

WORLD **BEYOND** WAR.org  
a global movement to end all wars

**Annual Report 2022**

# **World BEYOND War is a global nonviolent movement to end war and establish a just and sustainable peace.**

World BEYOND War was founded on January 1st, 2014, when co-founders David Hartsough and David Swanson set out to create a global movement to abolish the institution of war itself, not just the “war of the day.” If war is ever to be abolished, then it must be taken off the table as a viable option. Just as there is no such thing as “good” or necessary slavery, there is no such thing as a “good” or necessary war. Both institutions are abhorrent and never acceptable, no matter the circumstances. So, if we can’t use war to resolve international conflicts, what can we do? Finding a way to transition to a global security system that is supported by international law, diplomacy, collaboration, and human rights, and defending those things with nonviolent action rather than the threat of violence, is the heart of WBW. Our work includes education that dispels myths, like “War is natural” or “We have always had war,” and shows people not only that war should be abolished, but also that it actually can be. Our work includes all variety of nonviolent activism that moves the world in the direction of ending all war.

## **World BEYOND War**

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# Message from David Swanson, Executive Director

In 2022, World BEYOND War continued to grow, generating more educational and activist events and activities than ever before. People have signed our Declaration of Peace and become involved in 193 countries, as have 816 organizations. We have formed 22 local chapters as well as partnered with 97 affiliates. The flood of online and in-person workshops, courses, demonstrations, protests, and festivals described below does not look like it could have been produced by 7 staff people -- and it wasn't; we are primarily a network of volunteers dedicated to the cause for which we were created in 2014, the ending of all wars and the establishing of a just and sustainable peace.

World BEYOND War opposes particular wars -- all sides of particular wars -- but focuses on moving our culture and our structures and resources away from support for the institution of war and preparations for war. Instead, we work to develop and implement peaceful alternatives to the use of organized violence as a means of addressing international conflict. As part of this work, we develop a global community, and use our global connections to strengthen local campaigns against bases or weapons or in support of the more ethical investment of resources.

Military spending and war propaganda are on the rise. Wars, and all of their terrible consequences, including the risk of nuclear apocalypse, are on the rise. Our efforts are against this trend. And our efforts are highly successful on the scale they've reached. We survey people before and after lectures, workshops, and debates. Consistently they move dramatically in the direction of agreeing with us that war can never be justified. We hear from people about how we've transformed their worldview. We simply need to reach a lot more people.





At World BEYOND War, we use education and we use nonviolent activism, but there's no clear separation between the two. We educate about the power and tactics of activism. We do activism to educate the public on topics and viewpoints not otherwise heard. We use our books, videos, website, and interviews both to inform and to mobilize.

As we continue to grow, we are able to take on a greater number of particular projects, such as [preventing](#) the creation of a base in Montenegro or [ending](#) violence in Southern Ethiopia. As we hire more organizers, we are able to form more chapters to advance our work. But 2022, with televisions and websites filled with such volumes of skillfully produced media in support of one side or the other of the war in Ukraine, showed us how far we have to go and how critical it is that we develop independent communications systems and independent thinkers.

Our website has developed into a vast resource of wisdom, information, and activism tools. I encourage you to explore it in depth, to sign the [Declaration of Peace](#) if you have not, and to contact us with your concerns and ideas.

Peace!



# Staff, Board of Directors, Advisory Board

World BEYOND War's staff, board, and advisory board continued to grow and to become more representative of the globe. We now have seven paid staff members, while also funding part-time researchers or assistants as needed. Our unpaid board and advisory board, and our chapter organizers and other volunteers contribute mightily to our accomplishments. One board member, John Reuwer, serves as our treasurer and was able to find an accountant to work for us *pro bono*. Our fundraising in 2022 has allowed us to advertise for a new position, that of Latin America Organizer.

For much of 2022 our Canada Organizer was on parental leave, and we hired a stellar substitute, Maya Garfinkel.

Biographies of all WBW staff, Board, and Advisory Board can be found on our website: <https://worldbeyondwar.org/who>

## Staff

World BEYOND War has a dedicated and growing staff:



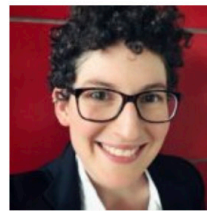
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Executive Director



**Greta Zarro**

Organizing Director



**Rachel Small**

Canada Organizer



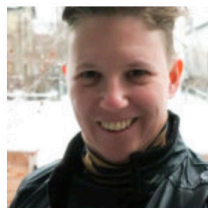
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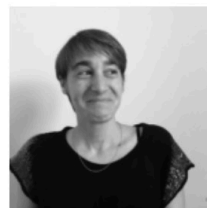
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Technology Director



**Alex McAdams**

Development Director



**Alessandra Granelli**

Social Media Manager



## Board of Directors

World BEYOND War is run by a volunteer Board of Directors:



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President



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**John Reuwer**

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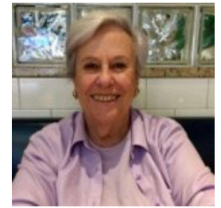
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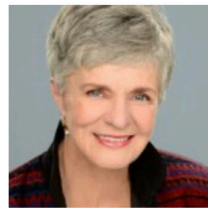
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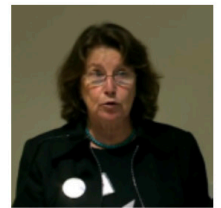
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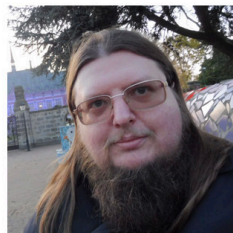
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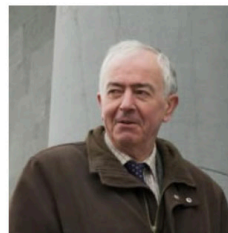
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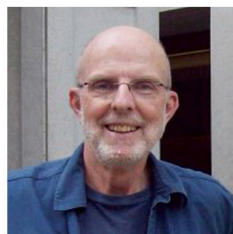
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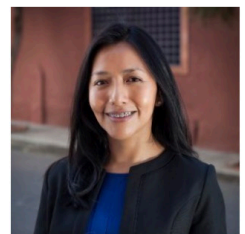
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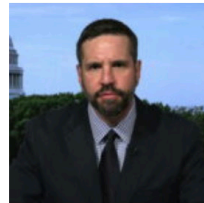
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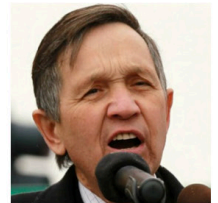
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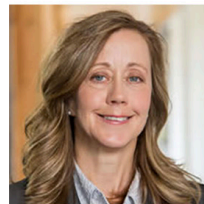
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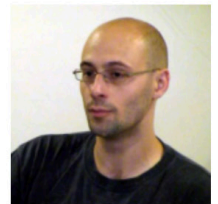
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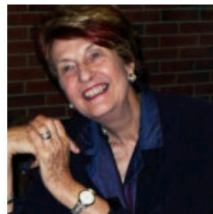
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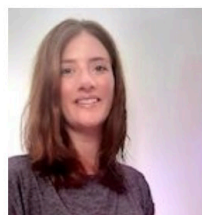
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## Coalitions and Partnerships

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; [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](#), [WE.net](#), [Abolition 2000](#), [War Industry Resisters Network](#), Groups Against Arms Fairs.

WBW frequently partners with allied peace and justice organizations such as the International Peace Bureau, Rotary Action Group for Peace, Roots Action, CodePink, Veterans For Peace, and many others.





## Educating Around the World

World BEYOND War's staff, board members, and volunteers, led by Education Director Phill Gittins, expanded our educational work in 2022, increasing our reach with online courses, in-person trainings, talks, media appearances, and media production.



We hosted more than two dozen webinars, reaching tens of thousands of people. Our educational events covered a range of topics, from the intersection of war & the environment, to first-hand observations from the war in Ukraine, to lively debates over whether war can ever be justified. The year's highlights included a special webinar with well-known musician-activist Roger Waters, a screening and discussion of the film *The Singing Revolution*, and a 24-hour webinar, the "Global Peace Wave," with participation from all time zones, in partnership with the International Peace Bureau. Our videos on [YouTube](#) racked up 70,380 views in 2022.



