

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS

WILPF's Advancing Human Rights Issue Committee works to ensure compliance at the federal, state and local levels with international human rights treaties signed and ratified by the US government. The international treaties to which the US is a party are the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Convention Against Torture.

We also work for the ratification of those treaties which have not yet been adopted by the US: the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (**CEDAW**), the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Covenant on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights.

We aim to increase public understanding of and US compliance with Security Council Resolutions on women, peace, and security: 1325, 1820, 1889, and 1890 as well as to promote awareness of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Advancing Human Rights Committee has subcommittees on Human Trafficking, UN Security Council Resolution 1325, and CEDAW.

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM



WILPF-US ISSUE COMMITTEES

WILPF US Issue Committees work on specific issues of concern to our members and are consistent with international priorities. Issue Committees welcome any WILPF member who wishes to participate. By joining an Issue Committee, you will be able to share your voice and passions and help develop projects to achieve measurable, outcome-oriented goals.

Issue Committees have their own web pages as well as a regular presence on eNews and in our magazine *Peace and Freedom*, which is sent to all members. This allows members to reach WILPF-wide audiences as well as anyone interested.

If a member is interested in another issue area that is in line with WILPF's goals, s/he can create a new Issue Committee. Any group of at least five WILPF members with geographic diversity can file an application with the program committee. Because of the power the Issue Committees gain from the drive of their members, they, along with our branches, are the foundation of WILPF's organizational strength.

CUBA AND THE BOLIVARIAN ALLIANCE

Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Committee works to normalize relations between the US government and the countries comprising the Bolivarian Alliance. We conduct education on the advancement of women's rights under the Cuban Revolution and recently cosponsored the national tour of the US premiere of the documentary *Maestra* as well as the speaking tour of Cuban feminist Norma Guillard and director Catherine Murphy.

Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Committee works to end the US war of terrorism against the countries that compose the Bolivarian Alliance. We have particular focus on Cuba because of the US blockade imposed against Cuba in 1960, and therefore promote legislative advocacy to lift the travel ban to Cuba.

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MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East Committee works toward ending wars in the Middle East. We focus on US policy toward Israel and Palestine in particular. We deplore the large amount of arm sales to this region done under the guise of US aid. We advocate a "swords into plowshares" policy. We call for the end of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. The Middle East Committee educates our members and our communities on this issue. We promote international law, human rights and a Middle East Weapons-Free Zone. Our vision is consistent with United Nations resolutions regarding the full involvement of women according to UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

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DISARM/END WARS DISMANTLE THE WAR ECONOMY

The DISARM/End Wars Committee has "clusters" of activity—or informal subcommittees—on (1) nuclear weapons, (2) nuclear power and waste, (3) keep space for peace and (4) End Wars.

Our current priority is a Nuclear Free Future. DISARM! helps members participate in visits to Congress, the Pentagon, and the Administration in Washington D.C. in cooperation with the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability and their dozens of expert "nuke watchdogs."

DISARM! has also organized WILPF member participation in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty process at the United Nations, and is developing networks of nuclear power resisters active in their own states and communities.

DISARM! develops resources and fosters coordinated Branch action each year for Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days and August Nuclear-Free Future Month. It also fosters Branch and member participation in Keep Space for Peace Week (early October), in Tax Day (April 15), and in prevention of Gender Violence (November 16 to December 10). We research causes of US wars and seek peaceful resolution of current conflicts and prevention of future ones.

DISARM! supports members and branches in their own projects. Some have exposed local corporate and university war profiteering. Others launch projects on depleted uranium, children's peace education, drones, abandoned uranium mines or targeting local nuclear research and industry. Branches organize peace vigils, peace camps and study groups. They visit Congress members and "speak truth to power." Branches also work on legislation through our Eye on Congress project.

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EARTH DEMOCRACY

Earth Democracy's mandate is broad, and so we created the four subcommittees: Human Right to Water and Health; Rights of Nature/Future Generation Guardianship; Food Democracy/Local Economy; and Global Warming/Renewable Energy. To integrate these broad subject areas under Earth Democracy, we highlight two framing initiatives, working in collaboration with Carolyn Raffensperger, founder and executive director of the Science and Environmental Health Network. These initiatives are: the Precautionary Principle and Guardianship of Future Generations.

Contact us to join the Earth Democracy working group or listserv for news and ideas.

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CORPORATIONS v DEMOCRACY

The Corporations v Democracy Committee educates and activates WILPF members and others around the issue of unchecked corporate power as a threat to our promised self-governance and free speech. We believe that corporate power and profits at any price are obstacles that each WILPF issue committee confronts.

Our study course, Challenge Corporate Power: Assert the People's Rights, is available for downloading at www.wilpfus.org. WILPF and allied organizations have created the Campaign to Legalize Democracy, a national movement to abolish corporate personhood: www.MoveToAmend.org. The Corporations v Democracy Committee invites you to join us in this work.

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