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Annual Report 2021

World BEYOND War is a global nonviolent movement to end war and establish a just and sustainable peace. We aim to create awareness of popular support for ending war and to further develop that support. We work to advance the idea of not just preventing or ending any particular war but abolishing the entire institution. We strive to replace a culture of war with one of peace in which nonviolent means of conflict resolution take the place of bloodshed.

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Top 10 of 2021

THIS YEAR'S VICTORIES & HIGHLIGHTS



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Click the graphic to watch our top 10 highlights of 2021.

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Message from David Swanson, Executive Director

Each year is busier than the last. Each section of this report is merely a selection of highlights meant to give an idea of the type of work we've been doing, but nothing approaching a comprehensive survey. A quick glimpse of such highlights is found in our [2021 Top Ten video](#). It touches on our organizing growth with new chapters in five countries, and our increased online activities including our virtual annual conference and our first annual film festival, as well as our nonviolent direct activism against militarism in numerous parts of the world.

Increasingly our dramatic nonviolent actions, such as blocking trucks full of weapons shipments, feed into our educational work and generate growth for our organization. In 2021 we launched a major new program for youth combining education and action. Our divestment campaign had more successes in 2021. After World BEYOND War spoke out, virtually alone, to demand that the U.S. government lift sanctions against the International Criminal Court, it finally did so. World BEYOND War also used the COP26 meeting in Scotland to educate on the environmental damage done by militaries.

The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) became law on January 22, 2021. World BEYOND War and its chapters and affiliates world-wide celebrated this momentous achievement with film screenings, webinars, anti-nuclear billboards, a global petition appeal to the governments of nine nuclear nations, and the creation of a TPNW resource hub.

As discussed below, in 2021 we launched a youth network and an alumni network for graduates of our online courses. We also continued to offer our online courses and supplemented them with ever more frequent [webinars](#), as well as with online weekly [book clubs](#) offered by a new author each month.

We generated [a report](#) in 2021 on military bases around the world that is the acknowledged top source on the subject, and launched a comprehensive online [database of resources](#) of all varieties on war and peace. We presented our first annual [War Abolisher Awards](#).

Moving into 2022, we only get busier!

--David Swanson

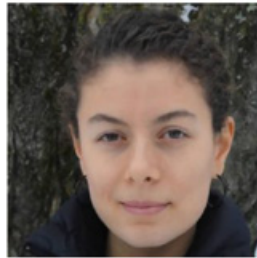
Staff, Board of Directors, Advisory Board

Biographies and photos of all WBW staff, Board, and Advisory Board may be found on our website: worldbeyondwar.org/who

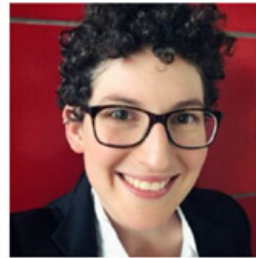
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Greta Zarro
Organizing Director



Rachel Small
Canada Organizer



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Working Teams

In an effort to better engage our Board of Directors with the day to day work that is being done by World BEYOND War, we have set up “Working Teams.” Board members select one or more of the teams of their interest, which are led by staff or board members. The Working Teams are:

Education—led by the Education Director Dr. Phill Gittins

Divestment Campaign—led by the Organizing Director Greta Zarro

No Bases Campaign—led by Board Member Robert Fantina

Fundraising/Development—led by Development Director Alex McAdams

Organizing—Co-led by Organizing Director Greta Zarro and Canada Organizer Rachel Small

Events Calendar—led by Executive Director David Swanson

Webinars—led by Technology Director Marc Eliot Stein

Social Media/Publicity—led by Social Media Coordinator Alessandra Granelli

Analytics—Co-led by Technology Director Marc Eliot Stein and Social Media Coordinator Alessandra Granelli

Board of Directors

Early in 2022, World BEYOND War said farewell and thank you to our wonderful Board President of the past seven years Leah Bolger, and excitedly welcomed as our new Board President a long-time member of our Advisory Board Kathy Kelly.

Leah led World BEYOND War's No Bases campaign, and her background in the peace movement, as well as her experience in the military, and her tireless dedication to dismantling the infrastructure of militarism made it the leading source of information on U.S. bases around the world. Additionally, her leadership within the organization has helped shape World BEYOND War and we will work hard to continue the work that she started.

Kathy Kelly's peace activism has led her to live, at times, in prisons and war zones. She has been an educator for most of her life, but she believes children of war and those who are victims of violence have been her most important teachers. In 2009 and 2010, Kathy was part of two Voices for Creative Nonviolence delegations which visited Pakistan to learn more about the consequences of U.S. drone attacks. From 2010 – 2019, the group organized dozens of delegations to visit Afghanistan, where they continued learning about casualties of U.S. drone attacks. Voices also helped organize protests at U.S. military bases operating weaponized drone attacks.

She is now a co-coordinator of the [Ban Killer Drones campaign](#).



Kathy Kelly
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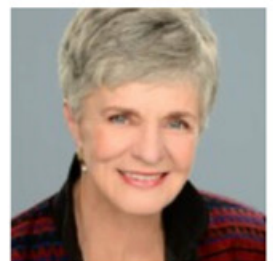
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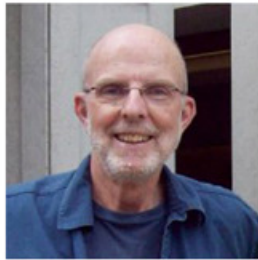
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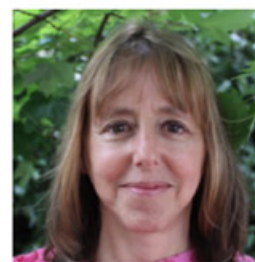
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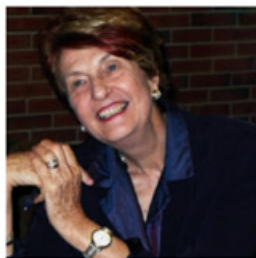
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Coalitions and Partnerships

World BEYOND War is a member of the [Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases](#); the [Divest from the War Machine Coalition](#); the [Global Day Against Military Spending](#); the [International Peace Bureau](#); the [Korea Collaboration Network](#); the [Poor People's Campaign](#); [United for Peace and Justice](#); the [United National Antiwar Coalition](#); the [International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons](#); the [Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space](#); the international network [No to war – no to NATO](#); [Overseas Base Realignment and Closure Coalition](#); [People Over Pentagon](#); [Campaign to End the Selective Service System](#); the [Demilitarize U.S. to Palestine Coalition](#); [Just Recovery Canada](#); [No Fighter Jets Coalition](#); [Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network](#); [Peace Education Network \(PEN\)](#); [Beyond Nuclear](#); [Working Group on Youth, Peace, and Security](#); [Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace](#).

Education Program Highlights

NEW PROGRAMME

PEACE EDUCATION AND ACTION FOR IMPACT

Part I: September 6 – October 16, 2021
Part II: October 17 – December 10, 2021



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rotary action group for peace
peace through service



A new programme launched: Peace Education and Action for Impact

We teamed up with the [Rotary Action Group for Peace](#) to create the “[Peace Education and Action for Impact](#)” (PEAFI) programme. One of the key features of this programme is that it combines both learning and activism or practice. It is designed to equip participants with the most important knowledge and skills for promoting peace and challenging war, with the goal of helping to support the full development of peacebuilders. At the same time, putting knowledge and skills into practice through peace projects enable participants to engage in processes of reflection and action that make a positive impact on people and the planet.

The programme aims at making an impact in five areas:

- One, by helping to better equip young people (and those that work with them) with the knowledge and skills necessary for promoting peace and challenging war.
- Two, by supporting young people (and those that work with them) to use our educational materials/resources to design, implement, monitor, evaluate, and communicate peace projects aimed at addressing one or more of the strategies outlined in the AGSS.
- Three, by facilitating intergenerational and cross-cultural learning and activism by regularly connecting young people and communities with each other and with WBW.
- Four, by contributing to work around global frameworks and policy agendas (SDG's, YPS, Positive Peace, the Sustaining Peace agenda) through local-level peacebuilding efforts.

PEACE EDUCATION & ACTION FOR IMPACT



"I **enjoyed the program** and **learnt a lot from it**. I love the way the program is designed, structured, and delivered. From Part I on Peace Education to Part II on Peace Action, **the contents were well organised, informative, practical, and enriching**.

I highly recommend this program for young peacebuilding practitioners or even for young persons interested in pursuing a career in the peace and development sector."