We hosted an online [book club](#) with the author each month for four weekly sessions. We published our fourth book, a memoir called [Standin' in a Hard Rain](#). Our staff, board members and speakers bureau members gave many dozens of talks and presentations, online and off, on topics including peace, security, war abolition, conflict transformation, non-violent communication and action, climate change, and the role of young people in such issues. Gittins did in-person education events in Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Portugal, and Montenegro.

We produced new videos, graphics, flyers, and social media content, and added more items to our [resources database](#). We released a new annual update of our [Mapping Militarism](#) report, a database of information about current wars, military spending, military "aid," and peace treaties around the world, as well as an exciting [new mapping tool](#) for military bases (discussed with the No Bases campaign below).

## Podcast

We released a new episode of our interview podcast “[World BEYOND War: A New Podcast](#)” each month, and in 2022, our Technology Director Marc Eliot Stein spoke with guests from Ukraine, Nigeria, Germany, Canada, Hungary, New Zealand, Australia, Venezuela, and Colombia on topics ranging from the looming war between Russia and Ukraine (which we covered a month before the invasion) to settler-colonialism in Kashmir and Palestine to the cultural impact of blockchain technology. Our podcast is aimed for a general audience with a human interest focus, emphasizing the personal life stories and struggles of dedicated antiwar activists. We’ve now had a total of more than 13,000 episode downloads, and we encourage listeners to browse our growing back catalog of episodes.

## Online courses

WBW’s education work helped over 500 activists, educators, and students from over 30 countries to strengthen their capacities in issues related to war, security, peace, and climate change: they ended our courses with new knowledge, new dialogues, new connections, and new perspectives. This was achieved through five 6-week, [online courses](#):

- War and the Environment: Jan 17 - Feb 27
- War Abolition 101: Apr 18 - May 29
- Leaving WWII Behind: June 19 – July 31
- Ending War 101: For Rotarians on How to Create a Peaceful World: Aug 1 – Sep 11
- War Abolition 201: Oct 10 – Nov 20

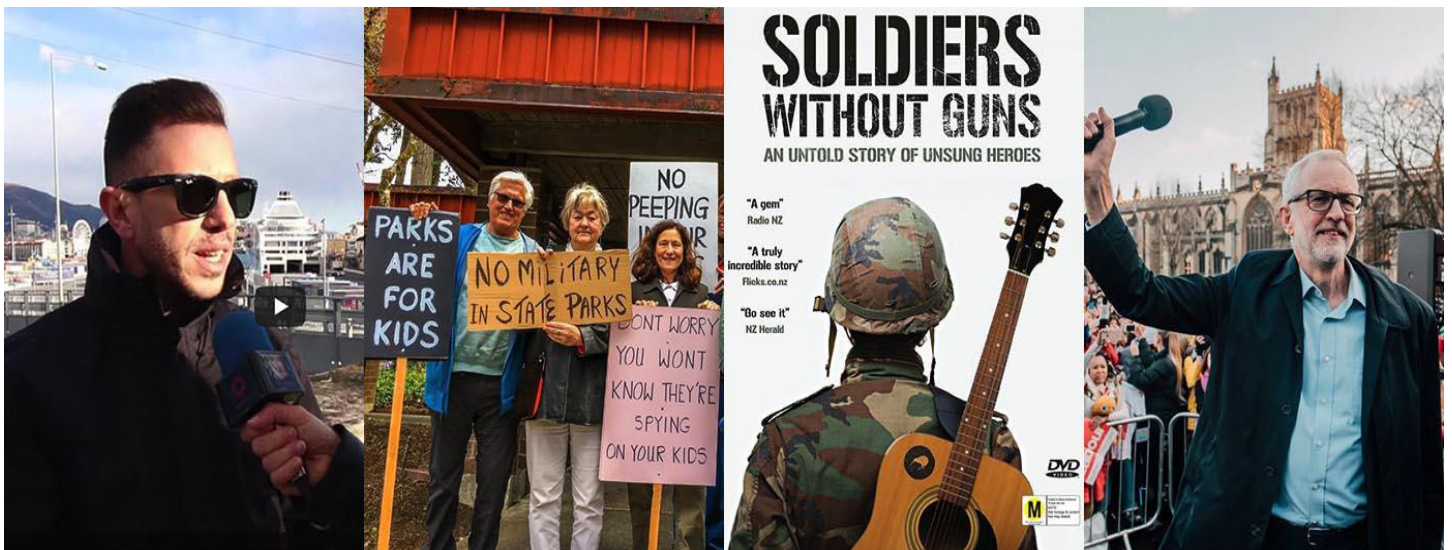
These courses raised \$36,425. We also developed plans for a 2023 expansion of our 2021-debuted educational and activism course, [Peace Education and Action for Impact](#), and guided new activists through our free [Organizing 101 training](#).





## Ukraine

During 2022 much of the world's media heavily supported one side or the other of a war in Ukraine. World BEYOND War [took the opportunity](#) to educate people on the need to find [alternatives](#) to the entire institution of war. Our board member Yurii Sheliashenko in Kiev gained international media attention with his pacifist message in the midst of war. A caravan for peace including WBW board member John Reuwer reached Kiev in October. Reuwer led the development of a [proposal](#) to nonviolently protect a nuclear power plant in Ukraine. World BEYOND War worked with other organizations to begin the mobilization of a growing movement to insist on a ceasefire, negotiations, and the creation of a sustainable and just solution.



## Annual War Abolisher Awards

2022 was the second year of our War Abolisher Awards. The Whidbey Environmental Action Network (WEAN), based on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound, was awarded the Organizational War Abolisher of 2022 award. The Individual War Abolisher of 2022 award went to New Zealand filmmaker William Watson in recognition of his film *Soldiers Without Guns: An Untold Story of Unsung Kiwi Heroes*. The Lifetime Organizational War Abolisher Award of 2022 was presented to Collettivo Autonomo Lavoratori Portuali (CALP) and Unione Sindacale di Base Lavoro Privato (USB) in recognition of the blocking of weapons shipments by Italian dock workers, who have blocked shipments to a number of wars in recent years. The David Hartsough Lifetime Individual War Abolisher of 2022 Award was presented to Jeremy Corbyn.

[Watch the award ceremony in English and Italian here.](#)



# WATER & WAR

A virtual film festival exploring the intersections of militarism and water, survival and resistance



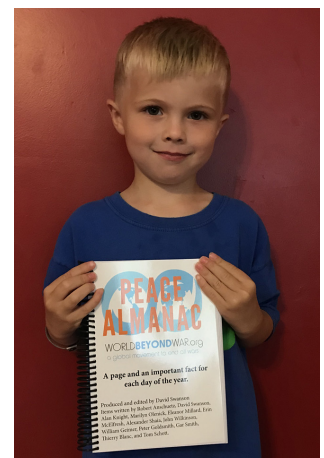
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## Water & War Virtual Film Festival

World BEYOND War's second annual virtual film festival took place in March 2022. The unique theme of "Water & War" explored the intersection of militarism & water, survival & resistance, in the lead-up to World Water Day on March 22. Films covered the issue of PFAS pollution on a military base in Michigan (*No Defense*), the infamous Red Hill fuel leak in Hawai'i poisoning groundwater (*A Battle for Water in Hawai'i*), Syrian war refugees fleeing violent conflict by boat to Europe (*The Crossing*), and the story of the assassination of Honduran Indigenous water activist Berta Cáceres (*Berta Didn't Die, She Multiplied!*). 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 \$4,975 for World BEYOND War, with 150 tickets sold on a sliding scale.

Throughout the year, World BEYOND War organizes local actions to inform others of the history of particular dates and holidays, such as [Armistice/Remembrance Day](#) and the International Day of Peace, drawing on the information found in our [Peace Almanac](#).





## #NoWar2022 Conference

World BEYOND War hosted #NoWar2022: Resistance & Regeneration, a virtual global conference from July 8-10, 2022. Hosted through the new Zoom Events platform, #NoWar2022 facilitated international solidarity by bringing together nearly 300 attendees and speakers from 22 different countries. #NoWar2022 explored the question: “As we resist the institution of war worldwide, from crippling sanctions and military occupations to the network of military bases that encircle the globe, how can we simultaneously ‘regenerate,’ building the alternative world that we want to see based on nonviolence and a culture of peace?”

