

REPORT TO THE ABOLITION 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, February 2024 by the WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) was officially established in 1915 following a meeting in The Hague of 1,100 suffragists from warring and neutral nations who worked out a plan to end WWI and lay the basis for a permanent peace. WILPF has continued to work against war and for disarmament from all kinds of weapons since then and now has sections and groups in 45 different countries.

WILPF has been working to eliminate nuclear weapons since they were invented. Reaching Critical Will [<https://reachingcriticalwill.org>] was founded in 1999 to lead WILPF's analysis and advocacy for disarmament at the United Nations. WILPF has many volunteers who work on all aspects of nuclear abolition and the reduction of global military spending and militarism.

Here are the four main themes of the United States Section of WILPF:

- Work for a Nuclear-Free Future by eliminating all nuclear weapons and phasing out nuclear and fossil fuel energy.
- Develop resources to educate the public about the importance of moving the money from weapons and war to carbon-free, nuclear-free energy and other crucial societal needs.
- Encourage diplomacy as the way to deal with conflict, bringing more women to the negotiating table by promoting UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
- Raise consciousness about the need to address the environmental and economic effects of militarism and nuclear weapons, especially on black, indigenous, and low-income communities.

Below is a summary of the US section of WILPF's major actions around nuclear disarmament since the last Abolition 2000 AGM in July 2022, led by the DISARM/End Wars Committee of WILPF US:

- Sent a delegation of six WILPF US members to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) 10<sup>th</sup> review at the UN in August 2022. Wrote a statement to the states' parties to the NPT with CODEPINK: <https://www.codepink.org/nptstatement2022>, and an opinion piece at the close of that review: [https://www.codepink.org/a\\_call\\_for\\_global\\_ratification\\_of\\_the\\_treaty\\_on\\_the\\_prohibition\\_of\\_nuclear\\_weapons](https://www.codepink.org/a_call_for_global_ratification_of_the_treaty_on_the_prohibition_of_nuclear_weapons)
- Our committee worked with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) to develop and promote the [Nuclear Abolition and Conversion Act, H.R. 2775](#). It calls for the US to sign the TPNW as a first step to safely, fairly, verifiably eliminating all nuclear weapons from all countries, and to convert the resources to climate solutions and other pressing human needs.

- Advocate for the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** (TPNW) which often involves actions we want WILPFers and the public to do. For example, to:
  - Sign and circulate the petition to the President and Senators at [bit.ly/wilpfus-bantreatypetition](https://bit.ly/wilpfus-bantreatypetition).
  - Sign and circulate the petition to the House of Representatives at [bit.ly/prop1petition](https://bit.ly/prop1petition)
- Educate the public about the continuing scourge of nuclear weapons, especially those who had seen the Oppenheimer film, by distributing a flyer about them and pertinent bills in the US Congress :  
<https://prop1.org/wilpf/2020/WILPF.FLYER.END.WHOLE.NUCLEAR.ERA.pdf>
- Sent a delegation of three WILPFUS members to the second meeting of states parties to the TPNW where they focused on divesting from nuclear weapons corporations, i.e. those manufacturing nuclear weapons or their delivery vehicles. They are powerful lobbyists for increased nuclear weapons budgets. We can reverse their power by ensuring that our countries, states, cities, banks, universities, and other institutions end any investments they might have in these corporations.
- Educate the public about these corporations by holding demonstrations outside their facilities, see the photo below of a demonstration outside the Lockheed Martin plant in Sunnyvale, California.



- WILPFUS is a charter member of the new [Warheads to Windmills](#) Coalition, which supports peace, climate, and environmental organizations by providing effective action tools for their members. This forum allows for more in-depth discussion on how the climate and nuclear weapons movements can work together to save the planet from these existential threats before it is too late. Several WILPF members took part in a live link-up between the UN 2MSP to the TPNW and the UN climate conference, COP28, which was happening simultaneously in Dubai, on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The discussion was live streamed and [recorded](#).

**WILPF is a membership organization which welcomes new members** regardless of their socio-economic status, nationality, race, or sexual orientation. To join our active US section, which also includes membership in international WILPF, go [here](#), or write to [disarmchair@wilpfus.org](mailto:disarmchair@wilpfus.org).