



Blow the Whistle to Redefine Security!

With countries spending enormous amounts of money every year on militarism, it is clear that a shift in priorities is necessary in order to achieve sustainable development, gender equality and peace. **The 2011 Campaign theme is “From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let’s Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women!”**

WILPF encourage all sections and members to take action during the 16 days of activism.

WILPF participation in 2011 Campaign is: **“Blow the Whistle to Redefine Security”**.
WILPF calls for 1. Reduction of military spending, 2. Challenge the profiteers of conflict and 3. Redefining of Security

When: 16 days of activism (25 November – 10 December 2011).

Who: at least 16 WILPF Sections

How: Read about the Themes; Select your Actions; Send information to your branches and members; Ask for support from WILPF Int; Inform WILPF Int about your action; Take Action; Report.

What: This is up to your section! Below are details of proposed actions.

Proposed Action: (Note: One or more of these can be undertaken)

Day 1-5: Whistle blowing in public place against military spending

Suggested to use contact newspapers and use social media such as facebook and twitter to get a larger number of people involved.

Day 5-12: Screening of the Whistleblower film

The screening can be held at universities, independent cinemas etc. (depending on the distribution rights).

Day 12-16:

Seminar on redefining security, the costs of war and the profiteers of conflict

(Universities and associations or often interested to cooperate on these activities and might help with the facility).

Materials for Action:

1. Reduce Military Spending

- WILPF information sheet

<http://16dayscwg.rutgers.edu/2011-campaign/2011-take-action-kit>

- Review the 16 Days Campaign website and Take Action Kit

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- Read WILPFs “You get what you pay for”

http://www.peacewomen.org/portal_resources_resource.php?id=528

- War Calculator

<http://www.stwr.org/special-features/cost-of-war-calculator.html>

- Security what is it?
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yg-ZlrMQJ8>
- Start your own country or global analysis on Military spending & gender violence
- Research SIPRI Data
<http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/production/Top100>

2. Challenge The Profiteers of Conflict

- Show the Movie “The Whistleblower” (if you need help to find the movie please contact your distributors or send an email to whistleblower@wilpf.ch)
- View the interview with Madeleine Rees when she is discussing the movie
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkUpi9mVOKQ>
- Discuss the complex issue of private security firms; traffickers and criminal peacekeepers.
- Do an activity, to support the international boycott, divestment and sanctions for Israel <http://www.whoprofits.org/>. In addition, see WILPF resolution
http://www.wilpfinternational.org/resolutions/2011/resolution_MiddleEast.pdf

We hope you will find the enclosed ideas of action helpful as you plan your events for this year’s 16 Days Campaign. Please remember to submit your activities to whistleblower@wilpf.ch and to the [16 days International Campaign Calendar!](#)

If you have any questions about the planning for the 2011 campaign please contact Karin Friedrich, whistleblower@wilpf.ch.

Thanks for joining the 16 days of Campaign and remember The Campaign will always be what you make of it!

Background:

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is a global campaign originating from the first Women’s Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership (CWGL) at Rutgers University in 1991. Since then, the campaign has run annually from November 25, International Day against Violence against Women, through December 10, International Human Rights Day, to symbolically state that violence against women is a human rights violation.

Militarism is a complex issue to discuss; not only is it a difficult topic involving deep power and financial structures, it can also be a dangerous word to use in some places. We encourage you to adapt the actions below so that they are relevant for your local work. If you do not feel comfortable discussing militarism, military spending you can always frame the campaign around peace, tolerance or redefining security.