

# Some Visionary Women in History

**Women's International League for Peace & Freedom,**



**Pittsburgh (WILPF)**

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# International Congress of Women, 1915

- The Hague, Netherlands
- 1,200 women from 12 countries
- Large delegation from the USA led by Jane Addams
- Advocated peace and the end of WWI



BUSINESS SESSION IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE DIERENTIUM—THE HAGUE

Rosika  
Schwimmer  
(1877-1948)

- From Budapest, Hungary



Dr. Anita Augsborg  
(1857-1945)

- Germany's first woman judge





## Founders of WILPF



- Women's International Committee for Permanent Peace
- Leaders: Jane Addams, Alice Hamilton (first female faculty member at Harvard), Emily Greene Balch



Alice Hamilton

## Jane Addams (1860-1935)



- Brought major changes to social work in the USA
- Co-founded Hull House, a social settlement house; 1st of its kind
- Investigated working conditions
- Worked for women's rights and peace
- 1931 Nobel Peace Prize

Emily Greene  
Balch  
(1867-1961)

- Taught economics and sociology at Wellesley College
- Concern for underprivileged
- Worked for women's suffrage, racial justice, child labor laws, better wages and conditions, and elimination of war
- 1946 Nobel Peace Prize



- First woman elected to Congress
- One of few suffragettes elected to Congress.
- Only Congress person to vote against US participation in both World Wars I and II.

Jeanette  
Rankin  
(1880-1973)



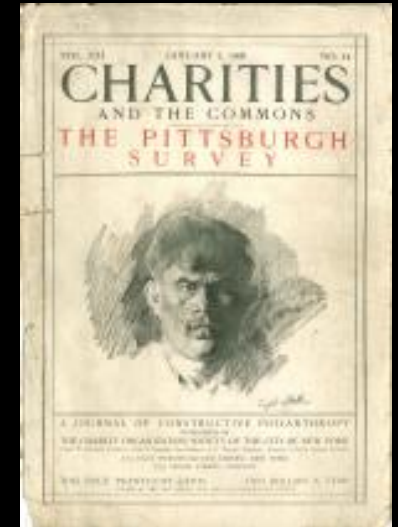
## Crystal Eastman 1881-1928

- US lawyer, antimilitarist, feminist, socialist, journalist.
- Leader for women's suffrage
- Co-founder & co-editor (with her brother) of *The Liberator*
- Co-founder of WILPF
- Co-founder of the ACLU





- Eastman's first job – investigate labor conditions for the Pittsburgh Survey
- Her report “Work Accidents and the Law” (1910) lead to the first workmen's compensation statute in the United States.



- Investigating attorney for the U.S. Commission on Industrial Relations
- Marker for her



Alma Speed  
Fox  
(1923- )



- Pittsburgher
- NAACP's Executive director
- worked for equal opportunity
- Champion of women's rights
- Now working with Freedom Unlimited, the NAACP, and Gwen's Girls

## Dolores Huerta (1930 - )



- Labor leader and civil rights activist
- Co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association with Cesar Chaves (It later became the United Farm Workers.)
- Advocate for immigrant and women's rights
- First Latina in the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993.

- Pittsburgher
- Mother who felt called to become an activist for civil rights and nuclear disarmament and against war using civil disobedience
- Called by her Catholic faith
- Co-founder of the Thomas Merton Center - 1972

Molly Rush  
(1936 - )





- Among Plowshares Eight in 1980 who assaulted a missile
- Philip and Daniel Berrigan were well-known, Molly was a 40-year old mother
- Walked into a building owned by General Electric in King of Prussia, PA.
- Going past guards they used hammers to pound parts of nuclear warhead (being manufactured by GE)
- Poured their blood over the workshop

## Eleanor Holmes Norton (1937 - )

- Representative from DC since 1991
- Works to end war
- Since 1994 each session she introduces “Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act”



# Mairead Maguire (1944 - )



- Peace activist from Northern Ireland
- Co-founded Community for Peace People to work for peace in Northern Ireland
- Focus – combat violence through re-education
- Nobel Peace Prize in 1976

# Jody Williams

(1950 - )



- Known for her work in banning anti-personnel landmines
- Won Nobel Peace Prize in 1997
- Advocates for human rights, especially women's rights
- Promotes security considerations in emerging technologies



# Liberian Civil War and Protests

- First Civil War , 1989-1997
- Second Civil War, 1999-2003



- Repressive government
- Few civil rights
- Siege of Monrovia, July-Aug.

## Leymah Gbowee (1972 - )



- Over 1,000 civilians died
- Drugs used to control people
- Child soldiers
- Destruction, displaced people
- Leymah, Asatu Kah Kenneth and Comfort Freeman started *Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace*
- Asatu Kah Kenneth - the Liberian Muslim Women's Organization to work for peace

- Silent, nonviolent actions
- Over 3,000 women
- Muslims and Christians



- Many SES
- Dressed in white
- Sat, sang, prayed in the fish market every day
- Threat of a curse
- Sex strike
- Sat in hall of peace talks
- Successful!

- 2011 Nobel Peace Prize (Sirleaf, Kenneth & Gbooe)
- Movie made: “Pray the Devil Back to Hell”
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf elected first woman president in 2005
- Many gender-sensitive reforms followed

## Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (1938 - )



Emma  
Gonzalez  
(1999 - )

- High school senior who survived the 2/2018 Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, FL.
- Activist and advocate for gun control
- Co-founder of the gun-control advocacy group **Never Again MDS**



- With David Hogg during Rally to Support Firearms Safety Legislation (2/17/2018)
- Viral 11-minute speech against gun violence saying “We call B.S.”
- One organizer of March for Our Lives
- Continues activist role



Many other woman  
could have been  
included here.

Who can you name?

