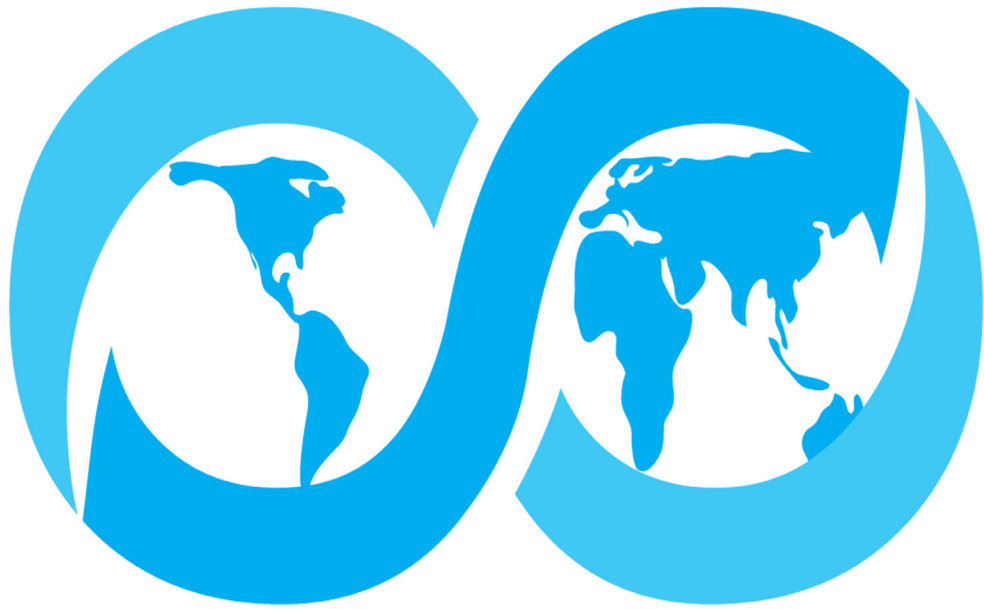




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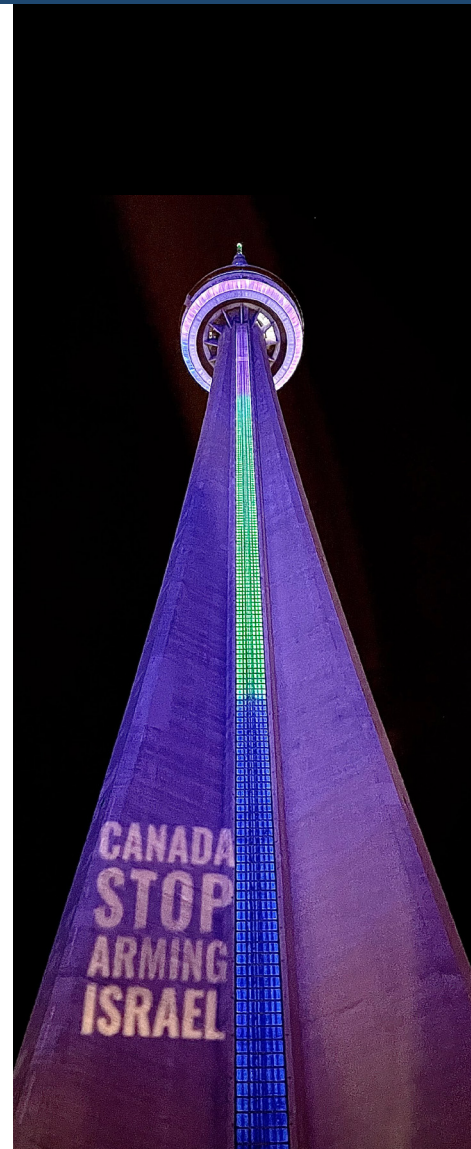
World BEYOND War is a global nonviolent movement to end war and establish a just and sustainable peace.