Throughout three days of panels, workshops, and discussion sessions, #NoWar2022 highlighted unique stories of change-making, both big and small, around the world, that challenge the structural causes of war & militarism while, at the same time, concretely creating an alternative system based on a just and sustainable peace.

#NoWar2022 was organized in partnership with the Save Sinjajevina campaign in Montenegro, which aims to block a NATO military training ground & preserve the Balkans’ biggest mountain grassland. Save Sinjajevina representatives Zoomed in to the virtual conference and there were opportunities to support the in-person actions happening in Montenegro during the week of the conference.

The #NoWar2022 hashtag on Twitter had an incredible reach of over 1 million and the conference was featured on various podcasts and radio shows, in a *Common Dreams* op-ed, a *Santa Cruz Sentinel* interview, and a *Canadian Dimension* interview, which were widely shared.





## Billboards Project

We used billboards in 2022 to help prevent the destruction of mountains for a military training ground, to oppose a new war, to shock and inform people about military spending, and to celebrate peace. We popularized an image of two soldiers hugging that had been removed from a wall in Australia following an outcry from war supporters. We created a guerilla-style Lockheed Martin ad in Toronto, Canada (see page 36 below).

- In July 2022, we put up [a billboard in Montenegro](#).
- In September 2022, we put [a mobile billboard in Washington, D.C.](#)
- In October 2022, we put up a [billboard in California](#).
- In Nov. - Dec. 2022, we put up [big ads in the Metro train system](#) in Washington, D.C.

## Gear

In our [online shop](#), in addition to books, we sell scarves, shirts, hats, and other gear, more to spread the word and build the movement than for the funds raised.





## Educational Workshops

WBW's Education Director Phill Gittins designed and delivered in-person workshops to strengthen the peacebuilding and war abolition capacities of over 200 professionals and students. This work, in turn, helped to improve WBW's engagement with young people. This included work in Austria, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, and UK.

Austria: [Training for Young People](#)

Bolivia:

- La Salle University lecture on “Ethics and Peace,” for law students.
- Training for NGO and peacebuilding professionals in Potosi on peacebuilding and conflict transformation.
- Training for teachers: Co-created and led a three-module professional development programme for over 70 teachers.
- Training for psychologists: Designed and co-facilitated a three-module professional development and mentorship programme to support trainee psychologists and psychotherapists.

Bosnia & Herzegovina: International Summer School Sarajevo for 20 young leaders from 17 different countries on “the role of young people in promoting peace and challenging war.”

Montenegro: [Youth Summit for Young People from the Balkans](#)

Serbia and the UK: Training for Young People from the UK, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon.



Online educational workshops included several for people in Kenya and Nigeria including a ‘train-the-trainer’ peace and conflict module, supporting community leaders in Kenya to deliver workshops to 100 participants in slums and rural areas.

## **Research, Scholarship, and Partnership Development**

WBW’s Education Director contributed to research and other scholarly outputs, including being interviewed for a report by the Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego, and by a researcher at the University of Budapest, as well as writing a blog post for a newly established Peace Education Working Group at the Institute of Education, and co-authoring [a report](#) with Adelphi University on our experiences of creating and delivering a new model of peace education. We also developed partnerships and collaborations with organizations including the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, United 4 Change Center & Peace First, Rotary, the Bolivian Catholic University, and the National Chamber of Commerce - Bolivia, with which WBW has supported the creation of a national committee on a Culture of Peace.



## Activism Around the World

As a decentralized online-based network with remote staff and extensive experience with digital tools, we continued to serve as a hub for digital organizing support for other anti-war and pro-peace organizations worldwide. We leveraged our skills and resources to amplify the work of partners around the globe, hosting online petitions and actions through our Action Network account, offering the use of our 1000-person Zoom meeting room, and providing Zoom technical support for events. For example, we hosted the Nuclear Resister's [200th issue celebration event](#) and we offered a Facebook 101 training for the War Industry Resisters Network. We built websites for organizations and networks, including for the upcoming [Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal](#).

Our own campaigns frequently made use of [online actions and petitions](#), sometimes in collaboration with others. We also began using Action Network to allow our local chapters to develop their own online actions.

“How enlightening it was to have Rachel and Greta guide us in how to use Facebook as a strategic tool in our activist repertoire. Even for those of us who use this platform all the time, there was a lot of useful information about how to improve our messaging and outreach. And what a pleasure to have such warm, knowledgeable, and responsive instructors. We are so grateful to have a generous and expert ally like World BEYOND War on our side.”

- Ken Jones, War Industry Resisters Network (WIRN)





## Global Mobilization to #StopLockheedMartin



Leveraging our worldwide reach, World BEYOND War was a core organizer in the Global Mobilization to #StopLockheedMartin, a powerful international week of action taking on the world's biggest weapons dealer. Endorsed by nearly 100 organizations around the world, the week of protest from April 21-28 included 20+ creative actions around the

world, including in Australia, Canada, Colombia, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, the UK, and the U.S., and garnered international media attention. As part of the week of action, activists in the U.S. delivered a petition with over 5,000 signatures to Lockheed Martin's headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland during its (virtual) annual general meeting, calling on Lockheed to begin work on conversion to non-deadly industries. [Learn more about this incredible global mobilization.](#)



Through 2022, World BEYOND War supported various other national and global days and weeks of action on such topics as ending the war on Yemen and shutting down RIMPAC (the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, the world's largest international maritime war rehearsal), as well as the Global Days of Action on Military Spending, and the [anniversary of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.](#)



## Divest from the War Machine

The [Divest from the War Machine Campaign](#) is one of World BEYOND War's core areas of focus. Divestment means organizing to remove public and private assets from weapons manufacturers, military contractors, and war profiteers.



### *Divest from the War Machine - U.S. Campaigns*

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. 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, in November 2022, the [Corvallis City Council unanimously passed a resolution](#) to prohibit the city from investing in companies which produce weapons of war. The resolution passed following years of advocacy work by the Corvallis Divest from War coalition, which represents 19 organizations including: World BEYOND War, Veterans For Peace Linus Pauling Chapter 132, CODEPINK, and many more.

In the U.S. we are also currently co-organizing Divest Coalitions in Philadelphia 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. In April 2022, World BEYOND War's Organizing Director Greta Zarro and CODEPINK's Divest from the War Machine Campaigner Shea Leibow had an op-ed published in Rampant Magazine titled "[Chicago Should Divest from Weapons Manufacturers](#)."

In 2022, World BEYOND War partnered with Campaign Nonviolence, CODEPINK, and Divest Ed for a [webinar](#) and day of action focused on divestment. We also co-presented with CODEPINK, Divest Ed, the College Climate Coalition, and Towards A People's Endowment on a [webinar](#) about reinvestment and how to move from an extractive militaristic economy to a regenerative one. World BEYOND War's Organizing Director Greta Zarro was also interviewed on [CODEPINK Radio](#) discussing divestment.

# WHAT IS THE CPPIB REALLY UP TO?



## ***Divesting Canada's Pension Plan***

Canada's Pension Plan has \$21.72 billion invested in fossil fuel producers and over \$870 million in global weapons dealers. This includes \$76 million invested in Lockheed Martin, \$38 million in Northrop Grumman, and \$70 million in Boeing. As of March 31, 2022, the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) had \$524 million invested in 11 of the 112 companies listed in the UN Database as complicit with Israeli violations of international law. In coalition with other Canadian groups across the country, we're campaigning to divest the CPP. We've helped organize an action toolkit; a joint statement endorsed by 13 groups across Canada; an educational webinar on the CPP's investments; a letter writing campaign to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB); and a strong activist presence at the CPPIB's biannual public meetings from October 4-November 1 in Vancouver, Regina, Winnipeg, London, Halifax, and St. John's. [Learn more about these actions to divest the CPP here.](#)

## No Bases Campaign

In November 2022 we launched a new interactive feature on our website, “[USA’s Military Empire: A Visual Database](#)”. This unique presentation combines original research with innovative online mapping technology to allow visual exploration of every foreign U.S. military base known to exist. Both a tool for journalists and activists and an information source for curious readers, this page has become one of the most popular on our website, with over 82,000 pageviews in three months. We will continue to expand and improve this map as well as look for new opportunities to publish antiwar information in original formats that attract attention and notice.

