“War is an international business based on profits and the proliferation of weapons.”
Annie Matundu-Mbambi, President of the WILPF Section in the Democratic Republic of Congo

WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM, WILPF

WILPF is the oldest international, women’s peace organization, with national sections around the world, and international offices in Geneva and New York with several projects including: PeaceWomen (Women, Peace and Security) and Reaching Critical Will (Disarmament).

WILPF has challenged militarism for 97 years! Since our establishment in 1915, WILPF has brought together women from around the world who are united in working for peace by nonviolent means. WILPF leads a movement that emphasizes the links between military expenditure, the arms trade, violent conflict, and the reduction of available resources for social and economic development and the promotion of gender equality.

THE 16 DAYS CAMPAIGN & WILPF

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an annual global campaign from November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women, through December 10, International Human Rights Day. The campaign’s recent focus has been on the intersections of militarism and violence against women, reflecting WILPF’s mission.

In 2011 the WILPF 16 Days Campaign centered around the slogan: “Blow the Whistle to Redefine Security”, with 17 national sections around the world taking part in the campaign. It was an incredibly powerful campaign, from Kinshasa to Geneva to Bogota, WILPF sections successfully organized and participated in a variety of inspiring and strategic activities, all uniting to “challenge militarism and violence against women at home and during conflict.”

We have an ongoing campaign in WILPF called “You get what you pay for” which calls for the reduction of military spending.

YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR! WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?

1 Year of the world’s military expenditures (USD $1,738,000,000,000 in 2011) OR 800 Years of UN regular budget OR 3000 Years of budget for UN Women

Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, WILPF supports the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence 2012 visit: wilpfinternational.org
**ACTION PLAN FOR COMPARING MILITARY SPENDING:**

**STEP 1:** Review the 16 Days Campaign website and Take Action Kit
www.16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu

**STEP 2:** Form a Project Team & Planning Committee

**STEP 3:** Research SIPRI Data
http://www.sipri.org/research/

**STEP 4:** Read WILPF's “You Get What You Pay For”
http://www.peacewomen.org/portal_resources_resource.php?id=528

**STEP 5:** Start your own country or global analysis on Military spending & gender violence

**STEP 6:** Report your findings to WILPF and the Center for Women’s Global Leadership (16 Day Campaign)
Email: inforequest@wilpf.ch

**GET INVOLVED IN WILPF:**

- Join a WILPF Section in your country (or start a section)
- Attend a WILPF Event
- Read WILPF’s “Challenge Militarism” and “Invest in Peace” to be found under resources on http://peacewomen.org/
- Collaborate with WILPF as an NGO partner
- Sign Up to WILPF, PeaceWomen & Reaching Critical Will E-News
- Donate to WILPF and/or projects
- Translate Women, Peace & Security Resolutions into your languages

**MORE RESOURCES:**

WILPF
www.wilpfindernational.org

PeaceWomen (Women, Peace and Security)
www.peacewomen.org

Reaching Critical Will (Disarmament)
www.reachingcriticalwill.org

Center for Women’s Global Leadership
www.16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu

Cost of War Calculator
www.stwr.org/special-features/cost-of-war-calculator.html