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January 12th, 2023 - 1 WILPF Call
CHAT
"Women. Life. Freedom.
VOICES OF THE IRANIAN PROTEST

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AGENDA
Welcome & Instructions -
FEATURED SPEAKER: Sally Rahimi
ANNOUNCEMENTS - Cuba Committee, W$D Committee, Section News, DISARM Committee, Earth Democracy Committee
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SOAPBOX

All our past calls are archived at the One WILPF Call webpage: https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls

From Ashley Carrington to Everyone 06:06 PM
Questions: https://surveyheart.com/form/63b45e0ff5d4232c3e18356c
submit at the link or in the chat

From Ashley Carrington to Everyone 06:22 PM
please put questions in the chat!

Question 1:
Can you talk about how parents/mothers are reacting to the execution of their daughters? Are they supportive of the resistance? The grief and loss must be so horrible.

From Elham Hoominfar to Everyone 06:26 PM
This is an OPEN LETTER with signatures confronting these murders:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdz9B-jyNy60PjoStPSOiVWtwefeLddCxdkCISuwnvAWujOg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3BxDgmwzLZYAwbGKkQ5fXm8ymS3fPaZEm8jW32xzydeQ0pbo0cfOf-Wk
Listen to the Voices of a Feminist Revolution in Iran: 👆

Question 2:
I've heard that these Islamic laws are really more power based than religion based. Are there no respected theologians who stand with the women?

Question 3:
From Nancy Price to Everyone 06:27 PM
DO WOMEN ON IRAN REACH OUT AND COLLABORATE WITH WOMEN IN OTHER COUNTRIES THE THE MIDDLE EAST TO BUILD SOLIDARITY ACROSS BORDERS?

From Elham Hoominfar to Everyone 06:29 PM
All religions, including Islam, do not respect women's rights.

Question 4:
From Cherrill Spencer to Everyone 06:29 PM
Can you tell us the situation of Narges Mohammadi, who has been in and out of Iranian prison this past 15 years for her writings against the islamic authorities?

Question 5:
HERE WE ARE SEEING YOUNG MUSLIM WOMEN RETURN TO THE WEARING OF THE HIJAB AS A WAY OF PROTEST... EVEN THOUGH THEIR MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS SAY "WE FOUGHT FOR YEARS TO NOT WEAR THIS, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY DECIDE TO DO THIS"
Wearing a hijab seems to mean different things in different countries. Surely it's the RIGHT to wear it or not is what matters, yes?

From Elham Hoominfar to Everyone 06:31 PM
for those would like to know more about Iranian situation

QUESTION 6:
From Denise Young to Everyone 06:32 PM
I've read that there's a resurgence of the Iranian labor movement. Do women have any leadership roles?

From Sally Rahimi to Everyone 06:39 PM
Yes we have women leaderships
https://www.instagram.com/thevoicesofbaluchwomen/
https://www.instagram.com/bidarzani/
https://www.instagram.com/blackfishvoice.eng/
https://www.instagram.com/collectiveforblackiranians/

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 06:39 PM
Join us on Saturday, January 14 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm PST on zoom to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday
https://us02web.zoom.us/.../reg.../WN_-Ss1jgWERYYyD4TGfaAG4EQ

From Mario Galvan to Everyone 06:39 PM
Sally, any contacts for those not on Instagram?
From Sally Rahimi to Everyone 06:40 PM
I have some contacts personally

From Sally Rahimi to Everyone 06:44 PM
https://www.instagram.com/nc_feminists4womenlifefreedom/
https://www.instagram.com/feminists4jina/

Women, Money & Democracy Committee News
Marybeth Gardam - mbgardam@gmail.com

Saturday, January 21st in 2023 and beyond—Jim Allison Day in WILPF US.

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 06:41 PM
Here’s our W$D page, to find Jim Allison’s plays:
http://wilpfus.org/our-work/women-money-democracy

The Women, Money & Democracy Committee of WILPF US. Economic Justice work on behalf of peace.

THE FUTURE IN OUR POCKETS:

With the Bank Credit System at the root of forever wars, eco-collapse, and racist inequality, there are solutions and allies we can support.
Change the Money.
Change the Future.