**Learn About US Military Bases**

View Mode: **Hybrid** Map Only Satellite Only List

Navigate map and click on markers to learn about each military base. Refine your selection with optional controls.

Select by: **Country** **Government Type**

**Opening Date** **Personnel**

**Total Land in Acres** **Reset Selections**

Showing all 835 results

**Saving a Mountain:** We teamed up with Save Sinjajevina in Montenegro, to block a NATO military training ground in the Balkans’ biggest mountain grassland. We participated in a solidarity camp on the mountain, organized a summit for youth leaders, put up a billboard outside Parliament, helped deliver a petition to the Prime Minister, promoted the story in the media, won over some departments of the government, strategized next steps, and raised funds for the campaign. [Learn more!](#)





## Chapters & Affiliates

In 2022, we launched a new chapter in Madison, Wisconsin (U.S.), and added 4 new affiliates: Stop Fuelling War (France), Humanist Society of Greater Phoenix (U.S.), Demilitarise Education (UK), and Save Sinjajevina (Montenegro). Throughout the year, we hosted a series of skill-building trainings for chapter organizers on how to organize a nonviolent direct action; how to use Facebook for activism; how to write op-peds, press releases, and letters-to-the-editor; and why WBW takes an abolitionist, nonviolent stance across all our work. In 2022, we also rolled out new free digital organizing tools for chapters through the Action Network platform, enhancing chapters' ability to manage their own communications while building the global WBW network.

This year, we partnered with one of our affiliates, Oregon-based Fields of Peace (FoP), in a unique undertaking called an Ignite Circle. This international initiative involved participants from WBW's global network representing Cameroon, India, Kenya, South Sudan, Syria, and the United States (North Carolina). The curriculum for this six-week pilot program was Fields of Peace's publication *"A Promise to Our Children": A Field Guide to Peace*. The results of this pilot were inspiring, with virtually all participants eager to carry and teach the Ignite Circle to others in their respective communities, ultimately seeking to create movements, community by community and country by country, to bring about lasting systemic change through the mounting chorus of voices speaking to their respective leaders – no more violence, no more wars.





## *Snapshots from Chapters Around the World*



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**Afghanistan:** The Afghanistan chapter was inaugurated in late 2021. Chapter coordinator Dr. Nazir Ahmad Yosufi supported the re-opening of the Afghan school (Sayed Jamaluddin Afghan High School) in India, which was closed after the collapse of the Afghan government in 2021. Since 2022, the school has been fully functioning with around 300 students, mostly girls, studying at the school. The chapter has organized many events for Afghanistan and Afghans residing in India to promote peace, and human rights, particularly women's rights, and the right to education. The chapter established a book club, peace and nonviolence club, environment club, painting club for peace, poetry club, and other clubs for the Sayed Jamaluddin Afghan High School and connected it with other schools and institutions for promoting cultural exchange and understanding among the Afghan and international students. Additionally, the chapter organized many online and off-line events and programs in 2022, such as nonviolent communication and peacebuilding trainings, and celebration events for Gandhi-Badshah Khan Friendship Week, International Day of Nowruz, International Day of Yoga, International Women's Day, and the International Day of Peace. The chapter also participated in the South Asia segment of World BEYOND War's "24 Hour Global Peace Wave" on June 26. Furthermore, the chapter along with the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Ministry of Culture of India, and Bharathiar University provided a six-month nonviolent communication course for Afghan teachers and university students. Chapter members assisted with simultaneous live interpretation of the professors' lectures from English to the official languages of Afghanistan, and chapter coordinator Nazir is currently translating the whole course into the Dari language.



**Berlin (Germany):** The Berlin chapter participated in many marches and rallies throughout the year, including the Luxemburg/Liebknecht demonstration in January, the Global Action Day #NoWarWithRussia in February, the Easter Peace Event in April, the commemoration of the bombings of Hiroshima/Nagasaki in August, and many more. The chapter also co-organizes weekly vigils around the theme of “United Front for Latin America” and “Hands Off Venezuela,” which have been ongoing for four years. On February 22, the anniversary of the launch of an international campaign “Nukes are now illegal! Now get them out of Germany,” the chapter organized an event together with Attac Berlin, reminding the public of the chapter’s 2021 billboard campaign, which was sponsored by World BEYOND War, Attac Berlin, the German Peace Council, Roger Waters, and others. Throughout the year, the chapter published numerous articles, letters, and web campaigns, especially calling for peace and negotiations in Ukraine.



**Bioregión Aconcagua por un mundo más allá de la Guerra (Chile):** In 2022, the chapter participated in a variety of peace, creative, and consciousness raising activities. In February, the chapter made a human flag of peace at the former jail site that is now the cultural park of Valparaiso. The chapter was invited to a dialogue that brought together indigenous leaders and activists from around the world and is in communication about forging an alliance with this collective. The chapter also supported the 10th anniversary celebration of CASA Latina, which is a multicultural and inclusive network that integrates movements, projects and agents of change that practice and promote a human life in harmony with the earth.







**California (U.S.):** 2022 was a year of inspiration for the California Chapter of World BEYOND War! The chapter continued its monthly peace education offerings through both its Guest Speaker Program and the Peace Studies Book Club. In addition, the chapter raised funds and coordinated an antiwar billboard that was displayed for two months off of the Interstate 10 Highway near Palm Springs in the Coachella Valley. For the chapter's Guest Speaker Program, it hosted 6 outstanding webinars, featuring dynamic individuals who are active in the peace movement in a variety of capacities, including: Helen Peacock, Founder of Pivot2Peace, Rotarian, and Coordinator of the South Georgian Bay WBW Chapter; Leah Bolger, Artist-Activist and Past Board President of WBW; Brian Berman, Founder of Awakening Peace, Artist For Peace, and Founder of Ojai International City of Peace Initiative; James Janko of The Climate Crisis & Militarism Project of Veterans For Peace; Michael Siegel of Braver Angels; Joel Eis, Activist and Author of *Standin' In a Hard Rain*; and Dave Meserve, Coordinator of the Earth Flag Initiative for the City of Arcata. In the online Peace Studies Book Club, chapter members read and discussed both Peter Brock's *The Quaker Peace Testimony: 1660 to 1914*, and David Swanson's *Leaving World War II Behind*.

**Fairfield, Connecticut (U.S.):** 2022 was the chapter's third year. Chapter coordinator John Miksad wrote four peace op-eds that ran in a number of publications across the country. John maintains a little free peace library that includes WBW material and books on peace. In 2022, John presented to seven Rotary clubs totaling about 200 people on why we need to end the institution and practice of war. John spoke at two Representative Jim Himes' town halls and confronted him about the Pentagon budget in front of audiences of about 100. The chapter also participated in a Memorial Day Parade in Norwalk, CT with the Quakers and other peace activists displaying peace signs.

**Florida (U.S.):** On February 23, 2022, the Florida for a World BEYOND War chapter produced a very well-attended on-line debate on the topic “Can War Ever Be Justified?” The debaters were David Swanson, Executive Director of WBW, and Mark Welton, JD, retired professor from the United States Military Academy at West Point. The debate had over 1,100 registrants from 6 continents.



On the next day, Russia invaded Ukraine, showing that although war can be provoked, it can never be just. Throughout the year, the chapter sponsored webinars on “Survivors Share Their Story of Israeli Military’s Attack On the USS Liberty 55th Anniversary Event,” “What Could Trigger a Nuclear War With Russia,” “Back From the Brink of Nuclear War,” and more. Co-coordinator Al Mytty spoke at numerous clubs and organizations on topics focused on WBW’s “A Global Security System” and the “Global War on Terror.” Florida for a World BEYOND War also signed and supported a variety of war abolition and pro-peace petitions and sent many letters and messages to Florida Members of Congress.



**Greater Toronto Area (Canada):** The GTA Chapter for World BEYOND War had an energizing and transitional year in 2022. Mayssan Shuja joined Peter Jones as co-coordinator in the Fall to help build the WBW presence in Toronto. Chapter members attended a variety of peace rallies throughout the year, on topics including #NotoNATO, #NoFighterJets, and peace in Ukraine. In July, the chapter tabled at Roger Waters’ concerts, handing out hundreds of flyers. In September, the chapter helped organized the [#NoAirShow rally and events in Toronto](#) to protest the annual exhibition event. In November, the chapter organized a peace poppy making workshop and then attended the Veteran’s Day rally at Yonge-Dundas Square at Eaton Centre to distribute the handmade peace poppies with handouts. Co-coordinator Peter Jones was also invited to join Science for Peace as a fellow investigator in the Critical NATO Studies group, which meets monthly.



