



TEXTPAD for ONE WILPF CALL –

Thursday, October 14th, 2021

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom is the oldest women's international peace organization in the world... founded in 1915 by Jane Addams of Hull House.

There are over 30 WILPF branches in the United States... and we are one of 50 Sections around the world.

Find us & join us at our website: www.wilpfus.org/join .

AGENDA

1- WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

2- FEATURED PRESENTATION

SUDDENLY POSSIBLE: GETTING CORPORATE MONEY OUT OF ELECTIONS.

Courtney Hostetler, Senior Counsel at Free Speech for People.

www.FreeSpeechForPeople.org

VIDEO FEATURED:

<https://freespeechforpeople.org/foreign-influence/>

3- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Democracy Committee – WILPF US – DISARM/END WARS Committee
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4- MEMBER FORUM

How are we doing with the ONE WILPF Zooms?

What would make you want to recommend them to your friends and allies?

5- ADJOURN

6- SOAPBOX

ANNOUNCEMENT NOTES

Add your notes under the specific segment they refer to please.

1- EARTH DEMOCRACY: GET READY FOR COP26 where YOU are!

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WILPF US Banner to be (hopefully) used at COP26.

Download design to print YOUR OWN banner here:

https://wilpfus.org/sites/default/files/docs/CJWP-Banner_2.5x6.pdf

UN Climate Change Conference (COP) 26

Glasgow, Scotland **October 31 – November 12**

The goal:

Keep global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees C / 2.7 degrees F

Delegation from WILPF International's Environmental Working Group will be there.

Various events are planned for **specific days**:

- Nov. 4: Climate and Military Day**
- Nov. 9: Gender Day - feminist key demands**
- Nov. 7- 10: The People's Summit.**

Peace, anti-war, climate and environmental groups demand **military's carbon "bootprint" be officially reported – not voluntary** as in 2015 Paris Climate Agreement.

**Solutions: must be part of the
MOVE THE MONEY TO HUMAN NEEDS Campaign:**

The United States military is the largest institutional consumer of fossil fuels in the world.

Can't just "green" the military.

BRINGING COP26 HOPE to your Communities:

What can we do?

Join #FridaysForFutures

climate marches demonstrations rallies

Call out for climate justice for people and the planet.

Suggestions for Signs, Banners, Social Media –

Use these Hashtags!

The WILPF International Environmental Working Group is recommending across all sections: *include these hashtags* in messaging, signs, banners, social media... across all Sections.

- #Uproot the System!
- #NoMoreEmptyPromises!
- #End Fossil Fuel Extraction!
- #Decarbonize-Demilitarize
- #No More Empty Promises!
 - #There's No Planet B!
- #System Change Not Climate Change!
 - #Divest from Fossil Fuels!

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CLIMATE JUSTICE+WOMEN+PEACE banner here:

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FYI:

Recently published: by Transnational Institute (TNI)'s
"Climate & Security Primer"

by Nick Buxton raises concerns about the militarized responses to climate change.

You can read it here: <https://www.tni.org/en/publication/primer-on-climate-security>

"but until recently accurate data on its fuel consumption were not widely available. Using Freedom of Information Act requests, we compiled data on how much fuel the US military consumes and calculated its 'carbon footprint.' We explain how the US military's expansive and coupled global logistical networks, hardware, and interventionist foreign policy paradigms help to 'lock-in' future military emissions. Even though they are well-intentioned,

"But let's be honest, much of the consequences of global warming and climate change will not be equally experienced as so much depends on the economic, social, and political conditions of where a child is born and is growing up."

2- WILPF US: ELECTION, WEBSITE, MORE!

Darien De Lu, Section President

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Lots to announce!

Deadline to apply to run for the Board elections! That's tomorrow -- Fri., Oct. 15! So look for your eAlert about the elections (sent on 10/8/21, from info@wilpfus.org, subject line: eAlert: EXTENDED election deadlines! Only two candidates so far, for seven openings!

WILPF US is Hiring! For details, contact the Personnel Cttee.: Personnel-Committee@wilpfus.org

The FLH Branch is sponsoring a Human Rights Conference on 12/11 – info coming in the Nov. eNews.

Afghan situation: deadly US sanctions which theoretically permit humanitarian and medical aid but in practice cut off all aid. Additionally, the US sanctions are blocking access to money, which is far more useful and economical for purchasing needed supplies locally – rather than shipping them by air from far away!

Program Cttee & Before/After Monthly Mtg. – Tuesday, Nov. 2 (first Tues. each month – except, maybe, in Dec.) The Before and After calls are your chance to ask questions and chat with me. Times below!