Stephanie E. Effevottuh, Ph.D. Candidate
Participant: Nigeria Team



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- Five, by serving as a model for others to follow by demonstrating concrete ways of bringing individuals and communities together to engage in processes of participatory learning, mentoring, and activism across youth-adult and north-south divides.
- In 2021, we completed the inaugural program in 12 countries (Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Kenya, Nigeria, Russia, Serbia, South Sudan, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela).

Key achievements 2021:

- Built the capacity of 120 young peacebuilders in Africa, Europe, Latin America and North America, enabling them to acquire fundamental knowledge and skills related to peacebuilding and leadership.
- Trained the first cohort of adult professionals (30+) to act as in-country project coordinators and mentors.
- Coordinated 12 country teams with over 100 hours of guided support to successfully complete more than 15 youth-led peace projects designed to address urgent community needs.

Canada: Conducted interviews and produced a short video on youth homelessness in Canada and how to address it.

Colombia: Implemented ten projects with youth throughout Colombia promoting a vision of Colombia as a multicultural society in a territory of peace. Projects included film screenings, art workshops, urban gardening, and recording a podcast.

Turkey: Held a series of bilingual seminars and discussion groups on building positive peace and using the language of peace

South Sudan: Delivered full-day peace training for south Sudanese urban refugee youth now living in Kenya to develop their skills in community leadership and becoming agents of positive peace

USA: Created a collaborative Album – The Peace Achords – aimed at imparting some of the key strategies toward effecting a more peaceful planet, from exploring the systems at play to how one finds peace with him/herself and others.

Serbia: Conducted surveys and created a pocket guide and newsletter aimed at helping Rotarians to both understand the importance of negative and positive peace and what they need to know and do in order to work towards them.

Russia/Ukraine: Delivered two workshops in Russia and one in Ukraine for elementary schools to enhance relationships and build students' peacebuilding and dialogue capacities.

Nigeria: Conducted surveys to understand public perception around school kidnapping and leverage the results to produce policy briefs to influence policy makers and the general public around community-centred approaches to security and school kidnapping.

Kenya: Facilitated three workshops for over one hundred children, youth and community members to develop their peacebuilding competencies through a combination of education, arts, play, and cultural activities.

Cameroon: Conducted 4 in-person focus groups and an online survey with youth and women to gather their views on impediments to their involvement in the peace process and suggestions for ways that they be included. The report has been shared with participants and governmental and organizational leaders who work with women and youth.

Venezuela: Conducted an online survey of youth living in condominiums in partnership with micondominio.com to explore youth involvement in leadership with the goal of setting up active listening training sessions in 1-2 condominiums to facilitate problem- solving and increase youth involvement.

Online courses

We ran two online courses: “War Abolition 101” and “War and the Environment” which:

- Raised over \$20,000.
- Provided opportunities for over 200 people to build knowledge around war abolition, peace, climate change, and related issues.
- Contributed to the development of new WBW chapters and partnerships.

Alumni Network launched (WBWAN)

We launched the “[World BEYOND War Alumni Network](#)” (WBWAN) in 2021.

The alumni network will:

- provide opportunities for over 500 alumni located all over the world to remain connected.
- enable alumni to expand their professional and personal networks.
- support and facilitate exchange, coordination, and collaboration between alumni, WBW staff, board, chapters, affiliates, and other partners.
- develop initiatives that work toward WBW's mission.

MEET OUR TEAM!



Chiara Anfusa
Italy



Tareq Layha
Syria



Laiba Khan
India



Kasha Slavner
Canada



Manuela Cardona
Colombia



Eliza Wigner
USA



Angelo Cardona
Colombia



Eva Beggiato
Italy



Annika Carracedo
Venezuela



Sayaka Aizchi-Newins
USA



Ines Favier
Argentina



Alejandra Rodriguez
Colombia



Youth Network launched

The “[World BEYOND War Youth Network](#)” (WBWYN) launched in 2021. The WBWYN was created to contribute to WBW’s work by improving our engagement with young people. It was designed with the aim of putting youth at the centre – youth-led and adult-supported.

Book chapter published: Co-authored with members of the WBWYN

We contributed a chapter “[Flipping the Script: Youth Perspectives on Peace and War from Five Continents](#)”. This was the culmination of more than 9 months of collaborative work. The chapter was developed to help feature five members of the WBWYN who were invited to be co-authors. The book chapter is featured in a new book ([available free in full as PDF](#)) – “Problems, Threats and Challenges for Peace and Conflict Resolution.”

A new pilot launched, aimed at facilitating WBW-university collaborations

We created a new pilot initiative, aimed at engaging universities in our work. Specifically, we worked with [Adelphi University](#) and their [Innovation Center](#) as part of the 'Introduction to Peace Studies' course. The students studied aspects of World BEYOND War's [A Global Security System: An Alternative to War](#) and created four deliverables/outputs that might be used by WBW. This included: a 4th grade curriculum; a high school curriculum; an effort around Interreligious peace-building; and nonviolent resistance.

Book chapter with Cambridge Scholars Press

WBW Education Director Phill Gittins co-authored a book chapter "Between Globalization and Decolonization: Reflections on Contemporary Peace Education in Bolivia." The book will be published in early 2022, in a book series (Peace Studies: Edges and Innovations) with Cambridge Scholars Press. The chapters will be posted on the 'Education for Global Peace' website.



A new peace education pilot launched: Training around dialogue and peace

We created a new project, with partners in the UK and Serbia, that had three main phases.

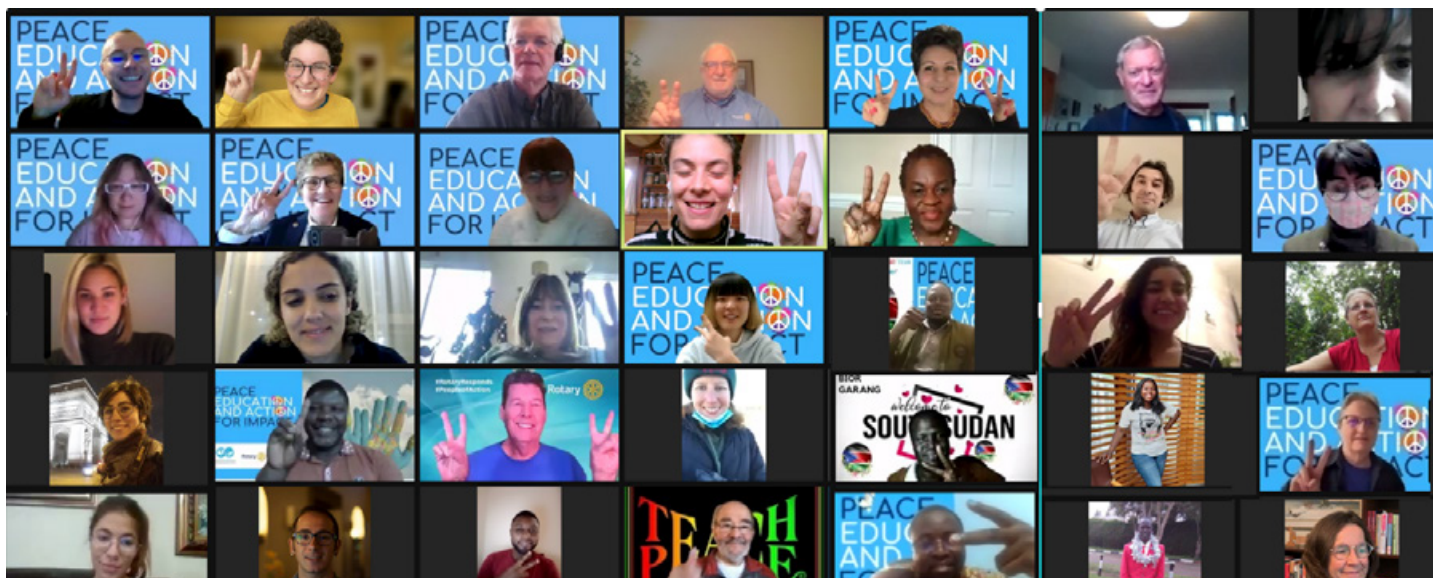
SURVEYS: Young people will share their ideas on what they think they need to learn to become better prepared to promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue for peace.

WORKSHOPS: Two-day workshops for up to 20 young people in Shropshire (England, UK) and Belgrade (Serbia) addressing the theory and practice of dialogue and peace. Workshops were held at the University Centre Shrewsbury in the UK - engaging young people from the UK, Spain, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon - and Megatrend University in Serbia, engaging young leaders from different parts of Serbia.