World BEYOND War is a nonprofit organization with chapters around the world using educational, activist, and media work to advance the cause of ending all war and establishing lasting peace. WBW has a board, advisory board, staff, and chapter organizers all over the globe and works with allied organizations, many of which are WBW affiliates.

WBW was founded on January 1st, 2014, when co-founders David Hartsough and David Swanson, together with a group of like-minded peace advocates 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, they decided, 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 and media production that dispels myths, such as “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. We engage in all variety of nonviolent actions and campaigns that move the world in the direction of ending all war.



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Message from David Swanson, Executive Director

World BEYOND War has continued to grow. We now have 46 volunteer-led chapters, 20 Board members, 21 Advisory Board members, 10 paid staff people, and over 1,000 organizations endorsing our Declaration of Peace along with individuals in 202 countries. We are a member of numerous coalitions, and often take the lead in organizing broad peace efforts regionally and globally, and in moving people to educational and creative nonviolent action work aimed at the elimination of war, preparations for war, and cultural acceptance of war.

Through education, media / communications, and activism, we have pushed back, during hard times, against warmaking in Palestine, Sudan, Ukraine, and elsewhere, promoting the rule of law and the use of diplomacy. We have played a significant role in urging nations to charge Israel with genocide in the International Court of Justice, urging the International Criminal Court to issue arrest warrants for leading architects of that genocide, and building pressure on elected officials and institutions around the world to divest from, disarm, and oppose the slaughter.

We've seen successes in 2024 in our campaigns against military bases and in support of divestment from weapons companies. The government of Montenegro finally committed to not building a NATO training ground on the beloved plateau of the brave people of Sinjajevina, while other growing campaigns continued to resist the creation or demand the closure of bases. Divestment campaigns grew as well, as part of the movement against





the destruction of Gaza. Our annual War Abolisher Awardees included a student group that had persuaded Trinity College in Dublin to divest.

We offered numerous online courses in 2024, including a new one on Unarmed Civilian Defense. Our online courses, book clubs, hosted webinars, in-person conferences, speakers at events hosted elsewhere, books, factsheets, videos, social media posts, and online tools and resources reached many thousands. We led the organization of a counter-summit during NATO's annual summit. We held our own annual conference online and in-person on four continents, increasing attendance for that as for various other annual activities, such as our film fest, the 24-hour global peace wave for which we partner with the International Peace Bureau, our Africa conference, and our protests of weapons fairs and military air shows. We were a lead organizer of many events, including the first Congress on Neutrality, which celebrated the benefits nations have found in being neutral and peacemaking.

We also paused for a moment in our frantic work for peace to mark our 10th anniversary, to recognize all that has been done, and to renew our energy for the tremendous work needed for the survival of life on our planet.



David A. Hammer

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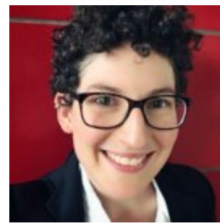
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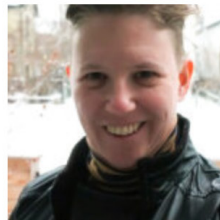
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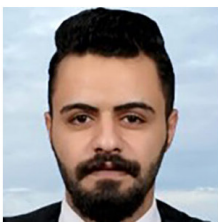
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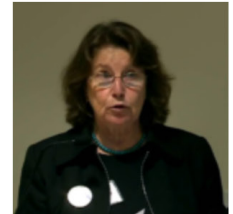
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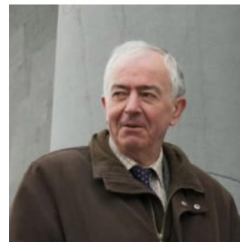
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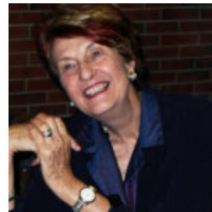
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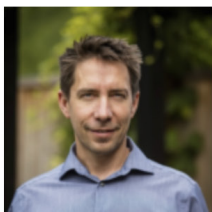
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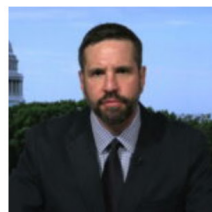
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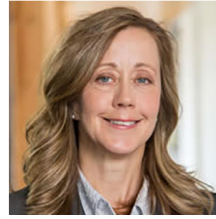
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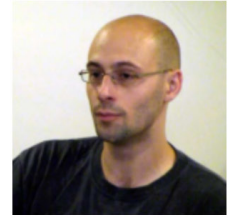
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Tired of arguing about which war is “just”, and who has the right to “defend themselves” with mass murder, when all wars increase the risk of nuclear annihilation? Join us at World BEYOND War where we believe war itself is the problem, and work to create and promote alternatives to war.