**Ireland:** 2022 was the Ireland chapter's second year. The chapter's educational efforts included webinars, social media, letters to the editor, press releases, and open letters, such as an [open letter on the conflict in Ukraine](#). The chapter organized a series of five webinars under the umbrella title of "Bearing Witness to the Realities and Consequences of War."

The webinars attracted between 60-100 attendees to each of the events and the [recordings of the events](#) uploaded on YouTube have amassed around 1,000 views. The chapter supported a new initiative, the Irish Neutrality League, which was formed earlier in the year to work on reestablishing Irish Neutrality. Additionally, a new coalition was formed titled "StoP" (Swords to Ploughshares Ireland), which is an all Island Network of Peace Groups & Activists Against the Arms Industry. One of the chapter members is an active member of SToP, and WBW Ireland has supported this initiative. Finally, there were a number of peace activists on trial in Ireland this year for taking peaceful action against the U.S. military use of Shannon Airport - Tarak Kauff, Ken Mayers, Ed Horgan, and Dan Dowling. The chapter has lent its support to these activists.

Every Wednesday from February 16 to March 16 7-8 pm GMT

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 Hosted by: The Irish Chapter of World BEYOND War

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**Japan:** Japan for a World BEYOND War organized a local action in Komaki City as part of the Global Mobilization to #StopLockheedMartin in April. Chapter coordinator Joe Essertier also attended and spoke at several rallies throughout the year to speak out against the war in Ukraine and call for peace. His work has been published in and reported on by Japanese and global media outlets and he has been interviewed on radio and podcast programs. The chapter also continued to campaign to stop the construction of the military base in Henoko, Uchinaa (Okinawa Island) and in Luchu (Ryukyu) and frequently participated in weekly street protests in Sakae, Nagoya City.





**Madison, Wisconsin (U.S.):** The Madison chapter, launched in 2022, conducts regular War Abolition Walks and calls on elected officials to reduce military spending, stop F-35 war-planes from coming to Wisconsin, and push for diplomacy to end the war in Ukraine. Since April, the chapter has organized 23 walks to speak out against the war in Ukraine and all wars. The events include flyering, bannering, singing, and occasionally guest speakers or presentations. The chapter also organized a peace wreath-making workshop and fundraiser event.







**Montréal (Canada):** Throughout the year, the Montréal chapter organized and participated in a number of protest actions, with a particular focus on calling for an end to the war in Ukraine and the abolition of NATO, in response to the escalating conflict in the region after Russia's invasion in February 2022. The chapter's protest actions also drew attention to the need to abolish all wars everywhere, in Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, Africa, and beyond. In April, the chapter organized a local action against Lockheed Martin, in solidarity with the Global Mobilization to #StopLockheedMartin and in light of the Canadian government's plan to purchase 88 new Lockheed Martin F-35 fighter jets. In June, a delegation of chapter members traveled to Ottawa to participate in the protest and nonviolent direct action against CANSEC, North America's largest weapons fair. In October, the chapter wrote and hand-delivered a letter to the Montréal office of Canada's Foreign Minister Melanie Joly, explaining why Canada must sign the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). In addition to nonviolent activism campaigns, the chapter also organized pro-peace, anti-war educational events throughout the year, including two film screenings (*War Made Easy* and *The Day After*) and two webinars, Yves Engler on "NATO, Norad, and Nuclear Weapons" (January 12) and John Foster on "Petroleum, Ukraine, and Geopolitics" (November 18).





**New Zealand/Aotearoa:** 2022 was a busy year for New Zealand/Aotearoa chapter coordinator Liz Remmerswaal, who also took on the role of Vice President of the World BEYOND War global board in 2022. Liz was a guest speaker at a number of webinars and in-person events throughout the year, including at the New Zealand Chinese Friendship Society Annual General Meeting and a Peace Foundation event in Auckland. She participated in a local action as part of the Global Mobilization to #StopLockheedMartin in April and anchored the Aotearoa segment of the Global Peace Wave in June, a 24-hour webinar with segments from all time zones around the world. Liz is the co-chair of the growing Pacific Peace Network and was an organizer of the second Cancel RIMPAC campaign to oppose war games exercises in the Pacific. She is also the organizer of a local peace pole project, distributing 43 peace poles with 86 languages involving 50 organisations near Hastings, New Zealand. Among her many activities, Liz also records a monthly Peace Witness radio show that features notable pro-peace, anti-war speakers.





**South Georgian Bay (Canada):** Pivot2Peace, the South Georgian Bay (SGB) Chapter for World BEYOND War, worked on four fronts in 2022: actions within Canada and with the Canada-wide Peace and Justice Network, projects within the Rotary organization worldwide, collaborative projects between Rotary and WBW, and work for our Mutually Assured Survival.

Actions within Canada: On the third Friday of every month, chapter members picketed outside their local MP's office to protest Canada's planned \$19 billion purchase of 88 F-35 fighter jets. They measured progress by the ever-increasing number of supportive honks and the ever-decreasing number of nasty jeers. They also staged a protest against Lockheed Martin outside the Royal Bank in Collingwood. When the No New Fighter Jet Coalition organized Canada-wide protests, they took part outside the Federal Building in Collingwood.

Projects within the Rotary organization worldwide: One of the chapter members worked within Rotary circles to educate and advocate for Rotarians to get more involved in the movement to end war. In particular, she wrote a resolution asking Rotary International (RI) to endorse the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The resolution has been endorsed by Rotary Districts in Asia, South America, Australia, Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

Collaborative Project between WBW and Rotary: The chapter created an online education program called Ending War 101 developed in collaboration between WBW and Rotarians

for Mutually Assured Survival. The program was based on WBW's War Abolition 101 course, and was offered to a pilot group of over 50 Rotarians in August 2022. Looking ahead, the chapter is planning additional online courses for 2023.

**Mutually Assured Survival:** The chapter has a representative in an international think tank for [Mutually Assured Survival](#). This small group of UN diplomats, global warming experts, and peace activists recognizes the urgent need for organizations and individuals to collaborate to free our world from climate catastrophe, war, and the threat of nuclear annihilation. Additionally, chapter coordinator Helen Peacock went to the United Nations in August as a civil observer for the NPT meeting.

**Upper Midwest (U.S.):** Chapter coordinator Phil Anderson published a weekly op-ed column in the local newspaper, covering war and peace issues. He helped distribute copies of WBW's AGSS book. The chapter also supported Veterans For Peace's Golden Rule Peace Boat Project, which visited the area in September. The chapter is currently working in partnership with local peace groups to pass municipal resolutions in Superior, WI and Duluth, MN to endorse the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).



**Vancouver (Canada):** In 2022, in April the Vancouver chapter handed out leaflets about the No Fighter Jets campaign near the Broadway Skytrain entrance. In May chapter members joined with other local peace groups to take part in a walk for peace. The chapter also participated in a rally in New Westminster along with other peace groups focused on opposing the Canadian government's proposal to purchase new fighter jets. Looking ahead, the chapter will be focusing on 3 primary areas: protests/marches/events; donating WBW books to local libraries and colleges/universities; and working to get more cities to adopt the ICAN peace alliance resolution to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).





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**Wanfried (Germany):** Since March 2022, the chapter has held weekly vigils to call for an end to the war in Ukraine and to discuss what should be done. The chapter is collaborating with the Fix the Country Ghana movement, as well as activists in Algeria and Cameroon, to support and learn from them, and build international solidarity. The Peace Factory Wanfried, which is located at the former border between the eastern and western part of Germany, is being re-organized as an independent association, which will function as a gathering place for group meetings and peace education. Renovations on the building are continuing, which will include bedrooms, conference rooms, and a new library.