VIRTUAL GATHERING: Bringing all the participants together to share knowledge and engage in new dialogues for the purposes of strengthening international links and enhancing understanding, and discussing context-specific peace and security issues.

Mapping Peace Education

We contributed to the “[Mapping Peace Education](#)” project. Led by the Global Campaign for Peace Education, the MPE is an open-access, online resource for peace education researchers, donors, practitioners, and policy-makers who are looking for data on formal and non-formal peace education efforts in countries around the world to develop contextually relevant and evidence-based peace education to transform conflict, war, and violence. We mapped peace education/peace efforts in Bolivia.



Our Shared World Coalition

[Our Shared World](#) is a coalition of 100+ organisations (e.g., universities, schools, NGOs, think tanks) and allied individuals across England working to advance Sustainable Development Goal 4.7. In addition to being part of the ‘[Action Learning Working Group](#)’, Phill contributed to the coalition’s youth engagement work as Co-Chair.

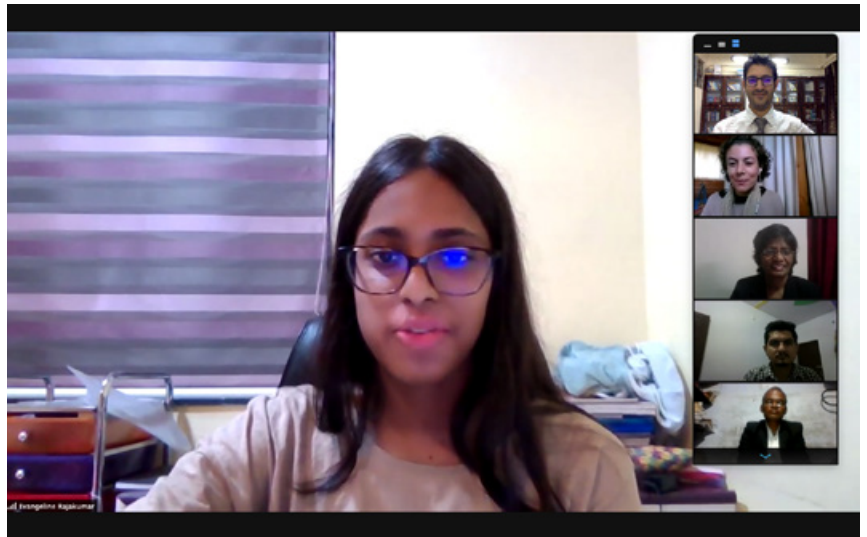


Organizing Around the World

As a decentralized online-based network with remote staff and extensive experience with digital tools, we continued to expand our role as a go-to hub for remote digital organizing support for other anti-war and pro-peace organizations worldwide throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic, our expertise in webinar hosting and digital organizing continued to serve as an important asset for movement-building, as many actions throughout 2021 remained fully virtual. We leveraged our skills and resources to amplify the work of others during this time, offering the use of our 1000-person Zoom meeting room, providing Zoom technical support for webinars, hosting online petitions and actions through our Action Network account, and providing free website design and hosting. We built websites for organizations and networks, including the newly launched [Demilitarize U.S. to Palestine Network](#), among others. We expanded our events listings as a centralized resource for posting and finding virtual and in-person anti-war/pro-peace events around the world. We hosted [40+ webinars](#) in partnership with other organizations on topics such as sanctions, war's environmental footprint, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the Saudi-led war on Yemen, drones, and much more. Thousands of people have participated in these online sessions.

Chapters & Affiliates

2021 was a year of growth! We launched new chapters in Afghanistan, Chile, India, Italy, and, in Canada, in Steinbach and Montréal, bringing our total to 22 chapters in 12 chapters with many more chapters in development, with a particular focus in Africa. Throughout the year, we hosted a series of skill-building trainings for chapter organizers on how to organize and run a webinar, Twitter 101 for activists, graphic design, and fundraising. We also added 5 new affiliates in 2021: Ukrainian Pacifist Movement, Veterans For Peace Chapter 106 North Texas, CODEPINK Greater Dallas, Dallas Peace and Justice Center, and NYC Rising Together!, bringing our total to 94 affiliates.



Snapshots from chapters around the world:



Asturias, Spain: The Asturias chapter collaborated with 23 other organizations to develop and participate in presentations at the International Peace Bureau Congress in Barcelona, Spain, and at the People's Summit, which ran parallel to the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland. Chapter coordinator Tim Pluta represented World BEYOND War at the COP26 counter-protest events, calling for the inclusion of military emissions in climate agreements, and was featured on the [WBW podcast](#) discussing his experience at COP26.

Berlin, Germany: The chapter participated in numerous marches, rallies, and events throughout the year, including the Luxemburg/Liebke demonstration, the Easter Peace Event, weekly vigils under the motto "United Front for Latin America" and "Hands Off Venezuela," Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day, and many more. Excitingly, the chapter, along with Attac Berlin, the German Peace Council, Roger Waters, and other sponsors, organized a billboard



campaign with the message “Nukes are now illegal! Now get them out of Germany” in honor of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entering into force. Thirty large billboards were posted in Berlin, and the chapter organized 4 public events and put up posters throughout the city to raise awareness for the campaign. In November, the chapter participated in a meeting of the European sections of the World Peace Council in Portugal where the “Nukes are now illegal” campaign was presented.



Bioregión Aconcagua, Chile: The Bioregión Aconcagua chapter participated in various activities throughout 2021, including promoting peace poles and advocating for the city of Valparaíso to be declared a City of Peace according to the “International Cities of Peace” procedures. In November, chapter coordinator Juan Pablo Lazo spoke at the national commission of the Convención Consti-



tucional about an emerging global consciousness that transcends national borders in pursuit of peace, a growing movement for a world beyond war.

California, United States: The California chapter ran a monthly Peace Studies Book Club on the first Thursday of the month and a speaker series on the third Thursday of each month throughout the year. The series has featured prominent speakers such as: Carley Towne, national co-director for CODEPINK; Paul K. Chappell, peace educator and founder of Peace Literacy Institute; George Lakey, respected peace activist, scholar, and author; Barbara Muller, president of the Rotary E-Club of World Peace; Jules Vaquera, membership coordinator for Veterans For Peace; and David Swanson, founder and director of World BEYOND War. Additionally, the chapter launched a fundraising campaign to put up billboards in California featuring one simple message: “3% of the U.S. military budget could end starvation on Earth.”