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Coalitions and Partnerships

World BEYOND War is a member of Abolition 2000; Beyond Nuclear; Campaign to End the Selective Service System; Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network; Defuse Nuclear War; Divest from the War Machine Coalition; Founding Mothers Movement; Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace; Global Day Against Military Spending; Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space; Groups Against Arms Fairs; International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons; International Network No to War – No to NATO; International Peace Bureau; Korea Collaboration Network; No Fighter Jets Coalition; Overseas Base Realignment and Closure Coalition; Peace Education Network; People Over Pentagon; Poor People's Campaign; Stop Killer Robots; United for Peace and Justice; United National Antiwar Coalition; Warheads to Windmills; War Industry Resisters Network; WE.net; Working Group on Youth, Peace, and Security.



Education

2024 marked a year of significant growth and impact for World BEYOND War's educational work. We expanded our reach, engaged diverse audiences, and influenced pro-peace and anti-war thinking and practices around the world. Our efforts broadened WBW's visibility, raised funds to sustain and grow our work, and contributed to the development of new and existing collaborations.



We experimented with several new initiatives aimed at engaging both new and existing audiences in innovative ways.

World BEYOND War Alumni Network

A year-long developmental program combining education, relational development, community-building, and action. We facilitated ten monthly sessions, engaging participants in topics ranging from needs analysis and future imaging to educational resource sharing, project design, implementation, evaluation, and communication. In addition to structured sessions, participants benefited from ad-hoc check-ins, guidance, and support throughout. The program culminated in an end-of-project celebration where alumni presented their peace interventions which aimed at addressing urgent needs in countries including Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mali, Pakistan, the Philippines, and the United States.

MOVE FOR PEACE 2024



<https://worldbeyondwar.org/move-for-peace-challenge-2024>



Move for Peace Challenge

A new initiative aimed at raising awareness and engagement in support of WBW's mission and the broader anti-war movement. We received submissions of diverse peace movements from individuals in or from Afghanistan, Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, England, Indonesia, Italy, Mali, Pakistan, Poland, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United States, and Wales.

Peace Education in Pakistan

In collaboration with the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) at the University of the Punjab, Lahore, and the Rotary Club of Hyderabad Time (Rotary International District 3271), we launched an initiative to support peace education efforts in Pakistan. The programme engaged Master's, MPhil, and PhD students from four universities and various disciplines, guiding them through a six-week process that culminated in teams working together to design innovative peace project ideas aimed at applying their learning from the course to practical challenges on the ground. The initiative featured presentations from WBW organisers from both Latin America and Africa, enabling participants from Pakistan to learn about anti-war efforts in these regions—and vice versa. [Click here](#) to view one example of a student project proposal, which analyses gaps, proposes an intervention to address these gaps, and leverages the insights of prominent scholars and practitioners working on peace and security issues across Pakistan.