## Organizing in Canada

In 2022, World BEYOND War expanded and strengthened our leadership and presence within antiwar and peace organizing across Canada. Throughout the year, we hosted dozens of events, from webinars to rallies to nonviolent direct actions, online and in-person. We also worked with allies, chapters, and affiliates across the country and around the world 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 and cross-country protests we carried out through the year. These included TV interviews ([CTV news](#), [CityNews](#)), radio and podcast appearances ([Sandy & Nora](#)) and print coverage ([CTV](#), [GlobalNews](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [GlobalNews](#), [Canadian Dimension](#), [rabble.ca](#), [Toronto Star](#), [Spring Magazine](#)).

Some of our major campaigns this year included:

### **#CanadaStopArmingSaudi Campaign**

In solidarity with the people of Yemen suffering under seven years of brutal war, we organized to stop Canada's role in fueling the violence and sending billions in arms yearly. In 2022 we:

- ☒ Coordinated the creation of a [cross-Canada day of action](#), including an [online rally](#). Actions took place in seven cities across the country and received coverage on outlets such as [CTV News](#).
- ☒ Launched a [letter-writing campaign](#) to Canadian MPs.
- ☒ Launched a parliamentary petition calling on the Canadian government to stop sending weapons to Saudi Arabia and stop arming the horrific war in Yemen.
- ☒ And [dropped a 50-foot banner](#) off Deputy PM Chrystia Freeland's Toronto office on the 7 year anniversary of the brutal war in Yemen. Read more about that action below.

### **Advocating for Peace in Ukraine:**

This year, we mobilized individuals and groups across Canada to call for an end to the war in Ukraine. We organized cross-country days of action, pressured our elected officials, and organized on common ground with activists nationally and internationally.

- ☒ Supported [actions across Canada](#) for Peace in Ukraine in early Spring 2022. World BEYOND War was a hub for actions co-organized by a diverse array of local groups from coast to coast. For example, 10 cities participated in a Canada-wide Weekend of Action for Peace on March 19-20.
- ☒ Coordinated [Stop the Weapons, Stop the War, Stop NATO](#) Days of Action from June 24-30, 2022 to protest the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and demand an end to the war in Ukraine in coordination with NATO's Summit in Madrid, Spain.
- ☒ Launched a [letter-writing campaign](#) calling for an immediate ceasefire and negotiations with all parties for a democratic peace and neutrality in Ukraine.



## No Fighter Jets Campaign:

In 2022, the [No Fighter Jets campaign](#) gained steam and carried out our biggest actions yet. We increased our reach across Canada and strengthened international ties with the global struggle against fighter jets, nuclear weapons, Lockheed Martin, and the global arms trade more broadly. In 2022 we:

- ☒ Organized a [protest at the Toronto air show](#) (where the F35 was flying).
- ☒ Hosted several educational webinars on the fighter jets and cross-country mobilization.
- ☒ Launched a [new parliamentary petition](#) calling on Justin Trudeau to scrap his \$19 billion plan to buy 88 new war planes and invest in a #JustTransition instead.
- ☒ Participated in the Global Mobilization to #StopLockheedMartin from April 21-28.
  - ☒ Read coverage of the Ottawa rally in the Ottawa Citizen [here](#).
  - ☒ Read about the Montreal rally [here](#).
- ☒ Anti-war organizers in Toronto [put up a billboard](#) of a “corrected” Lockheed Martin ad on Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland’s office building.



## Other Coalitional Work:

- ☒ Coordinated the Canada-wide Peace and Justice Network, bringing together dozens of antiwar groups across the country. Led the network in several cross-Canada actions including the [Stop the War, Stop NATO days of action](#), [#FundPeaceNotWar week of action](#), and [International Peace Day 2022](#). For example, the #FundPeaceNotWar week of action involved at least 11 coordinated actions in 9 cities across the country.
- ☒ Launched a [campaign against armed drone procurement](#) in Canada with affiliates across the country.


# TAKE ACTION

**NO new fighter jets, warships, drones!  
We need billions for housing,  
health care, jobs and climate,  
NOT for war profiteering!**


From Saturday, October 15 to Sunday, October 23, peace groups will be on the streets in nine cities to demand the Trudeau government negotiate an end to the war in Ukraine and cancel the planned procurement of new fighter jets, warships, or armed drones.


This week of action has been planned by the Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network, a coalition of 45 civil society organizations across the country that was founded two years ago.

The #FundPeaceNotWar week of action will be held in Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Toronto, Ottawa, Waterloo, South Georgian Bay, Hamilton and Montreal. There will be rallies, a conference, webinars and online actions.




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**#FundPeaceNotWar  
Canada Week of Action**





**October 15th-23rd, 2022**  
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peaceNOTwar

Across Canada, the U.S. and around the world, peace activists will be on the streets from October 15th to 23rd, demanding an end to imperialist wars, occupations, sanctions and military interventions. This call to action was initiated by the United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) in the U.S. and has been taken up by the Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network, a coalition of 45 peace groups across Canada.

### No to imperialist wars

For over 30 years, we have witnessed the acceleration of brutal imperial wars by the U.S. and their allies, including

Canada, against the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Haiti, and other countries. These wars have killed millions, turned tens of millions into refugees, laid waste to infrastructure, impoverished citizens through sanctions, and overthrown governments. With the full support of the governments of the U.S. and Canada, the Zionist Israeli regime has continued to occupy Palestine, brutally kill and imprison Palestinian people, including children and journalists, demolish Palestinian homes and routinely bomb Gaza.

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## Webinars:

- ☒ In 2022 we hosted, co-organized and were featured on dozens of Canadian webinars, covering a range of topics from the war in Ukraine and fighter jets, to climate change and everyday peacebuilding, to truth and reconciliation and Canada's violent role in Haiti, and more.
- ☒ Here's a snapshot of some of them:

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## Nonviolent Direct Actions:

In 2022, we carried out several high-profile direct actions to interrupt the war machine and ramp up our pressure on decision-makers. These actions work in tandem with petitions, letters, protests, and other campaign tactics in order to bring attention to a particular issue while directly and strategically disrupting “business as usual.”

- ✘ We [blocked the entrances to CANSEC](#), North America’s largest weapons fair, with hundreds protesting the massive arms expo. 40 foot banners saying “Blood On Your Hands,” “Stop Profiting From War,” and “Arms Dealers Not Welcome” obstructed drive-ways and pedestrian entrances as attendees attempted to register for and enter the convention centre immediately before Canadian Defense Minister Anita Anand was slated to give the opening keynote address.



- ✘ Toronto supporters of the Wet’suwet’en land defense struggle against the Coastal Gaslink pipeline [built a construction site](#) on pipeline executives’ front lawns. The supporters also flyered the neighborhood with photos of the two men with signs warning, “Your neighbour is pushing the Coastal Gaslink pipeline through Wet’suwet’en Territory at gunpoint.”





- ❑ [Dropped a 50-foot banner](#) off Deputy PM Chrystia Freeland's Toronto office on the 7 year anniversary of the brutal war in Yemen. This action took place in conjunction with a [Canada-wide weekend of action](#) in support of the #CanadaStopArmingSaudi campaign, calling on Canada to stop profiteering off of war in Yemen.





# Website and Social Media

## Website Technology

We continued to make serious investments of time and effort into our website’s physical infrastructure and software architecture for the second year in a row, aiming to ensure both that we can scale up to our increasing level of traffic without performance degradation, and also that we uphold the highest standards of online security and protection from external attack.

The project to strengthen our website’s architecture was a continuation of our work in 2021, when we launched a new high-performance web server alongside our existing web server. In 2022, we completed this project by moving our entire website onto the higher performance platform. We proved our ability to handle large numbers of concurrent users by testing, and we have been remarkably free of speed/performance complaints for the last several months.

The effort to bolster our security was inspired by a rash of hacker attacks on various public websites, also known as ransomware attacks, in the last few years. Vigilance is always necessary to preserve our security, but we have taken steps in 2022 to ensure that our website assets are securely backed up to offsite storage on a regular schedule, which provides one of the best possible defenses against all possible scenarios.