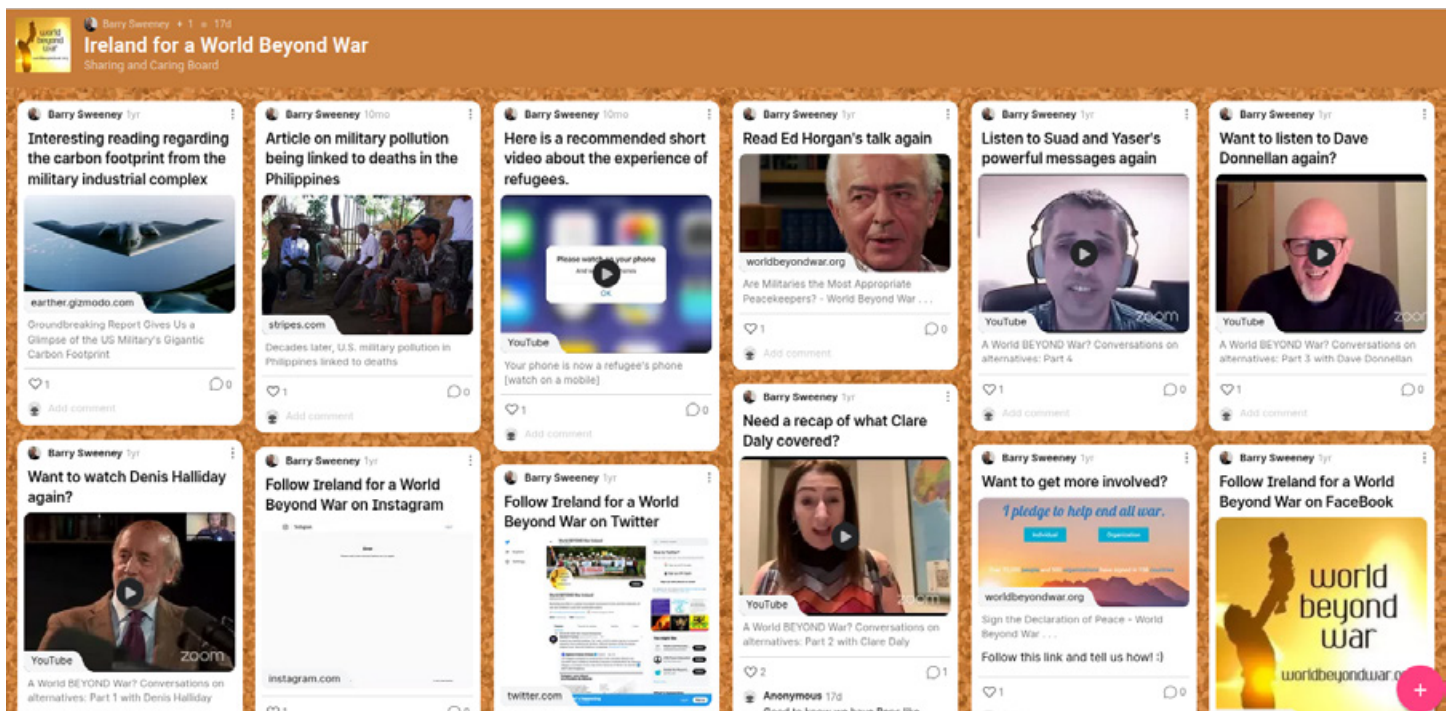


Cameroon: Established in November 2020, Cameroon for a World BEYOND War (CWBW) worked in 2021 in a challenging security context, due to armed conflicts in three regions of the country that significantly affected the other seven regions. To ensure the security of its members and to work with various actors to seek peaceful solutions to conflicts, CWBW has been lobbying the national administrative authorities to work within the appropriate legal framework. As a result, CWBW was legalized on November 11, 2021 and has built a network of local partners in six regions of the country. As part of the disarmament programme, CWBW was involved in two national campaigns: the first on legislation on Autonomous Lethal Weapon Systems (Killer Robots), and the second on

the mobilization of national actors around the process of signing and ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by Cameroon. Another priority was capacity building of youth, in partnership with WILPF Cameroon. 10 youth from 5 organizations, with 6 mentors, were trained on the 14-week Peace Education and Action for Impact programme, at the end of which research was conducted on the barriers to women and youth participation in peace processes in Cameroon. The chapter also trained 90 youth through its workshops on leadership, violence prevention, and the use of social networks to build peace and reduce hate speech.

Central Florida, United States: The continuing presence of COVID-19 restricted the chapter to online events. Together with the local Veterans For Peace chapter, Central Florida for a World BEYOND War sponsored an event focused on war's environmental impact. Chapter coordinator Al Mytty provided a variety of presentations to local and other Florida-based groups including a Rotary Club, the local Democrats Club, the Political Discussion group, and a college class at Barry University. This year, the chapter also initiated a weekly news item entitled "Did You Know?" that includes a factoid about war and militarism.

Fairfield, Connecticut, United States: In 2021, the chapter participated in several demonstrations, including flyering at the Mother's Day rally and march in Norwalk, CT and putting out 20 yard signs for the International Day of Peace. The chapter also sponsored the Hudson West Folk Festival on behalf of World BEYOND War, an event which attracted over 200 participants. Chapter coordinator John Miksad tabled throughout the festival and presented a workshop on peace activism. John also had four op-eds syndicated by numerous outlets.



Ireland: Ireland for a World BEYOND War kicked off 2021 with a series of 5 webinars which put Ireland's actions under the spotlight. They were well attended with around 100 people coming to each event, and many more have since watched the videos on YouTube. In the spring, the chapter participated in a public call for submissions from the government on how Ireland should use its military budget. The chapter submitted a paper urging that the military budget be redirected to de-escalation training and mediation. In commemoration of its first year as a chapter, Ireland for a World BEYOND War published its [own annual report](#), full of powerful essays, poetry, and reflections on being part of the World BEYOND War movement.



Montréal, Canada: Within just a month of launching, the chapter participated in multiple events, including a vigil for the victims of war on Remembrance Day, a No Fighter Jets rally, and a demonstration of support for the Wet'suwet'en peoples. The chapter penned a [statement of solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en land defense](#) and gained media attention for its involvement with the #WetsuwetenStrong protest.

New Zealand: 2021 was another busy year with lots of campaigns, film screenings, webinars, workshops, and numerous speaking engagements. The year started with a celebration of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons hosted by the Minister of Disarmament, Phil Twyford, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade at Auckland University in January. That was followed by a trip to the South Island to attend the annual Waihopai Spy Base protest at Blenheim and ac-



companying workshops. In tandem with local Quaker groups, the chapter hosted screenings of the film ‘Soldiers Without Guns’ in Blenheim, Christchurch, and Nelson, and two virtual screenings. Chapter coordinator Liz Remmerswaal recorded twelve 30-minute interviews for the Radio Kidnappers show ‘Peace Witness’ featuring national and international peace activists, including Leah Bolger, President of World BEYOND War; Nils Melzer, UN Rapporteur on Torture; Margie Pectorious, Wage Peace Australia; Murray Horton, Campaign Against Foreign Control of Aotearoa; journalist/filmmaker

John Pilger; and Jodie Evans, Co-founder CODEPINK. The chapter also organized an installation of 43 Peace Poles in the Hastings Civic Square, in conjunction with the local council, Rotary, tangata whenua (tribe), and the multicultural association.

Pivot2Peace, South Georgian Bay, Canada: The South Georgian Bay (SGB) Chapter for World BEYOND War worked on three fronts in 2021: actions within Canada, projects within the Rotary organization worldwide, and work for the Peace Education and Action for Impact collaborative effort between Rotary Action Group for Peace and World BEYOND War. Twice a month, every month, chapter members picketed outside their local MPP’s office to protest Canada’s planned \$19 billion purchase of fighter jets. They also attended and participated in various actions coordinated through the Canada-wide Peace and Justice Network, including protesting the Lockheed Martin sponsored airshow at the Canadian National Exhibition. On September 21, International Peace Day, the chapter set up posters in downtown Collingwood, handed out pamphlets, and invited passersby to sign (in a COVID safe way) WBW’s Peace Pledge. Chapter coordinator Helen Peacock wrote a resolution asking Rotary International (RI) to endorse the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and she then advocated for the resolution worldwide. She gave over 20 Zoom presentations, from Australia to Russia, from India to the United States, from audiences of 20 attendees to audiences of 300. In the process, she connected with thousands of Rotarians. YouTube videos of the presentations were posted online and viewed by many more, and support within Rotary Clubs and Districts for RI to endorse the TPNW increased by 50%.

Wanfried, Germany: In 2021, the chapter continued renovations on the International Peace Factory in Wanfried, which will serve as a physical space for hosting peace conferences, workshops, and educational camps and housing peace activists. Additionally, the chapter hosted many webinars, with particular focus on the conflicts in the Middle East. The chapter’s newest project, “Fix Our Countries,” brings together people from different countries to report on specific political, educational, and economic problems that prevent stable peace in their countries. By reporting and discussing possible solutions, the campaign fosters international solidarity and innovative thinking that can help solve problems across countries.





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33 COUNTRIES



445

REGISTRANTS



50+ SPEAKERS

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Events

#NoWar2021 Virtual Conference: From Weapons Fairs to War Zones: Unraveling the War Ma- chine (June 4-6, 2021)

From Weapons Fairs to War Zones, our #NoWar2021 virtual conference examined the far-reaching impacts of war, attracting hundreds of attendees from 33 different countries, including 55 speakers, 76 endorsing organizations, and 29 sponsors. The innovative use of the new “Hopin” platform allowed for a robust virtual conference experience, complete with one-on-one and small group networking, virtual expo booths, breakout rooms, and main stage panels. Panels, discussion groups, workshops, and trainings covered a range of topics, such as: how to shut down a weapons expo, weapons in space, the global arms trade, war’s environmental footprint, divestment, digital storytelling, nonviolent civil resistance, and more. Recordings and event resources are housed at: nowar2021.worldbeyondwar.org.

“Terrific selection of entertainment and speakers. Not one I saw was a letdown.”

“The #NoWar2021 conference was amazing. I can’t even imagine the amount of coordination that was needed for it. Thank you for all of your work.”

“Thanks for organizing the marathon symposium! That was a tremendous effort and very important and useful.”

“Again, thanks to you and all the organizers for putting on such a well-run, educational event! Greta and Rachel are in my list of “new favorite people” for making us feel so safe navigating the technology!!!”



