

WILPF Europe Conference

29th September – 1st October 2023, Budapest

Venue: Theater Harmadik hely, Bimbó út 37, www.aharmadikhely.hu

Friday, 29th September 2023

- 15:00 **Pre-conference programme:** Historical walk – In the Footsteps of Vilma Glücklich (1872 – 1927): A Journey through Women’s Activism in Hungary. Meeting place: TBC.
- 17:30 **Registration**
- 18:00 **Conference commencement - Welcome address by:**
WILPF Europe Regional Representatives
Representatives of local organizers from Hungary
WILPF President
- 18:30-20:30 **Exchange Session: Hungarian feminist peace activists meet WILPF**
Part I: Insights into the current political landscape in Hungary, by Hungarian activists
Part II: WILPF’s work in Europe and internationally by representatives from WILPF. Q & A
Facilitators: TBC

EVENING (Optional) 20:30 Networking Dinner. Place: TBC.

Saturday, 30th September 2023

- 09:30 - 11:00 **Session 1: Challenge the concepts of militarised security, war, and security narratives rooted in violence¹** Facilitators: WILPF Switzerland.
- Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 13:00 **Session 2: Building peace in Europe**
Facilitators: WILPF Austria.
- Lunch break*
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Session 3: Mobilising for human rights and gender justice**
Facilitators: WILPF Italy.
- Coffee break*
- 16:30 – 18:00 **Session 4: Advocating for human rights of asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants**
Facilitators: WILPF Norway.

EVENING (Optional) 20:00 Networking Dinner. Place: TBC.

Sunday, 01st October 2023

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Session 5: Environmental justice and sustainability in a militaristic world**
Facilitators: WILPF Spain.
- Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Session 6: WILPF cooperation with friends around Europe, in neighbouring regions and contacts with European intergovernmental bodies**
Facilitators: Heidi Meinzolt, WILPF Germany.
- Lunch break*
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Closing Session: Summary, discussion, future planning**
Facilitators: RR’s.

¹ More information about the content of sessions see next page

Content of Sessions based on the WILPF International Programme

[WILPF International Programme \(2022–2025\) - WILPF](#)

Session 1: Challenge the concepts of militarised security, war, and security narratives rooted in violence.

- Monitor and advocate for disarmament, demilitarisation, and denuclearisation, including engagement with relevant treaties. Address emerging technologies of violence and call for accountability in the arms trade.
- Advocate for the dismantling of military alliances and redirect military budgets towards public welfare and planetary requirements.

Facilitators: WILPF Switzerland.

Session 2: Building peace in Europe

- Our vision is a world of feminist, permanent peace built on foundations of freedom, justice, nonviolence, human rights and equality for all.
- Use feminist diplomacy to foster solidarity and dialogue during times of crisis, building networks for peace and justice.
- What should be done to end Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine? How can WILPF as an international Peace organisation influence the peace process? Including discussion of the IS Report and Reflections in Relation to the War in Ukraine.

Facilitators: WILPF Austria.

Session 3: Mobilising for human rights and gender justice

- Challenge patriarchal norms, raise awareness of the impact of the gender power structure on conflicts.
- Advocate for policies, laws and programmes that advance gender justice, human rights and peace; counter the backlash against gender equality.
- Advance feminist political economy analysis to support and frame our calls for social and economic justice.
- Hold corporations to account, resist neoliberal, colonial and neocolonial policies that drive inequalities between people and countries.
- Raise awareness and support for the idea of feminist budgets, the need for food security and the economic autonomy of women.

Facilitators: WILPF Italy.

Session 4: Advocating for human rights of asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants

- Advocate for the rights and protection of internally displaced people, asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants.
- Oppose and strive to eliminate racism – in all its forms- in our work, in our daily lives and within our organisation.

Facilitators: WILPF Norway.

Session 5: Environmental justice and sustainability in a militaristic world

- Recognise the disproportionate impact of the climate and environmental crises on people that have been historically marginalised and the environmental impacts of militarism.
- Promote and advocate for accountability and solutions to the climate and environmental crises.
- Support the communities that are building climate justice and address the conflicts of just energy transition.

Facilitators: WILPF Spain.

Session 6: WILPF cooperation with friends around Europe, in neighbouring regions and contacts to European intergovernmental bodies

- Build bridges, join, and form alliances with like-minded communities, organisations, and movements.
- Explore WILPFs collaboration with intergovernmental bodies such as the European women's lobby, OSCE civil society platform/working group on gender and Council of Europe.
- Impact the European elections 2024.

Facilitators: Heidi Meinzolt, WILPF Germany.