Economic Justice WEBINAR
Thursday, Feb. 23rd
at 8pm eastern/7pm central/5pm pacific
W$D Webinar
co-sponsored by our ally Alliance for Just Money.
For ZOOM link, contact mbgardam@gmail.com or look for an eAlert about this soon.

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 06:46 PM
Women, Money & Democracy Committee at WILPF US
Addressing Systemic Economic Injustice and threats to Democracy from corporate power, racism and “debt-money” used as oppression.
Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8pm eastern.
If interested in joining us, contact mbgardam@gmail.com.
Find more info at:
http://wilpfus.org/our-work/women-money-democracy

From Leni Villagomez Reeves to Everyone 06:45 PM
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https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ss1jgWERYyD4TGfaAG4EQ

Cuba’s Family Laws: A Reflection of MLK’s Vision of a New Social Order

From Leni Villagomez Reeves to Everyone 06:46 PM
Speakers include longtime solidarity organizers with Cuba and Cuban officials. Additional information will also be available on how you can travel to Cuba and learn about Cuban society on upcoming delegations. This workshop will be simultaneously translated into Spanish.

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 06:50 PM
President Darien De Lu’s message:

1- The Year of the Branches
With 2024 coming up as an important election year, we have the chance in 2023 to build connections and undertake organizing with allies in our communities, build up our WILPF member numbers, strengthen and focus our branches, and prepare our resources and plans for this year and the year to come!

Do you have some good ideas to share on how we can do any of that?
Please take action! Work with your branch and/or allied groups in your area.
Also, I welcome your emails, sharing your suggestions for what national WILPF can do to help – including ideas for branch-building: President@wilpfUS.org.

2- Connect with the background, history, and issues that shaped and informed Martin Luther King, Jr. and the peace and justice movement that lives on and that we celebrate around his January 15 birthdate.

Register now for this annual event – the free Jan. 13-16
2023 World House Documentary Film Festival.
Lots of amazing films to choose from – all virtual, in your home! Free! Help yourself and other WILPF members to understand the complexities of economics, racism, history, and U.S. society. Keep King’s dream alive! Help base that dream in understanding and knowledge!
Register here for this free (non-WILPF) event!

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 06:50 PM
DISARM COMMITTEE NEWS
We recommend you attend a MAPA online conference starting at 10am PST.
Some WILPF members will be speaking & it is action-oriented.
2 breakout sessions; see session F- WILPF’s Cherrill Spencer is a panelist.
Details & register here: https://masspeaceaction.org/event/reducing-the-threat-of-nuclear-war-conference

From Mary Sanderson to Everyone 06:50 PM
Jan 21, 2023 marks 10 years of living under the Supreme Court Citizens United decision allowing corporations to spend all they want to influence elections.

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 06:51 PM
**The Peace In Ukraine coalition has declared 2 weeks of action Friday 13- Friday 27 January.**
WILPFers are requested to take ACTION.
Arrange a demonstration or visit their local congressional rep’s office or join someone else’s action in their city.
26 events already listed here: [https://www.peaceinukraine.org/](https://www.peaceinukraine.org/).
New resources for tabling & letter writing are here: [https://www.peaceinukraine.org/rally_resources](https://www.peaceinukraine.org/rally_resources).

Celebrate 2nd anniversary of Entry Into Force (EIF) of Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: actions between 20th & 22nd January, similar to last January.
Expect actions all over USA and abroad, will be listed here: [https://www.nuclearbantreaty.org/actions/](https://www.nuclearbantreaty.org/actions/).
Use your banners & flyers from last EIF events.
See new & updated resources here: [https://www.nuclearbantreaty.org/resources-for-actions](https://www.nuclearbantreaty.org/resources-for-actions/).

**Defuse Nuclear War** – Have arranged a webinar starting before this webinar ends but you can register and join it while in progress (Thurs 12 Jan 8pm-9:30pm EST) with reference to Martin Luther King Jr.’s writings. Fine speakers, including Daniel Ellsberg, Rev Liz Theoharis & Katrina vanden Heuvel of The Nation. See details and register here: [https://defusenuclearwar.org/event/livestream-diplomacy-is-the-path-to-peace/](https://defusenuclearwar.org/event/livestream-diplomacy-is-the-path-to-peace/).