1st Annual Virtual Film Festival

In celebration of the International Day of Peace in September, we organized our first annual virtual film festival! The festival featured 2 short films and 2 full-length documentaries covering a multitude of themes, from colonial violence in Canada (Invasion) and military base pollution in Washington State (Plane Truths), to a coup d'état in Haiti (Haiti Betrayed) and nonviolent peace-keeping in Bougainville (Soldiers Without Guns). Each film screening included an exclusive Q&A with the directors and/or other special guests to explore the topics covered in the films and how to take action. The festival raised \$2,750 for World BEYOND War, with 160 tickets sold on a sliding scale.

Organizing in Canada

In 2021 World BEYOND War expanded our leadership and presence within antiwar organizing across Canada as we hosted dozens of events, from webinars to rallies to actions, online and in-person, and worked with allies across the country (and globally) on a variety of campaigns, coalitions, and networks.

We got dozens of major press hits on local, national, and international outlets, especially through coverage of the direct actions we carried out through the year. These included TV interviews ([Democracy Now](#), [CBC](#), [CTV news](#)), radio and podcast appearances ([Global morning show](#), [Darts and Letters](#)) and print coverage ([CBC](#), [CTV](#), [Haaretz](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [London Free Press](#), [Journal de Montréal](#), [Common Dreams](#), [Now Toronto](#)).

Two of our major campaigns in 2021 included:

#CanadaStopArmingSaudi campaign

In solidarity with the people of Yemen suffering under nearly seven years of brutal war, we organized to stop Canada's role in fueling the violence and sending billions in arms yearly.

In 2021 we:

- Coordinated the creation of a new #CanadaStopArmingSaudi coalition
- Launched a new [parliamentary petition](#)
- Launched an [open letter](#) calling on the Trudeau government to cancel arms exports to Saudi



Arabia and for the first time naming 28 Canadian companies involved in this arms trade. 68 organizations signed on representing over a million people and it was delivered in-person to a dozen MP offices and the companies named in the letter.

- Met with two Liberal members of Parliament (the governing party) to advocate for cancellation of arms contracts
- Held a webinar and phone-your-member-of-Parliament action titled [Why is Canada Arming Saudi Arabia's War in Yemen?](#)
- Planned and carried out several high-profile direct actions to amplify the campaign (see Direct Action section below)

No Fighter Jets campaign

In 2021 the No Fighter Jets campaign really took off and gained public recognition in Canada as we organized to stop Canada's planned purchase of 88 new warplanes, most likely Lockheed Martin's F-35s. Some of the key roles we played included:

- Created and publicly launched a campaign site, nofighterjets.ca and social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#))
- Published a [report](#) "Uncovering the True Cost of 88 New Fighter Jets"
- Coordinated the [Fast to Stop the Jets](#), in which over a hundred people across Canada fasted to stop the planned jet purchase and bring public attention to the devastation these warplanes would cause

- Launched a “corrected” Lockheed Martin ad through paid placements in Canadian media and social media to respond to the company’s F-35 advertising and lobbying efforts
- Organized a [protest](#) at the Toronto air show (where the F35 was flying).
- Held and coordinated [country-wide days of action](#) at the end of November.

Other coalitional work:

Supported Canada-wide organizing, and created a Canadian online hub in the lead up to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons coming into effect on January 22, 2021:

worldbeyondwar.org/122canada/

Launched and coordinated the [Canada-wide Peace and Justice Network](#), bringing together dozens of antiwar groups across the country. Led the network in putting out an [antiwar election platform](#).

Webinars

In 2021 we hosted, co-organized and were featured on dozens of Canadian webinars, covering a range of topics from the threat of nuclear weapons and fighter jets, to climate change and strategies for resistance, to Canada’s role in arming Saudi Arabia and causing violence in Palestine. Here’s a snapshot of some of them:



Non-violent direct actions

- In 2021 we carried out several high-profile direct actions to interrupt the war machine and ramp up our pressure on decision-makers. We also trained people across Canada on civil disobedience and direct action techniques.
- On January 25, as part of the World Says No to War on Yemen Global Day of Action we [blocked trucks](#) at a company in Hamilton, Ontario that ships Light Armored Vehicles (small tanks) en route to Saudi Arabia and garnered international media coverage in the process. We also supported allies in Halifax in protesting outside the Raytheon facility on the same day.

- On March 5 we organized a [banner drop](#) over the CN railway tracks to condemn their role in shipping arms to Saudi Arabia. That same week we supported groups across the country in [delivering an open letter](#) highlighting all of the companies complicit in the arms trade to various targets.
- On March 26 we held [a railway blockade](#) in London near GDLS (the company producing LAVs for Saudi Arabia).
- On May 21 we made international headlines when we [covered the steps of the Israeli consulate in Toronto](#) with a “river of blood” to highlight Canadian complicity in the violence being carried out through ongoing bombings in Gaza.
- On August 9 we worked with allies to coordinate a day of action on the anniversary of the bombing of a school bus in Yemen, including protests in 4 cities. In London, Ontario tank tracks were painted up to the doors of weapons companies, the CEO of GDLS’ house, and politicians’ offices. We also hosted [a protest at Lockheed Martin’s facility](#) in Halifax.
- In November our Canada Organizer, Rachel Small, spent two weeks at the [frontline struggle](#) on Wet’suwet’en territory where Indigenous leaders are [defending their territory](#) while confronting militarized colonial violence.
- On November 19 we organized a Wet’suwet’en solidarity rally, march and action in Toronto, [taking over a pipeline company’s headquarters](#) and pasting up a giant trespass notice.



Billboards Project

- In January-February 2021, we had billboards [go up](#) in Berlin, Germany, and around Puget Sound in Washington State, U.S.
- In May 2021, we had [New Billboards in Germany and Ads in Canada Take on Nukes and Lockheed Martin](#).
- In September 2021, we put up new billboards [in Germany](#).

The full history of our billboards project is [online](#).

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Divest from the War Machine

The [Divestment Campaign](#) is headed up by Organizing Director, Greta Zarro. World BEYOND War & CODEPINK co-manage decentralized, distributed organizing campaigns across the U.S. under the umbrella of the Divest from the War Machine Coalition. The goal of these campaigns is individual, institutional, and governmental divestment from weapons manufacturers, military contractors, and war profiteers. We facilitate the creation of city-specific “Divest Coalitions” to carry out localized divestment strategies, providing remote support to activists to run campaigns in their communities. Excitingly, this year, World BEYOND War and allies in Burlington, Vermont successfully divested the city from weapons. We are also currently co-organizing Divest Coalitions in Philadelphia, Richmond, VA, Corvallis, and Chicago, to advance municipal-level weapons divestment. As a result of a multi-year effort in Chicago, the coalition’s divestment resolution was successfully introduced in the City Council and currently has 9 co-sponsors.

No Bases Campaign

The [No Bases Campaign](#) in 2021 was headed up by then-Board President Leah Bolger.

Research Project

The highlight of 2021 was the completion of a major research project conducted by post-graduate student Patterson Deppen, with contributions from Dr. David Vine, author of Base Nation, and Leah Bolger, WBW Board President. World BEYOND War funded the 5-month research project whose purpose was to survey all U.S. Foreign Military Bases, and create a database with the following data points: Country (total number of base sites), Base site name, Opening date, Government type, Number of personnel, Geographic size, Military construction funding, Significant

environmental damage, and Evidence of recent or ongoing in-country resistance. Our research showed a total of 752 U.S. military bases in 80 countries—at least three times as many as all the other countries combined, and almost three times as many as all U.S. embassies, consulates and missions. The report was published by World BEYOND War, under the title [Drawdown: Improving U.S. and Global Security Through Military Base Closures Abroad](#), and simultaneously by the Quincy Institute and American University, and received wide acclaim. It is now considered the preeminent resource of its kind and has been cited by experts. Patterson’s article “[America’s Global Imperial Footprint](#)” was published by The Nation, Tom Dispatch, and Common Dreams among others. Another article, written by Pat and WBW volunteer, Brad Wolf, “[Boots Off the Ground](#),” was published by The Progressive. The database will be continuously changing as bases close down and spring up, and as we gather more and more evidence of the damaging effects of these bases.

Congress

World BEYOND War initiated an [open letter](#) from the Overseas Base Realignment and Closure Coalition (OBRACC), “Transpartisan Letter to President Biden on the U.S. Global Posture Review and Closing Military Bases Abroad to Improve National and International Security,” which outlines 9 reasons to close the bases.

