

WHY JOIN WILPF?

Why JOIN **WILPF** instead of any of the myriad of excellent and important charities and organizations constantly asking for your support? Because....



A recent UN Practicum for Advocacy with our Secretary General Madeleine Rees, and our founder, Jane Addams.

WE'RE ALL ABOUT EMPOWERING WOMEN – Because when women organize for change, change is sustainable, practical and effective. We work on a broad array of issues, but always through the lens of women and families and how policy and politics affect them. **“LISTEN TO WOMEN... FOR A CHANGE!”**

- 1) WE'RE IN THIS FOR THE LONG HAUL.** After 100 years, no one can doubt our longevity. Founded by **Jane Addams** of Hull House, WILPF has been connecting human rights and economic justice to the roots of war since 1915. We have a strong and resilient organization that offers activists the support and structure to maximize their effectiveness.
- 2) WE WORK AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TOO** -- We combine National and International action, raising the voices and issues of women across the city and around the world and connecting the dots how international policies and economies built on war affect women and families everywhere. With our **STANDING** at the United Nations, we monitor the actions of that body and hold nations accountable for their actions and inaction. We provide mentoring experiences for women through our UN Practicum for Advocacy and Local 2 Global programs.
- 3) YOUR PRESENCE MEANS MORE AT WILPF.** Putting it quite simply, when you invest time in an organization where there is already vast support, you're just another volunteer. But engaging now, as WILPF stand ready to reimagine itself and recreate itself in the 21st Century, amid so many old and new challenges... well that makes your time and effort so much more meaningful. **Your contribution will ensure the continuation of WILPF. We need you NOW!**



4) **“EVERYTHING WE CHERISH IS UNDER ATTACK.”** - Wendell Berry.

Our very democracy, our human rights and our Constitutional rights are being attacked and diminished. **Our resources** – our water, clean air, our biodiversity, the health of our soil, the life-giving nutrients in our food **-are being threatened and privatized.** Our **“Common Wealth”** is being divided up among a small minority of very wealthy profiteers.

WILPF understands that it’s all connected. None of these attacks are happening in isolation. We’ll never fix them by working on them individually. Our work must be broader to encompass the systemic issues we face. At WILPF we educate, we organize, we make a difference.

5) **NO ONE ELSE IS LIKE WILPF.**

We’re not just a virtual presence.... We’re the ones who show up... at protests, events, we participate and actively support our colleagues and partners.

While lots of other organizations exist to address peace issues and environmental issues, and they do wonderful work, WILPF works at a more deeply engaged community level, building on the resources YOU as members bring to the table. ***Your voices, your hands, your feet on pavements across town and across the country are still our most precious resource.***

6) **WE EMPOWER WOMEN.** We offer leadership, mentoring and provide a safe space for like-minded progressives to work on education and action. Our branches build on our Manifesto and mission to set their own course, based on the unique issues in their community.

7) **UPWARD MOBILITY - We’re Looking for Leaders!** Like so many organizations, we struggle to gather younger and more diverse members. Stay involved and engaged, bring your own ideas, voice and energy. Gain an understanding of our structure and work locally for 2 years. Then bring your expertise to our national leadership team. We want to invest in YOUR work and we offer ways to address your issues within our structure!

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Even if you choose not to be an active member, your dues support our work.

\$35 a year/less than \$3 a month/67 cents a week.