ABOUT THIS TRAINING
This training covers a basic introduction to chemical weapons; how to minimise the risks of exposure to chemical weapons; and principles of chemical weapons documentation, international protocols and interaction with inspectors.

The objective is to introduce participants to the nature and basic characteristics of chemical weapons; signs and symptoms associated with their use; the legal international humanitarian, human rights and criminal legal framework; responsive techniques and strategies; documentation and advocacy efforts.

The training will include workshop sessions to engage participants in the drafting and production of outreach strategies and materials strategies on chemical weapons effects and responses and on dos and don'ts of investigation and documentation of their use.

ABOUT NPWJ JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYRIA PROGRAM
No Peace Without Justice work on Syria aims at reducing the expectation and rewards of impunity and building a culture of accountability. The purpose is to equip citizens to demand accountability and justice for violations taking place on a daily basis for the past two and a half years, and at the same time equip the judiciary and legal profession to answer that demand.

The mainstay of the project is a series of advocacy and training events, which are being held in Gaziantep, Turkey, near the Syrian border, with Syrian judges, lawyers and civil society activists from Syria who can bring the skills and (perhaps more importantly) aspirations for justice back to their work and their constituents inside Syria.

The training series will focus on specific themes and issues which are relevant to justice and accountability process, rather than provide generic training on human rights or transitional justice. After the training Chemical Weapons from 7 to 12 October, the next training event, scheduled for 28 October to 1 November 2013 will cover basic principles and coordination of human rights forensics (including issues relating to mass graves, reburials and dealing with large numbers of victims). Other topics that will be covered between October 2013 and February 2014 are crimes against children in armed conflict (including recruitment) or in which children are significant targets; crimes against women, including sexual and gender-based violence; independence of the judiciary; fair trial standards; International Humanitarian and Criminal Law; principles of legislative drafting, not only for legal practitioners but also for civil society (constitution building, etc.); psychological-social impact of human rights documentation, including primary and secondary post-traumatic stress disorder; and human rights in refugee and IDP environments.

Some of the issues may be dealt with in multiple training programs and some of the training programs will cover more than one issue. All trainings will include some degree of risk awareness, to address the most common physical, digital and psychosocial risks.

The long-term goal of this project is to promote democracy and human rights protection through incorporating justice and accountability in decision-making on conflict resolution and stability, development, and reconstruction planning in Syria. The project's strategic objective is to support Syrian civil society playing an active role on justice and accountability issues, including on advocacy and documenting human rights violations, including receiving, gathering, collecting, collating, processing and securely storing information, documentation and materials and analyse it for the purpose of establishing what happened and reconstructing decision-making processes that resulted in violations international humanitarian and human rights law in Syria since March 2011.