Okinawa

The catastrophic plans for the new base in Henoko continue, despite cost overruns of more than \$5 billion (total now projected to be \$12+ billion), engineering infeasibility, and massive resistance by the local and Indigenous people. In January, Okinawan Governor, Danny Tamaki, wrote a letter to the newly elected U.S. President Biden citing these and many more reasons the Henoko project should be closed. WBW drafted a letter of support of Governor Tamaki and the people of Okinawa, which gathered the signatures of well over 100 organizations. A [video](#) was made by WBW Executive Director David Swanson and Japanese activist Hideko Otake in English and Japanese in front of the White House and the Japanese Embassy to show our solidarity with the Okinawan people.

Tambrau

The Indigenous people of Tambrau, West Papua, are campaigning against the Indonesian government’s plans to build a military base on their native lands. The base (KODIM 1810) is being called a military base, yet there has never been an armed resistance, armed groups or major conflicts that have disturbed the peace in Tambrau. It is believed that the real purpose of KODIM 1810 is to protect private mining interests in the area. The government has never met with the Tambrau people, who lack basic services like roads and clean water. WBW worked with the Tambrau Youth Intellectual Forum for Peace (FIMTCD) to raise awareness by hosting a letter-writing campaign that garnered thousands of signatures, and a fundraising campaign to support a community conference for Indigenous leaders.

Sinjajevina

The nearly 2000 people who have lived in the Sinjajevina region of Montenegro for hundreds of years are opposing the construction of a NATO base in their ancestral land. They have been successful so far, in part due to a massive occupation of the land and refusal to be dispersed by the

government of Montenegro. World BEYOND War invited the Save Sinjajevina Movement to present a panel at the WBW annual conference #NoWar2021 which generated much interest, and led to our inclusion in follow-on strategic planning with the movement leadership. The Save Sinjajevina Movement was the recipient of the first annual WBW War Abolisher Award which also brought attention to their cause. WBW initiated, and has maintained an international letter writing campaign and we continue to be engaged in long-range strategic planning. Current plans include sending a small delegation to the Montenegrin capital of Podgorica to meet with government officials, and to accompany the delivery of thousands of petition signatures. We are also planning to livestream a portion of our annual conference, #NoWar2022, from Sinjajevina in July 2022.

Presentations/Webinars/Articles

World BEYOND War organized a very well attended [webinar](#) entitled “Taps for America’s Empire of Bases? Reducing the U.S. Global Footprint,” which was hosted by the Quincy Institute. The panel featured Christine Ahn, the Executive Director of Women Cross DMZ, Dr. David Vine, author of *Base Nation*, and *The United States of War*, and John Glaser, the Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Cato Institute. The panel was moderated by Andrew Bacevich, the President of the Quincy Institute.

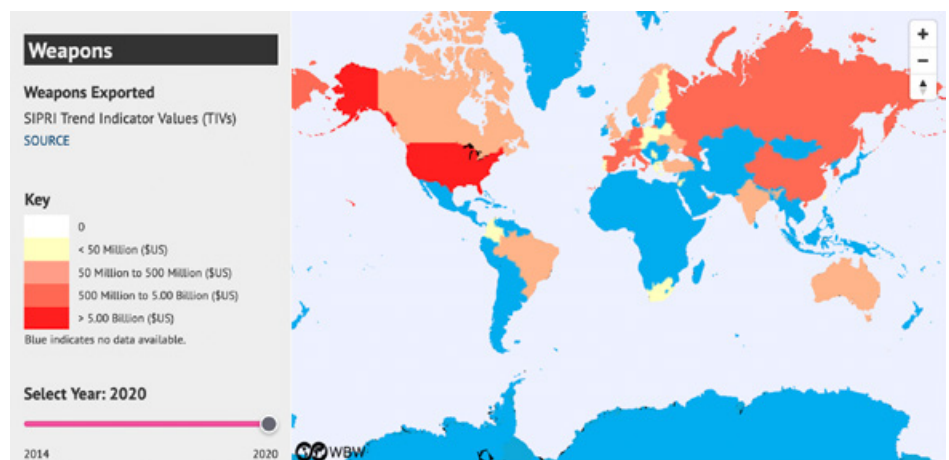
Media and Technology

Website

After rebuilding our website’s front-end with a bold and exciting new design in 2020, we spent much of 2021 focusing on our website’s back-end and technical foundations, scalability, and performance. As our organization grows more visible and active, we need to strengthen our infrastructure to keep our performance fast and keep up with occasional traffic spikes. Marc Eliot Stein is leading a task force with David Swanson and Greta Zarro to evaluate our options and make decisions about our future platform. Our WordPress website runs on a traditional LAMP stack, and we have already added a new high-capacity secondary server using NGINX to supplement our primary website. We plan to increase our usage of this high-capacity technology going forward, and expect to successfully address many of our concerns about website performance in 2022.

Mapping Software

In 2021, we rebuilt and re-launched Mapping Militarism, an extensive and information-rich feature on our website, with new mapping software from Mapbox, the free and open source Mapbox GL JS library. We also began using Mapbox maps on other parts of our website, and will be continuing to use our custom maps to enhance our website in as many ways as we can.



Database Features

Along with our new mapping software, we also rolled out several other Javascript-based database applications, custom-built for WBW, such as our new Resources Database, a unique presentation that points to the types of advanced services we can continue to deliver for our readers and for the global antiwar movement. This one-of-a-kind searchable database contains over 1,000 entries on anti-war/pro-peace books, articles, powerpoints, flyers, reports, fact sheets, and more.

Podcast

Our monthly interview podcast, hosted by staff member Marc Eliot Stein, continues to provide a unique look at the life stories, motivations and ideas of individual peace activists and associates of World BEYOND War. Each of our episodes gets hundreds of listens, and we look for new ways to attract more listeners to these personal activist stories. Highlighting our organization's global reach, in 2021 we featured voices from India, Cameroon, Germany, Montenegro, Japan, Spain, Jordan, Ireland, USA, Canada, and the UK. The episodes are available for free at: worldbeyondwar.org/podcast

Social Media

2021 marked a year of growth for World BEYOND War social media channels.

Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram continued to grow in terms of followers, impressions - with data even more robust than the previous year.

For reference: Impressions represents the number of times the content was displayed. Reach is the total number of people who see the content.

Followers

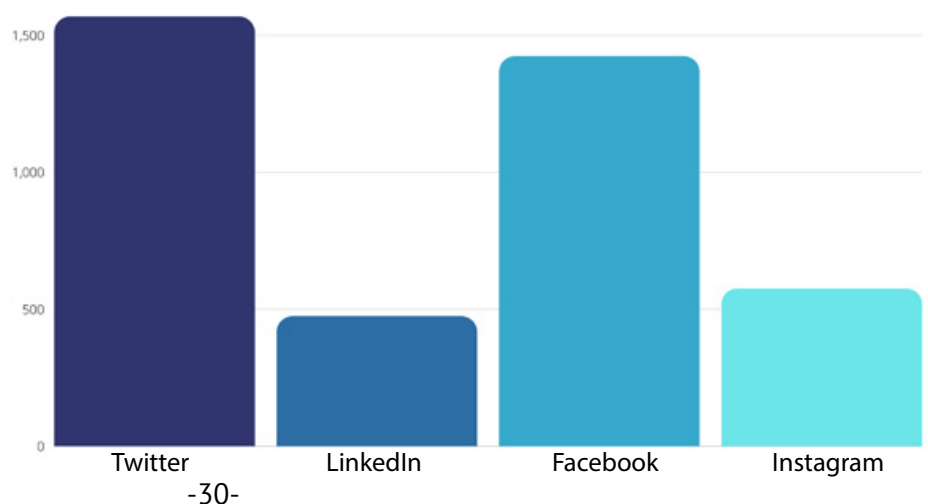
Twitter got over 1500 new followers, followed by Facebook (1423 new followers), Instagram (575 new followers), and LinkedIn (474 new followers).

On Twitter, we reached the first 10,000 followers and on LinkedIn the first 500 followers (we had started with only a few dozen on LinkedIn).