PEACE EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN

Promoting Peace Education
through Proposing Course
Outline at Bachelors, Masters
and MPhil Level



Online Courses

We offered five online courses in 2024, including two new offerings—Unarmed Civilian Defense Instead of War, and Media and Communications for Peace. War and the Environment was rerun, while Ending War 101 and Organizing 101 were available on an ongoing basis. These courses influenced the thinking and practices of over 500 new and experienced peacebuilders across civil society, academia, business, and the public sector. Monitoring and evaluation efforts, including participant testimonials, indicated that our courses enhanced knowledge, facilitated new connections, and inspired practical, on-the-ground activities, while also contributing to the work of our chapters. Furthermore, they played a key role in raising funds to sustain and expand WBW's initiatives.

Courses delivered in 2024 included:

- War and the Environment (March 4 – April 14)
- Unarmed Civilian Defense Instead of War (June 3 – July 13)
- Media and Communications for Peace (November 4 – December 13)
- Ending War 101 (Offered on an ongoing basis)
- Organizing 101 (Offered on an ongoing basis)



Research and Scholarship

WBW conducted research and contributed to scholarship aimed at informing and influencing the field.

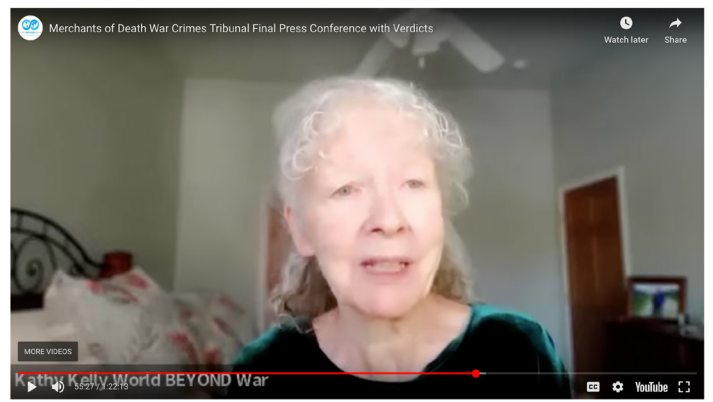
- **Feasibility Study for the Council of Europe:** This 60-page report's recommendations have been approved by the Council of Europe and are expected to shape peace education policies and programming across member states.
- **Council of Europe Publication on Youth and Conflict:** Contributed to an upcoming publication exploring the role of young people in peace and security, including analyses of military vs. peacebuilding spending.
- **Routledge Publications:** WBW Education Director Phill Gittins authored a foreword for *Empowering Peace and Justice Education*.
- **The Book on NATO:** WBW Executive Director David Swanson co-authored a book with Medea Benjamin called *NATO: What You Need to Know*.

Speaking Out

World BEYOND War was part of countless events online and off in 2024. Staff and Board members and others on WBW's Speakers' Bureau spoke frequently to classes, rallies, and webinars, and at conferences large and small around the world, including the Positive Peace Summit in Pompei, and the Youth Violence Awareness and Reduction Conference in Birmingham, UK.

WBW also helped organize events, websites, and video production for other organizations and campaigns, perhaps most notably the Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal which concluded its investigations and produced its findings in 2024.

The Tribunal Verdict Is Out!



FILM FEST: WOMEN & WAR

March 9 - March 23, 2024
Tickets: worldbeyondwar.org/2024filmfest

Marking International Women's Day with a month-long virtual film festival exploring the intersection of women, war, and militarized masculinity.

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2024 Film Fest: Women & War (March 9-23)

Marking International Women's Day (March 8), World BEYOND War's "Women & War" virtual film festival from March 9-23, 2024 explored the intersection of women, war, and militarized masculinity. The film fest began with the newly released *Israelism* about the portrayal of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in American Jewish institutions, followed by *Naila and The Uprising* about the central role Palestinian women played in the First Intifada, and concluded with *Power on Patrol* from Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) exploring how militarized masculinities play out around the world and the stories of the male allies doing vital work alongside female activists to achieve equitable peace, in Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America. 403 tickets were sold, with registrants hailing from 18 different countries.