Program Committee meeting -- 5 pm PDT, 6 pm MDT, 7 pm CDT. The Before and After calls are one half hour Before and one half hour After the Program Call.

You must register in advance for these Tuesday Zoom meeting sessions. Watch for an eAlert with the registration info -- sometime 10/29 to 11/2.

The Boys Who Said NO! (documentary)

The powerful story of the youth-led resistance that ended the draft and helped end the Vietnam War – also discusses influence of the nonviolence of Gandhi and the Civil Rights Movement

You can (for a cost) WATCH THE FILM this Fri., 10/15, & LIVESTREAM EVENT (with film showing) on Sun., 10/17. Details at <https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/boyswhosaidno>

3- DISARM/END WARS Committee

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF WILPF US SECTION CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WILPF 2022-2025
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME PLANNING PROCESS

As our contribution to the International Programme [IP] planning process, WILPF US is proposing four categories of action. Listed below are the topics of the 4 categories, a very brief explanation for each and just two examples of an action item in that category out of the many actions in the full document.

CATEGORY 1

Organize Against Militarism, Wars, and the War System

WILPF has always and must continue to work for peace and ending war, so it is the center of our focus.

- Focus on causes of militarism in general and of military actions and foreign policies of the countries with the largest military expenditures.
- Address the ongoing colonialist and neo-colonialist socio-economic structures and their impacts that are enforced through militarism.

CATEGORY 2

WILPF International to Facilitate and Enable Multi-Section Women, Peace and Security

Partnerships to Work on

A newer central focus is our call for increased support from the Secretariat for Sections to work together on the topics discussed in this category, which will include a review of the effectiveness of the organizational structure approved at the 2018 Ghana Congress. The contribution of women to gaining peace and security for all through our Women, Peace and Security (WPS) programme must continue to be emphasized and receive Secretariat support.

- Encourage and facilitate issue-related collaboration and communications among sections (and groups) on projects of shared interests.
- Work to strengthen and enforce UNSC resolutions on inclusion of women and issues of particular importance to women, in peace processes: Resolution 1325 and its successors--1820, 1888, 2106, and 2122.

CATEGORY 3

Advocate for Reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030

Since the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) overlap in many ways with WILPF's work, we emphasize integrating WILPF's feminist anti-militarist, ecological insights into achieving the SDGs.

- Ensure that the responsibility to meet SDGs is not handed over to corporations.
- Work to Improve the status of women and girls through implementation of the SDGs.

CATEGORY 4

Amplify Feminist Solutions for Peace in All Conflict Areas

This category includes advocating for the use of feminist economic strategies, feminist diplomacy, and the constant centering of basic human needs in developing international policies and actions.

- Support feminist economics and Move the Money to Human Needs approaches.
- Ongoing political and sectarian conflicts perpetuate instability. Apply feminist diplomacy methods to get warring sides, including women representatives, to the peace table.

Appendix: Climate and the IP

Background explanation

We recommend that for the 2022 Congress particular attention is given to two of the 8 Global Trends and Developments listed in WILPF's *In a Nutshell: Sections Reports 2020*: these two are:

1. "Climate change and environmental degradation (including rain and floods that damage infrastructure and prohibit people from moving/commuting)" and
2. "Militarism and increase in military/defense expenditure."

WILPF works to implement the CSW 2022 Priority Theme: achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes. Also work on the 2022 review theme: women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work (the agreed conclusion from the CSW's sixty-first session).

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ONGOING PROCESS TO DESIGN OUR FUTURE For International WILPF at the websites listed below

“We are in the process of creating WILPF's next International Programme – a global strategy that will guide our continued evolution and impact as the world's longest-standing women's peace organisation”.

ROADMAP TO FUTURE WILPF : Shaping WILPF's Next International Programme

<https://future.wilpf.org/>

<https://future.wilpf.org/od-process/future-wilpf-event-calendar/>

For a more detailed look, which includes thinking about organisational changes, go here :

The next meeting of the full **Advancing Human Rights** issue committee of WILPF US (and its several specific-subjects subcommittees/groups!) will be on **Thursday, October 28 at 5/6/7/8 PM** in the different time zones. Write to AHRchair@wilpfus.org for the registration link and for a list of the AHR active groups and how to connect with them! More subcommittees are welcome, of course.

ELLIE BLUESTEIN-AN AMAZING FORCE OF PEACE 1928-2020

Oct. 9 Memorial Info

Couldn't attend or wish to view again? View the recorded Zoom session [here](#). Passcode: i^!^5!S

[View video tributes to Ellie.](#)