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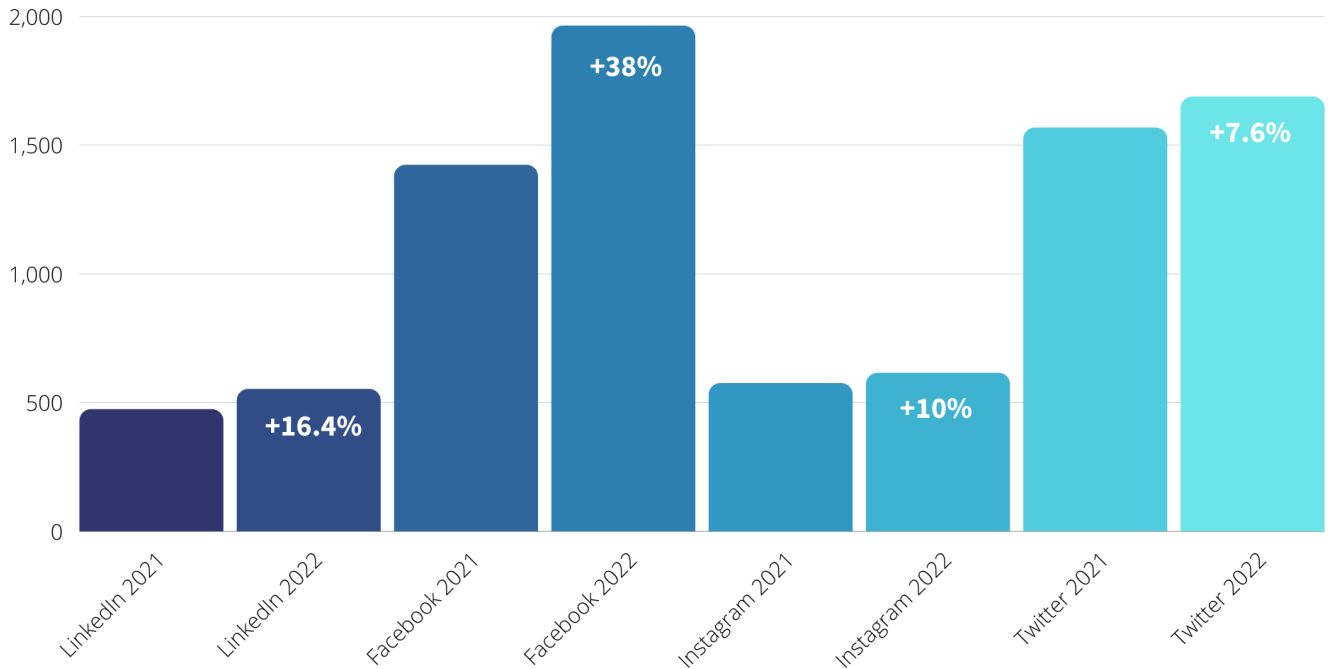
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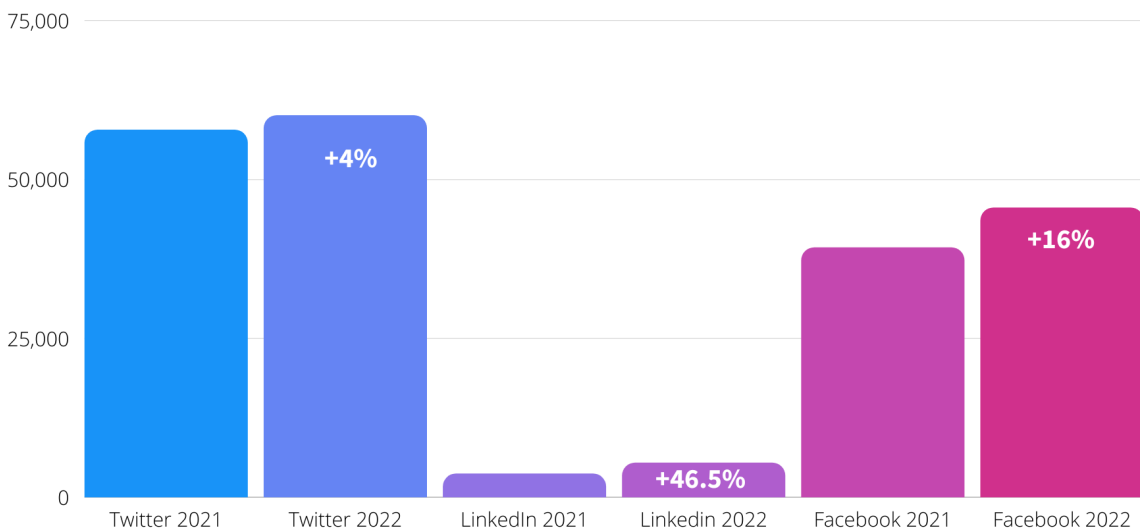
## Social Media

There was overall growth on our social media channels. The growth on social media also brought more traffic to the website: In 2022, 10.6% of visits to our website came from social media (47,801 users vs. the 26,042 users of 2021, an 83.55% increase from the previous year). There were 60,012 sessions on the website from users coming from social media (an 88.85% increase from the previous year).

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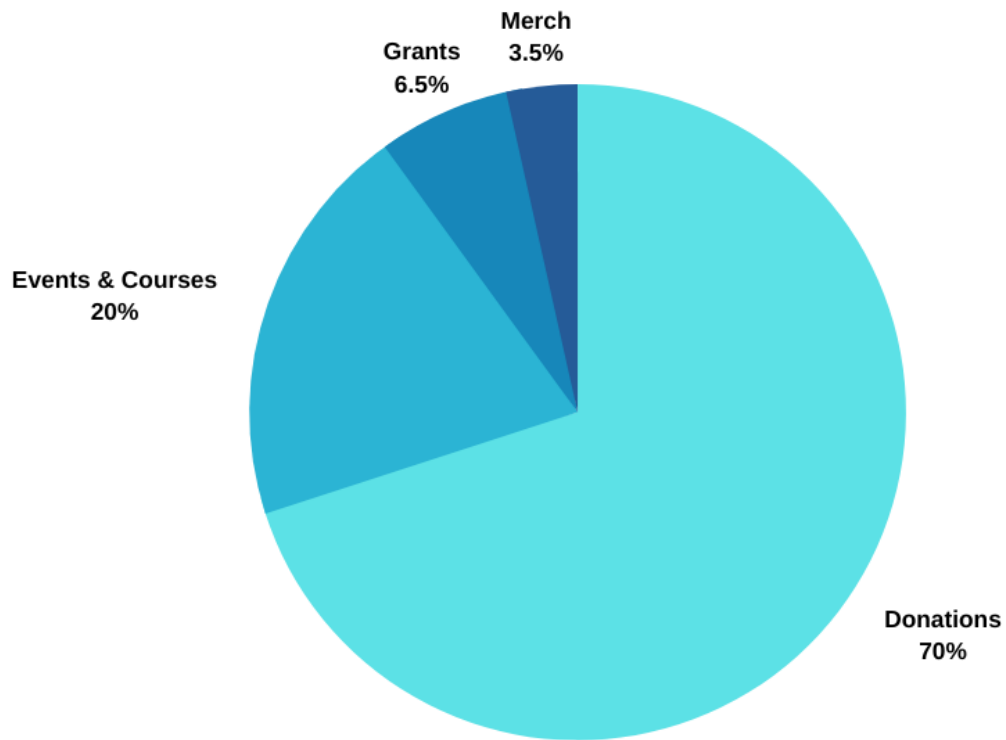
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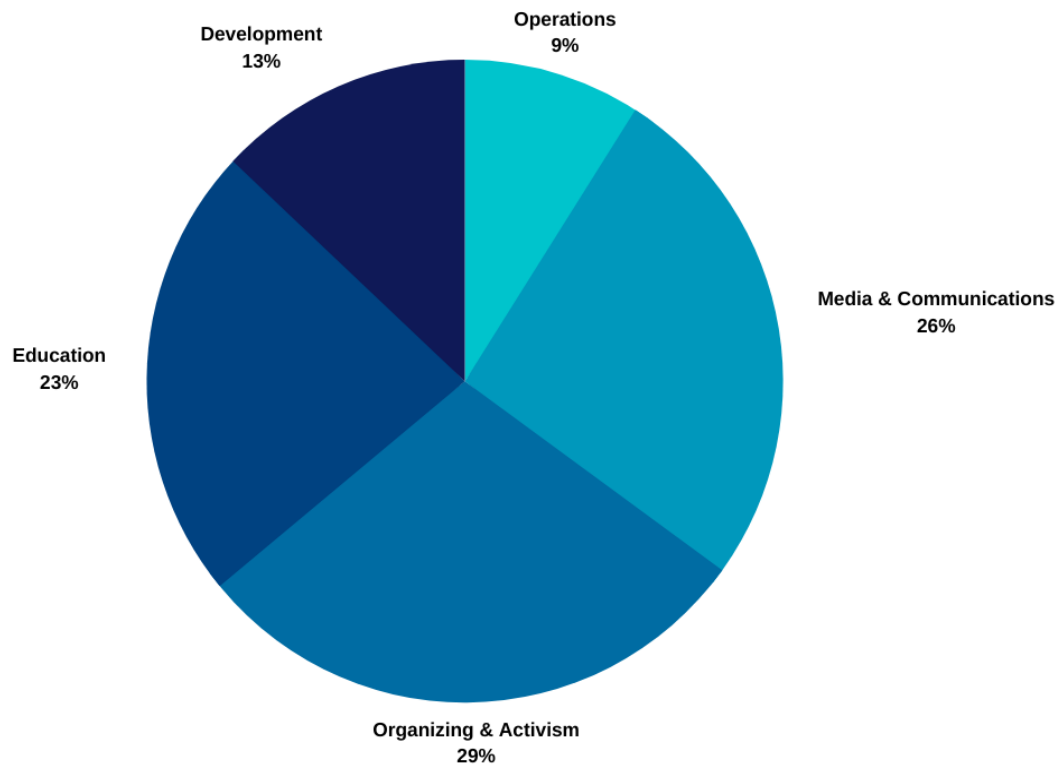