No to NATO

World BEYOND War took the lead role in forming a coalition to take on the challenge of educating Westerners about alternatives to NATO at the time of NATO's annual conference. See nonatoyespeace.org



Neutrality Congress

The first Neutrality Congress was held in Bogotá, Colombia from October 4 to 6. A coalition of more than 20 organizations was involved in the development of this event, during which more than 60 speakers participated, including WBW's Executive Director David Swanson. Speakers exchanged views with Colombian parliamentarians, including the country's Vice President Francia Marquez, with the aim of proposing a way for Colombia to no longer be part of NATO, to close its military bases, and to assume a position of neutrality in the face of any eventual conflicts that may occur in Latin America -- and not be a country that aligns itself with one of the poles that promote war in the world.

Book Clubs

WBW held 12 monthly online books clubs with the authors of books on peace and war in 2024. The events educate, inspire, and form lasting friendships across vast distances. They also raise funds for the work of WBW.



Media



At World BEYOND War we make use of all variety of media and communications production and engagement, creating video, audio, text, and graphic media, and interacting with media outlets large and small – including by monitoring and criticizing the pro-war media to which we strive to provide a counter-weight. This work overlaps with everything we do in education and activism.

The image above shows a 2024 action on Parliament Hill in Ottawa that generated media coverage worldwide and helped build pressure on the Canadian government to stop trading weapons with Israel.

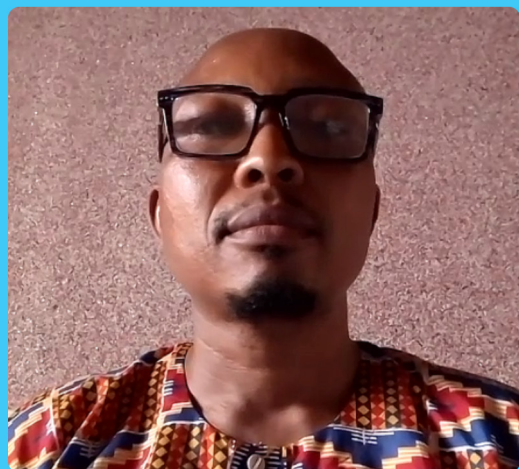
The image at right shows an advertisement that WBW was able to put up on bus stops around the White House and downtown Washington, D.C.

Whether we're holding a protest, putting up a billboard, or planning a conference, we try to maximize media coverage from big corporate outlets, good independent journalists, and our own production. We also train our chapter members in media outreach, media creation, and use of social media.



Blessed Are The Peacemakers: A Talk With Oseremen Irene

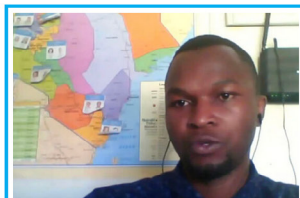
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Podcast

The **WBW podcast** continued to produce an episode each month, covering a wide variety of topics and regions and featuring guests such as 1960s-era peace activist Ed Sanders along with partners and allies of WBW all over the world. Our podcast has had more than 24,000 listens.



VIDEO: Solidarity with Refugees in Kenya

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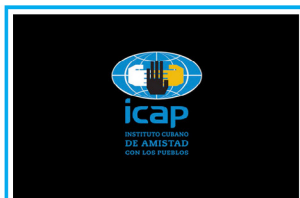
VIDEO: International Manifestation of Solidarity with Palestinian People

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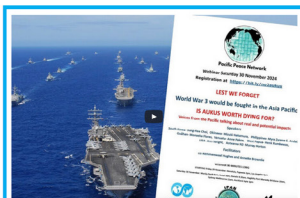
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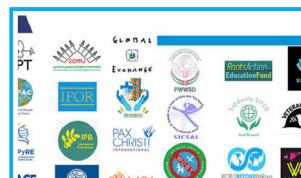
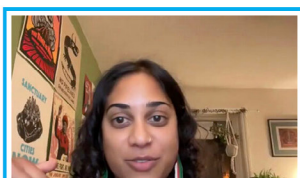
Video of Pacific Peace Network Webinar: IS AUKUS WORTH DYING FOR?

