

**World BEYOND War**  
**2019 Annual Report - Summary**

Founded in 2014, World BEYOND War is a global grassroots network advocating for the abolition of the institution of war and its replacement with a just and sustainable peace. Our work debunks the myths that war is inevitable, just, beneficial, or necessary. We propose an alternative global security system based on demilitarization, nonviolence, and a culture of peace.

Our work focuses on 3 pillars: peace education, weapons divestment, and closing military bases. Individuals and organizations in 175 countries worldwide have signed our Declaration of Peace, pledging to advocate nonviolently for the end to all war. Currently, World BEYOND War coordinates 16 chapters in 7 countries and maintains partnerships with 82 affiliates around the world.

2019 was a year of change and growth. We face this new decade equipped with 3 new staff members, Development Director Alex McAdams based in Canada, Education Director Phill Gittins based in the UK, and Technology and Social Media Director Marc Eliot Stein based in the U.S. This year, we're also excited to offer a much-expanded set of educational resources to provide our volunteers, activists, chapter coordinators, and allies with the skills and tools to advocate for the abolition of war. New publications include the completed 365-day Peace Almanac; a new 15-page abridged version of *A Global Security System: An Alternative to War* (AGSS) in 9 languages; an audiobook version of the AGSS; and a fact sheet series on sanctions and the reasons for abolishing war. We also launched a monthly World BEYOND War podcast series, and continued to develop our dynamic online resource "Study War No More" by adding new online lessons. Plus, we released an updated version of our mapping militarism charts, illustrating weapons exports, global military spending, where U.S. troops are stationed, and much more. And we continued to offer our popular War Abolition online courses.

2019 was also marked by 2 big victories. First, World BEYOND War won the 2018-19 Educator's Challenge Award & People's Choice Award offered by the Global Challenges Foundation. Second, we initiated and led the successful campaign to divest the city of Charlottesville, VA from weapons and fossil fuels!

We also hosted two major events in 2019: the No to NATO, Yes to Peace Fest in April to unwelcome the arrival of NATO in Washington, DC for its 70th anniversary, and #NoWar2019, our 4th annual global conference, the first WBW conference in Europe. The #NoWar2019 conference brought together prominent and dedicated experts and activists from more than 10 countries. Featured speakers included Tarak Kauff, Ken Mayers, Laura Hassler, Peadar King, Dave Webb, Hakim Young, and Nobel Peace Laureate Mairead (Corrigan) Maguire, among many others.

For more information about World BEYOND War, read our full annual report available at [worldbeyondwar.org/flyers](http://worldbeyondwar.org/flyers).

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