

WILPF women support:

- The promotion of women to full and equal participation in society.
- Social justice for all and freedom from all forms of oppression such as racism, classism, homophobia and ageism.
- Respect for fundamental human rights.
- Universal disarmament and the resolution of human conflict by non-violent means.
- The democratisation of the United Nations system.
- Environmentally sustainable development.
- A change in world governments' spending priorities to meet human needs.
- Building a culture of peace.

The heart of WILPF's work since its founding over 90 years ago is to study and make known the roots of conflicts and wars and to strive for their eradication. We remain united in achieving that goal.

Our immediate challenge is to implement a program of work that informs, educates, advocates, builds trust and is supportive of efforts of other like-minded organisations; a program that reaches out to others to join us in our great endeavour to build a permanent peace based on justice and freedom for all.



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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom



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A global sisterhood of peace activists

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is an international non-government organisation (NGO) working for peace, disarmament and social justice.

WILPF empowers women of different political philosophies in Australia and 48 countries around the world. Recently formed sections include Belarus, Burundi and India. Other countries with WILPF sections include Sri Lanka, Colombia, Sierra Leone, Palestine, Israel, Russia, France, Japan, the US and the UK.

With offices in both Geneva and New York, WILPF supports the work of the United Nations Organisation, and has consultative status with a range of specialised UN agencies.

WILPF's Australian Section works with other sections through the international WILPF office in Geneva. WILPF works for the elimination of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion or on any other grounds.

The work of WILPF is funded by members and supporters, and is independent of governments.

Each year WILPF's peace internship program enables two young women to work at the United Nations and with international WILPF officers in Geneva and New York.

WILPF Australia's current projects include:

- **Children of the Gulf War**
This exhibition of photographs shows the impact of war and depleted uranium on both military and civilian populations. The display visits Australian cities and towns in response to requests from local councils and community groups.
- **UN Security Council Resolution 1325 Women, Peace and Security**
A public education campaign which raises awareness of the role of women as peace builders through looking at Australian domestic and foreign policy and advocating for the implementation of this resolution.
- **Working** for a nuclear-free world.
- **Opposing** US bases in Australia (including Pine Gap) and the Australian government's increasing support for US militaristic ventures.
- **Supporting** reconciliation, land rights and the culture, identity and society of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



'Peace dove' by Picasso, donated to WILPF



An inspiring history of achievement

- Founded in 1915, WILPF is the oldest and largest international women's peace organisation in the world.
- Two of WILPF's founders, Jane Addams and Emily Greene Balch were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Other highlights include:

- **1915** - Peace women visit 14 heads of state to deliver their resolutions to end the war and all future wars.
- **1932** - Six million signatures on World Disarmament Petition.
- **1961** - WILPF conference of Soviet and United States women.
- **1973** - Mission to Chile to investigate human rights violations.
- **1984** - Campaign for Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.
- **2000** - Leading role for Australian Section in World March of Women.
- **Ongoing** - Campaign against aspects of the so-called "war on terrorism".
- **Ongoing** - Reaching Critical Will website informs worldwide NGO action for nuclear disarmament.