

# **WILPF - Nobel Peace Prize Nomination 2020**

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I hereby refer to numerous earlier nominations and propose the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) for the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize. WILPF continues to do outstanding work to promote the new, innovative security thinking Nobel had in mind. To create the law-based international peace order Nobel established «the prize for the champions of peace» working via the peace congresses for demilitarization of international relations and for "creating a brotherhood of nations".

Additionally, people who have been right all the time and worked intensely and with determination on their clear-cut goals command my greater respect than those who did something for a year or two. WILPF is the world's longest-standing women peace organisation.

The creative, broad-spectrum and experienced global work of WILPF is shown at its excellent homepage

<https://www.wilpf.org>

It's immediately clear that there is a fine unity of theory/concepts and policy proposals. There is a broad disarmament program coupled with a more constructive alternative security thinking. And there is an emphasis on women and feminism but no exclusion of men - while women have been excluded systematically from many spheres of even modern society, including defence and security.

<https://www.wilpf.org/our-action/> - and

<https://www.wilpf.org/our-global-programmes/women-peace-and-security/#whatwedo>

## **WILPF's disarmament program**

Total and universal disarmament has been one of WILPF's goals since our start in 1915. Today, the international disarmament work is coordinated through its very well-known *Reaching Critical Will* programme.

Please let me refer to earlier nominations over the years, and to these parts of the WILPF website:

<https://www.wilpf.org/our-global-programmes/women-peace-and-security/>

## **Women, Peace and Security Programme**

It goes without saying that war and conflict affect both men and women's human rights. However, there are particular gendered dimensions to violence that have a disproportionate and differing impact on women.

Though women have been, and are, active agents in peace and reconciliation efforts at all levels, women and gender analysis are regularly excluded from peace-making processes and decisions.

WILPF believes that the exclusion of women, women's rights and gender remains a key impediment to the attainment of sustainable peace and human security, and should no longer be ignored.

That's a point that deserves a global hearing in these male-dominated militarist times where international law is also systematically sidelined together with the UN - of which WILPF has always been a staunch supporter.

WILPF has a very impressive section containing the most important statements it has made. See under publications here:

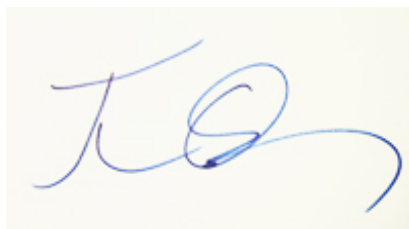
<https://www.wilpf.org/wilpf-publications/>

In 2019 WILPF appealed to candidates for the EU Parliament elections to promote peace and disarmament. That's is of particular important because the EU is now expanding its military/armament dimension of security - in spite of the spirit of the Nobel Peace Prize it has received:

[https://www.wilpf.org/wilpf\\_statements/open-letter-towards-a-peaceful-europe-in-a-peaceful-world/](https://www.wilpf.org/wilpf_statements/open-letter-towards-a-peaceful-europe-in-a-peaceful-world/)

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