.

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¹'Lockheed Martin awarded £150m contract to support 2011 census for England and Wales, and Northern Ireland', Lockheed Martin, http://www.lockheedmartin.com/news/press_releases/2008/0828_lmuk-2011-census.html

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For further information or an interview, please contact 07597 622 047, or email media@countmeout.me.uk. Count Me Out logo is available in jpg format on request or from www.countmeout.me.uk. Photos from the 4th March action at the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are also available on request.

NOTES

1. 14 January 2011 press release from 2011 Census:
<https://2011mc.census.gov.uk/index.php?module=documents&action=view&id=669>
2. Campaign Against Arms Trade: <http://www.caat.org.uk/resources/facts-figures/>
3. SIPRI Top arms-producing companies, 2009:
<http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/production/Top100>
4. Lockheed Martin is the world's largest arms manufacturer, producing F-16 fighter jets, cluster munitions, and the Trident nuclear missile system. Lockheed Martin UK, the subsidiary responsible for 'data capture and information processing' in the census, is also a producer of missiles and other weapons systems. <http://www.lockheedmartin.co.uk/about/index.html>
5. The e-action called "**If they want our information- let 'em have it!**" will begin at 9am with a "what I had for breakfast" email, the constant emails will be accompanied by a Twitter storm (@countme_out #2011census #countmeout)