Among the new top Twitter followers are:

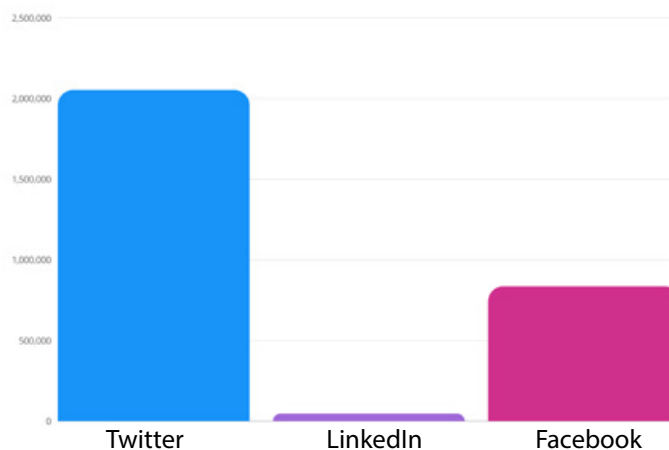
- Mark Ruffalo: twitter.com/MarkRuffalo
- Stella Moris: twitter.com/StellaMoris1
- Rob Pyne: twitter.com/RobJPyne
- AlterNet: twitter.com/AlterNet
- Nonprofit Quarterly: twitter.com/npquarterly
- Jim MacMillan: twitter.com/JimMacMillan

NEW FOLLOWERS



- Kevin Gosztola: twitter.com/kgosztola
- Ben See: twitter.com/ClimateBen
- Moms #climateaction Now!: twitter.com/CleanAirMoms
- Nnamdi Obasi: twitter.com/NnamdiObasi
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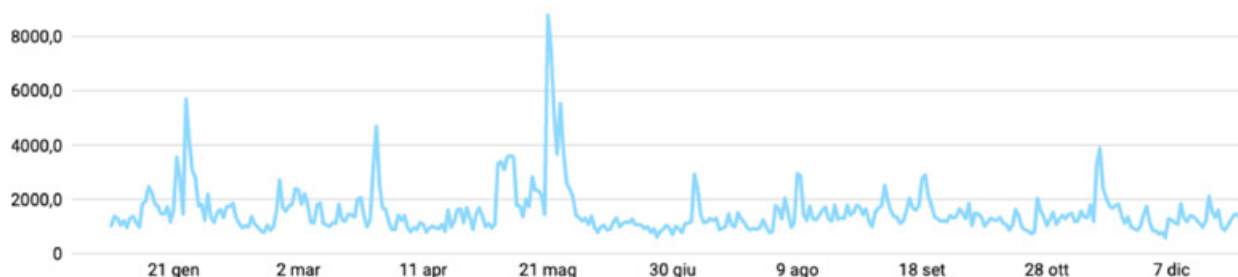
NEW IMPRESSIONS



Impressions

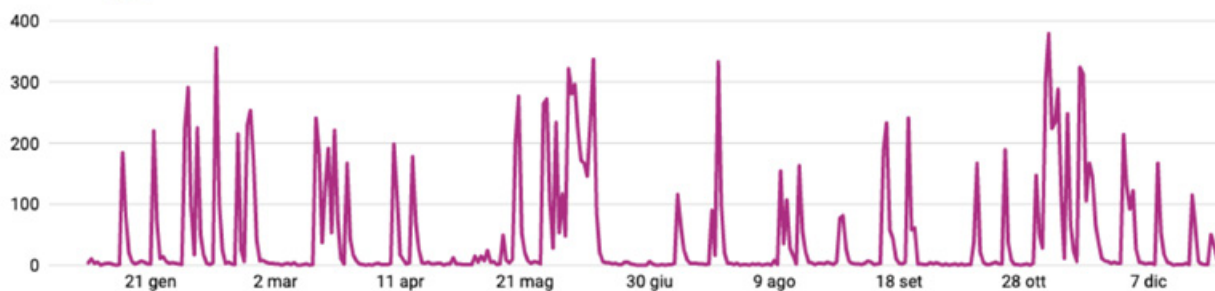
On Twitter we got over 2 million impressions, followed by Facebook (835,153) and LinkedIn (46,468).

183.044 ↑ 51.3% **REACH - FACEBOOK**



REACH - INSTAGRAM

3319 ↑ 68.6%



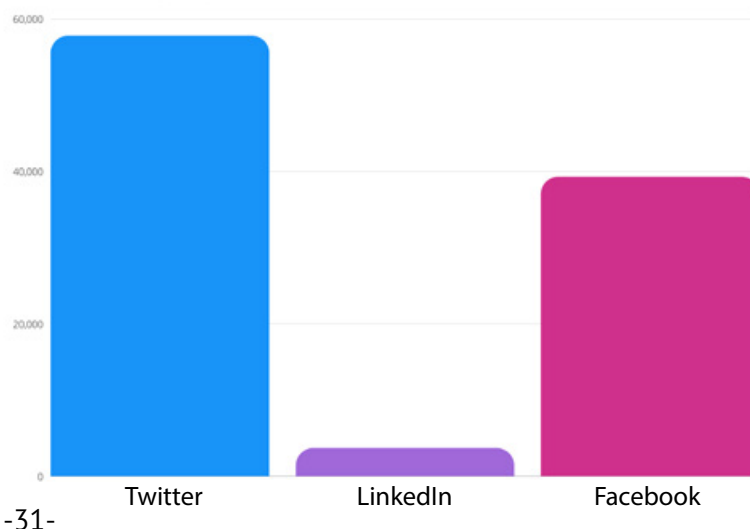
Reach

Instagram analytics page doesn't provide us with the impressions statistics, only with the reach. You can see the graphic below: the Instagram reach was 3319 (+68,6% compared with the previous year). Facebook reach was 183.044 (+51.3% compared with the previous year).

Engagement

The engagement, which includes all clicks on the content published, was also positive. Twitter leads (57,830), followed by Facebook (39,308) and LinkedIn (3,700).

NEW ENGAGEMENT



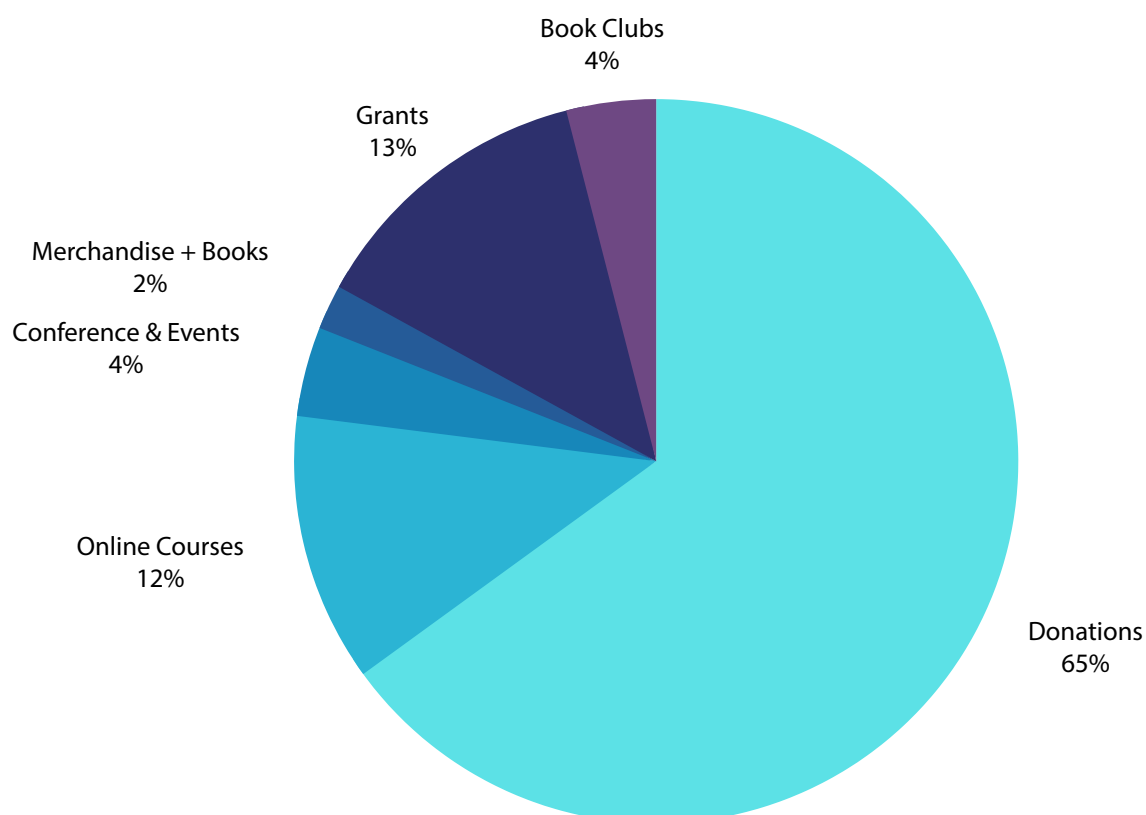
Development

After an incredibly challenging but successful 2020, we had hoped that 2021 would bring great strides in the world—both in terms of the pandemic and shifting our global reliance on war and militarism—and with it, an influx of revenue and opportunities to grow. However, 2021 proved to be another difficult year for WBW with some decrease in individual donations and fewer institutional funding opportunities. Despite this, towards the end of the year, we put out a call to our incredible base, and were stunned and touched by the response we received. Not only did we secure a major donation contribution of \$100,000 to catapult us to financial stability, but we welcomed new donors into our organization and received repeat gifts from others. We were overwhelmed by the donors' generosity and it is in large part because of them that we've been able to continue working to abolish war.