# Development

## 2022 Income



## 2022 Expenses



Thanks to the generous support of our individual and major donors, 2022 was our most successful year yet financially. Entering 2023 having raised more money than our expenses, we are able to more comfortably plan and strategize for projects and personnel for the upcoming year. We continue to be overwhelmed by our 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 took the risky but very exciting step to go out on our own and attain our charitable status and were officially granted our U.S. charitable status in 2022. We also applied for charitable status in Canada and should, we hope, soon be receiving our tax identification needed to ensure our Canadian donors receive exemption for their contributions.

For ease, and because the bulk of our revenue and expenses are in U.S. dollars and use our U.S. bank account, all Canadian expenses (which are primarily Canadian staff salaries, CRA payroll fees and taxes, and Canadian bank account fees) were converted into USD using the current exchange rate. We do also have a small but consistent contingent of dedicated Canadian donors and their contributions via check are deposited into our Canadian bank account and have been included in our overall numbers. As we expand further into Canada and other countries, we may begin to separate finances and report by country.

### **Our total annual revenue for 2022 was \$341,303.20**

In 2022, World BEYOND War was the proud recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the VT Community Foundation, a \$5,000 grant at the end of 2021 to support our work in 2022 from the Jubitz Family Foundation, a \$1,500 grant from Home Rule Globally, and \$1,000 from the Tides Foundation in addition to some funding distributed through family foundations. This is all in addition to some incredibly generous major donors, including a \$100,000 annual donation for the second year in a row from a long-standing WBW supporter.

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 \$238,432.14 in 2022. Of these donors, 234 were active recurring donors as of the end of the year bringing in on average \$4,123.11 a month.

In addition to individual donations and institutional grants, an additional \$69,570.67 came from registrations and sponsorships which includes our annual conference, the film festival, online courses, the Peace Education and Action for Impact program, the peace awards, and book clubs. We raised \$11,425.57 to specifically support our Billboards campaign. We also held our first ever benefit event in the Fall of 2022 with 78 people registering and \$4,375 raised. We intend to hold these events annually as a way to keep our followers,



funders, and donors updated on the impact their contributions have had. Additionally, after receiving our U.S. charitable status, we were able to begin accepting donations through Facebook and raised \$3,882 from fundraisers and direct donations made through our profile page. We also raised \$11,513.86 through the sale of merchandise and \$658.14 from technical assistance we offered other organizations.

World BEYOND War is extremely grateful to every volunteer and donor as all donors, at all levels, have a direct impact on our ability and capacity to do the work to end war. Although we don't have room to thank them all, and many prefer to be anonymous, we greatly appreciate the generosity of all our supporters.

In 2022, in addition to the institutional funders, we were supported by several anonymous donors and these individuals: Robert Barkley, Laura Bernstein, Amy Blumenshine and Michael Troutman, Barbara Briggs-Letson, Stephen Clemens, Charles and Mary Crossed Foundation, Betty Jean and John Corry, Diane Digges, Winifred Ereyi, Robert Fantina, Christopher Fite, Darlene Goetzman, David and Janet Hartsough, Patrick Hiller, Robert Jehn, Charles and Angeliki V. Keil, Robin Lloyd, Brian MacDevitt, Wayne Martinson, Anth Masalonis, Robert McKechnie, William McLaughlin, Krishen and Geeta Mehta, John Melrose, Arthur Milholland, John Miksad, Josh Mitteldorf, Thomas Muller and Rebecca Fisher, Anees Munshi, Alan Mytty, Deborah Narrigan, Jacob Neilson, Janet Parker, John Reuwer and Laurie Gagne, Helen and Dave Peacock, Daniel Riehl, Deb Sawyer, Daniela Scafati, Peter Selby, Walter Singer, Eugenia Schuler, Susan M. Smith, Maria Steinmann, Decourcy L. Squire, Shau Sumar, John Vechey, David Walsh, Donnal Walter, Roger Waters, Nancy Weaver, Ernie Wiens, and many others.

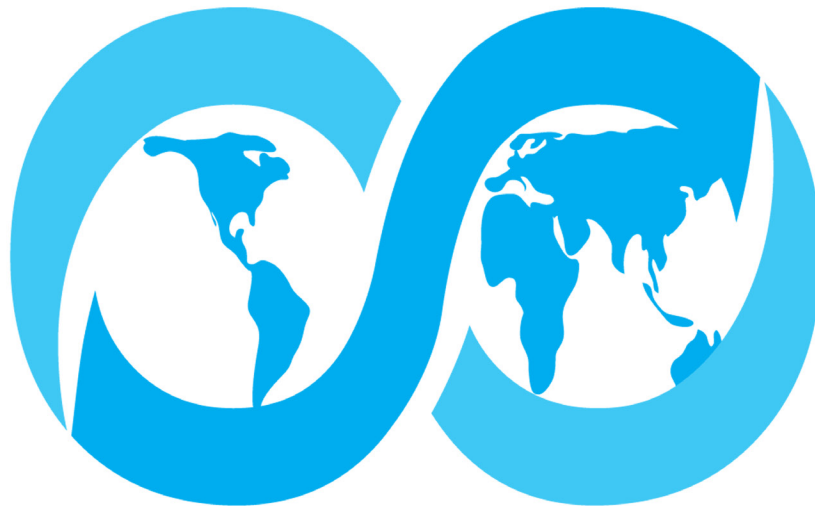
### **Our total expenses for 2022 were \$330,826.55**

Almost 75% of our expenses were for employee compensation (\$244,408.31). We currently have seven staff members plus several interns and are looking to hire one or two more staff members in 2023. 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 and mapping campaigns are led by WBW staff in collaboration with volunteer researchers, and Board members, all of whom volunteer their time – and in some cases, make monetary contributions – to support the program which helps keep those project expenses minimal.

In addition to personnel expenses, in 2022, \$43,967.34 was spent on software and online management tools including Quickbooks, Action Network, Canva, and website hosting and maintenance costs. \$9,937.95 was spent on putting up billboards across the world with the remaining amount covering minimal overhead expenses to do so. The remaining \$32,512.95 covers administrative and operational activities which are highlighted in more detail below.

Our pie chart has broken down these costs into specific activities related to staff time and other expenses, with online tools being distributed across all departments. Categories include Operations (which includes overhead and administrative costs, finance, postage, printing, travel, and digital tools and software), Media & Communications (which includes all content development, social media, promotional materials, postage, printing, travel, legal services, our website, and related technology and tools including the podcast), Organizing & Activism (which includes chapters, Billboards, the Divestment campaign, the No Bases campaign, the #NoWar Conference, postage, printing, travel, and other events), Education (including the Peace Education and Action for Impact program, program supplies, postage, printing, travel, and legal services), and Development (all fundraising efforts including donor appreciation gifts).



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