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Videos of 2024 World BEYOND War Africa Regional Peace Conference

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Webinars

World BEYOND War webinars have been attended by thousands of people, and viewed by hundreds of thousands more through social media, including on our Youtube page which has had over 364,000 views.

Our webinars in 2024 brought people together from dozens of countries, including Palestine, Sudan, and Ukraine, to discuss every aspect of peacemaking.

WBW's Education Department organised or participated in over 30 webinars, talks, and workshops covering a wide range of topics, including peace, security, and anti-war movements, campaigns, and actions, as well as climate change, youth engagement, community organising, and intergenerational collaboration. These events enabled us to engage diverse audiences, facilitate dialogue and learning, and strengthen partnerships. Highlights included:

- University of the Punjab (Pakistan): Co-organized and hosted an international hybrid conference, Global Peace & Security: Navigating the Future, bringing together academics, educators, and practitioners.
- Youth, Peace Education, and Action (Global): Co-organized and facilitated a webinar featuring speakers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guernsey, Kenya, South Sudan, and Venezuela.
- Rotaract Europe Annual Conference (Europe): Delivered a keynote on youth leadership within the context of peacebuilding and war abolition work, highlighting implications for Rotary's peace strategy.
- International Youth Alliance for Peace (Sri Lanka): Presented on youth leadership and intergenerational collaboration, including a discussion of the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda.
- Umeå University and Another Development Foundation Conference (Sweden): Participated in a conference on nonviolent resistance to militarism and authoritarianism, discussing unarmed civilian defense based on World BEYOND War's work.

Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine

In 2024 World BEYOND War helped convene a new coalition called “Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine,” which worked to generate thousands of letters to Permanent Missions to the United Nations, urging each Member State to take action in light of the Security Council having been impeded from ending Israel’s occupation of Palestine and genocide of the Gaza Strip.

Through webinars, articles, teach-ins and weekly organizing meetings, this coalition clarified the obligation of Member States to comply with their duties under international law as reflected in, inter alia, resolution A/ES-10/L.31/Rev.1, the International Court of Justice advisory opinions, the UN Charter, and the 4th Geneva Convention.

WBW and allies had [sent over half a million emails](#) to key governments urging them to invoke the genocide convention at the International Court of Justice. South Africa did so, charging Israel with genocide. Nicaragua, Mexico, Libya, Colombia, and others formally filed declarations of intervention in support of the case. The court ordered Israel to cease its genocidal acts, and the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court requested, and eventually received, arrest warrants. Next we [sent over 200,000 emails](#) urging governments to use UN General Assembly Resolution 377 ([Uniting For Peace](#)) which allows the General Assembly to act when the Security Council fails. The General Assembly passed a resolution, but it did not go far enough. So, we began making [new demands](#) – in meetings in New York and via emails – urging the Permanent Missions of every Member State of the UN General Assembly to act in a manner worthy of the crisis.

WBW and the Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine convened and hosted three large webinars in [October](#), [November](#), and [December](#), that assembled hundreds of participants and enabled ongoing, weekly conversation and planning among people from Palestine, Mexico, El Salvador, Italy, Germany, and the United States. World BEYOND War’s President Kathy Kelly and Executive Director David Swanson played a big part in this work.

Invitation

Implementation of International Law NOW to Stop the Genocide

The situation in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, Jerusalem, and live testimonies

Speakers

- Alaa Meqbel, Field Manager PYALARA, GAZA
- Hania Bitar, Director General, The Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation (PYALARA)
- Shahd Sataria, Human Rights Advocate & Projects Officer at PWWSD
- Kathy Kelly, World BEYOND War
- Abdelhamid Syiam, UN Expert, Professor of Middle East Studies, Rutgers University
- Implementing International Law Pertaining to Palestine
- The Need for an Arms Embargo Against Israel
- Reiner Braun, International Peace Bureau

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- Susan Smith, International Fellowship of Reconciliation
- Miguel Alvarez, SERAPAZ

International Manifestation of Solidarity with Palestinian People

Dec. 15, 2024, Online.