In 2021, we also took the risky but very exciting step to go out on our own and attain our charitable status. This means that in October we ended our relationship with our fiscal sponsor, Alliance for Global Justice, and became our own sovereign organization. This was thanks to Peaceworkers, which gifted us their EIN when they closed shop. We hope this will have a tremendous impact on our financial positioning as we'll be saving 7% of our donations and contributions that otherwise would have gone to our fiscal sponsor. We are also in the process of obtaining this status in Canada and have opened a Canadian bank account and incorporated. This means we have also started collecting Canadian donations, all of which will soon be tax deductible for Canadian donors.

Our total annual revenue for 2021 was \$420,852.

2021 Income



In 2021, World BEYOND War was the proud recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the Jubitz Family Foundation, a \$10,000 grant from the VT Community Foundation, a \$10,000 grant from Voices for Creative Nonviolence, a \$1,500 grant from Home Rule Globally, and a \$30,000 from Arc of Justice—in addition to some incredibly generous major donations. We received a \$100,000 contribution from a long-standing WBW supporter and a \$15,000 matching donation which allowed us to significantly increase our recurring donor base.

With sustainable and on-going support from foundations, World BEYOND War is able to more clearly project revenue for upcoming years. This is critical to expanding global programs and strategic efforts for abolishing war.

The majority of World BEYOND War's income is from individual donations which was upwards of \$271,500.55 in 2021. We launched our Peace Pod recurring donor group which offers inside access to WBW and ended the year with 235 active recurring donors bringing in \$4,308.36 a month (though 9 of these are quarterly donors totaling \$550).

In addition to individual donations and institutional grants, additional revenue came from conference registrations and sponsorships (\$12,567), events including the film festival, and peace awards (\$2,603), monthly book clubs of which we did 10 in 2021 (\$17,108), online courses including the Peace Education and Action for Impact program (\$50,255), and merchandise (\$10,319).*

World BEYOND War is extremely grateful to every volunteer and donor particularly this past year. Although we don't have room to thank them all, and many prefer to be anonymous, we greatly appreciate the support of all our supporters.

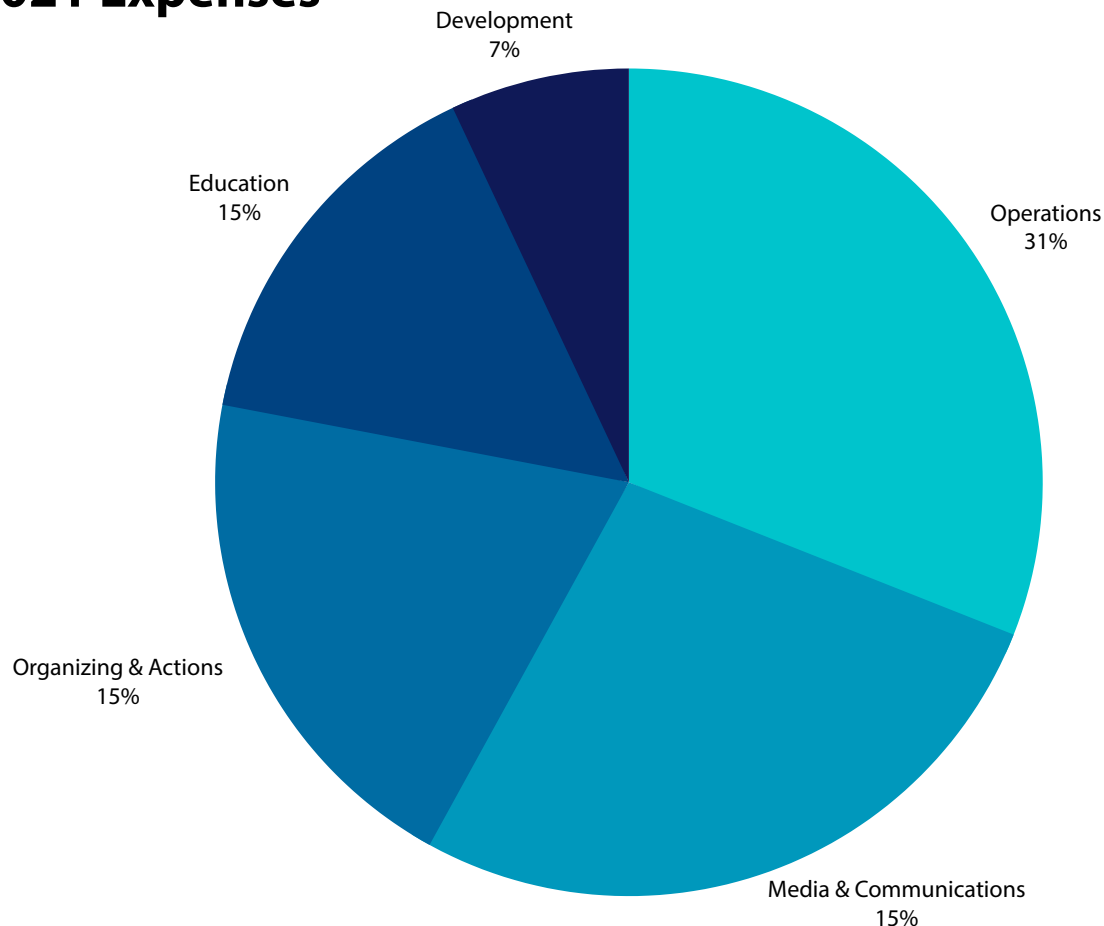
In 2021 we were supported by VT Community Foundation, Home Rule Globally, Jubitz Family Foundation, James R. and Mary Jane Barrett Foundation, Arc of Justice, Voices for Creative Nonviolence, Alms Committee of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Helen Alexander, Robert Barkley, Medea Benjamin, Amy Blumenshine and Michael Troutman, Barbara Briggs-Letson, Stephen Clemens, Carol Crossed, Charles and Mary Crossed Foundation, Betty Jean and John Corry, Winifred Ereyi, Christopher Fite, Gabriela Iaz, Robert Jehn, Zorica Jestrovic, Charles and Angeliki V. Keil, Kathy Kelly, Kit Kitterage, Robin Lloyd, Wayne Martinson, Robert McKechnie, William McLaughlin, Krishen and Geeta Mehta, John Melrose, Arthur Milholland, John Miksad, Josh Mitteldorf, Thomas Muller and Rebecca Fisher, John Reuwer and Laurie Gagne, Helen Peacock, Daniel Riehl, Deb Sawyer, Peter Selby, Walter Singer, Eugenia Schuler, Shau Sumar, John Vechey, David Walsh, Donnal Walter, Roger Waters, Nancy Weaver, Paddy Welles, and many others.

Our total expenses for 2021 were \$311,821, almost 80% of which was for employee compensation. We currently have seven staff members plus a bookkeeper. Though this is far and away our biggest expense, unlike most non-profit organizations, all of the staff work remotely so we have no office expenses. Our exceptional staff is the reason why WBW continues to grow.

In addition to costs related to specific activist campaigns, we typically use our conference along with our recently launched Film Festival and monthly book clubs as fundraisers as well. These, along with other programs like online courses and our new Peace Education and Action for Impact program help offset some of the overall expenses. Additionally, Our No Bases campaign is led by WBW Board President, Leah Bolger, who volunteers her time which helps keep those project expenses minimal.

In addition to personnel expenses, in 2021 \$27,135 was spent on technology and digital tools, \$14,481 on fees related to our fiscal sponsorship, \$3,000 on billboards, and \$15,872 on operational and administrative costs.*

2021 Expenses



Our pie chart has broken down these costs into specific activities related to staff time and other expenses, including Operations (which, while a large portion of our expenses, is the bulk of overhead costs related to administering our programs and supporting staff as well as all administrative expenses and supplies, finance and bookkeeping, and digital tools and software including costs related to key tools used across the organization like Action Network), Media & Communications (which includes all content development, social media, promotional materials, our website, and related technology and tools including production of the pod-cast), Organizing & Activism (which includes chapters, Billboards, the Divestment campaign, the No Bases campaign, the #NoWar Conference and other events), Education (including the Peace Education and Action for Impact program as well as all online courses), and Development (all fundraising efforts).

**Some of these numbers are estimates as we finalize and reconcile year-end records.*