From Marybeth Gardam to Everyone 06:55 PM
I hope some of us are aware of the JFK "Peace Speech" in May 1963 at the Commencement ceremony of (I think) Catholic University.
He stated so powerfully what the American people have in common with the people of Russia.

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 06:55 PM
disarmchair@wilpfus.org to subscribe to Disarm list. Join our calls on second and fourth Sundays of the month.
Our DISARM/End Wars Committee has several ongoing campaigns regarding disarmament and ending wars, we welcome new committee members, please write to disarmchair@wilpfus.org if you’d like to join our active committee.

**Time Magazine article on Beatrice Fihn of ICAN:**

**Counterpunch article on need for TALK in Ukraine.**
“Can the US provide an ‘off ramp’ for Putin?”
[https://www.counterpunch.org/2023/01/12/can-the-united-states-provide-an-off-ramp-for-putin/](https://www.counterpunch.org/2023/01/12/can-the-united-states-provide-an-off-ramp-for-putin/)

From Leni Villagomez Reeves to Everyone 06:56 PM
Dr King’s 4th and last book, *Where do we go from Here?: Chaos or Community?* is brilliant and more people should read it.

From Cherrill Spencer to Everyone 06:57 PM
Please see chat above here for the links I mentioned for actions these next 2 weeks. All webinars are free

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 06:59 PM
**Fannie Lou Hamer Branch Human Rights Conference (December 2022) recording** –
part 1:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=av3RlR0pEuk&list=PLNz1wyPMccmF6OHJrGS6iBDpPeIQ doeN1&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=av3RlR0pEuk&list=PLNz1wyPMccmF6OHJrGS6iBDpPeIQ doeN1&index=2)

Part 2:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EozOp3_HZa0&list=PLNz1wyPMccmF6OHJrGS6iBDpPeIQ doeN1&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EozOp3_HZa0&list=PLNz1wyPMccmF6OHJrGS6iBDpPeIQ doeN1&index=1)

From Mario Galvan to Everyone 07:00 PM
I’m saying goodbye to join the other webinar starting in a minute. Thanks for this very informative session!
I hope there will be a recording to see later what I’m going to be missing now.

From Dee Murphy to Me (Direct Message) 07:11 PM
I am representing WILPF US on the newly formed WILPF International Advisory Board. Will report in March on progress.

From Marguerite Adelman to Everyone 07:11 PM
For the free PFAS workshop for your branch, contact Marguerite Adelman at PFASinfo@wilpfus.org

From Ellen Thomas to Everyone 07:15 PM
Nancy Price  nancytprice39@gmail.com
Earth Democracy Chair

From Eileen Kurkoski to Everyone 07:19 PM
We know of the two big existential threats..Nukes and Climate change. We don’t need a third one. I’m talking about leaning more and speaking up about the development of autonomous lethal weapons/robots, which is going on right now. As has been in P&F the last issue of Dec eNews, read or at least scan the book “**ARMY of NONE: Autonomous Weapons and the Future of WAR**” by Paul Scharre.

From Mary Foster to Everyone 07:23 PM
Thank you, Ashley and Marybeth!

From Dee Murphy to Everyone 07:24 PM
Thank you, Ashley and Marybeth. Thanks to everyone for their informative presentations!

From Ashley Carrington to Everyone 07:24 PM
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From Mary Sanderson to Everyone 07:24 PM
hugely informative meeting! many thanks to MB, to Ashley, Sally and all.

From Dee Murphy to Everyone 07:24 PM
Great start to 2023!

From Eileen Kurkoski to Everyone 07:24 PM
THANKS MB & Ansley

From Darien De Lu to Everyone 07:24 PM
Congratulations to Marybeth and Ashley for resuming the One WILPF Calls so beautifully!

From Cherrill Spencer to Everyone 07:24 PM
Please join the Defuse Nuclear war webinar now ongoing:
https://defusenuclearwar.org/event/livestream-diplomacy-is-the-path-to-peace/.

From Tura Campanella Cook to Everyone 07:24 PM
Thank you to everyone!

From Sally Rahimi to Everyone 07:24 PM
Thank you all! Thanks for the opportunity also

From Marguerite Adelman to Everyone 07:25 PM
Thanks everyone! Lots of super information.