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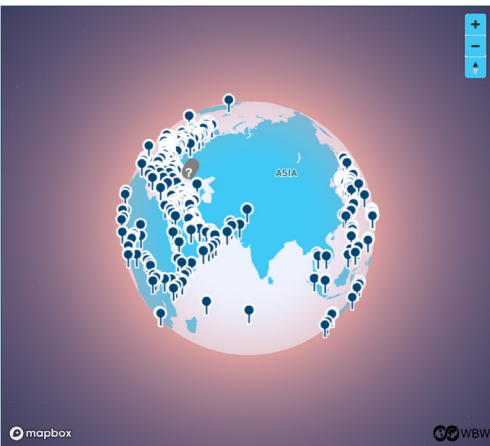


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WBW devotes special attention to maintaining an excellent user experience on our primary website, which now holds more than 10 years of antiwar content. We are committed not only to publishing new information representing the antiwar movement everyday, but also preserving the recent history of the world's antiwar movements as reflected in our articles and activities. Our website is carefully managed to achieve a high level of visual consistency and fast performance, using open-source software in close partnership with an independent progressive hosting service that does not rely on tech giants such as Amazon Web Services for infrastructure.

Along with our daily publishing, we also continue to operate several interactive applications such as our [Military Empires map of foreign bases](#) and our popular [Resources database](#), using original software to create unique presentations of information not available anywhere else.

USA's Military Empire: 917 Foreign Bases in 98 Countries



Learn About USA Bases

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

Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance

[Visit Base](#)

Learn about foreign bases in Diego Garcia:

- Exclusive: World's most pristine waters are polluted by US Navy human waste
- 'CATASTROPHIC' EXPLOSION RISK ON DIEGO GARCIA
- Why US base in Diego Garcia is critical for maritime security in the Indian Ocean

This is a military base operated by United States located in Diego Garcia since 1987.

Component: Navy

Sources: Vine, 2021

Notes: Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance (GEODSS) is an optical system that tracks objects in deep space. GEODSS uses large telescopes, low-light-level TV cameras, and computers. GEODSS is a passive sensor used to

Anti-War & Pro-Peace Resources Database

We've compiled this database of useful resources of our own and links to those found elsewhere, and created this system to help you find them. Are you looking for tools for creating events, or for information on a particular topic? Make your choice(s) under Topics below. Are you wanting to find videos, or books, or flyers, or articles, or ... choose the Type(s) of resources you want below. And if you only want results in a particular language, make that choice too. Let us know how you like this new system!

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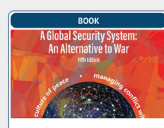
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A Global Security System: An Alternative to War

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ACSS is World BEYOND WAR's blueprint for an alternative security system – one in which peace is pursued by peaceful means. It is available in PDF, ebook, audio, and print versions.

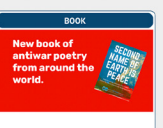


PEACE ALMANAC

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World BEYOND WAR's Peace Almanac is a daily calendar that marks important steps, progress, and setbacks in the movement for peace that have taken place on each day of the year. The Peace Almanac helps us tell a new story as we work towards a culture of peace, the 3rd strategy necessary for the



Second Name of Earth Is Peace

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Published by World BEYOND WAR, Second Name of Earth Is Peace includes the work of 65 poets from Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, France, India, Iraq, Israel, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uganda, United Kingdom,



SHUT IT DOWN

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A veteran activist's guide to direct action and strategic civil disobedience at the most radical and rapid means to social change. For decades, author Lisa Fithian's work as an advocate for civil disobedience and nonviolent direct action has put her on the

Social Media

In 2024, World BEYOND War's social media presence has maintained steady engagement despite platform algorithms and content moderation challenges.

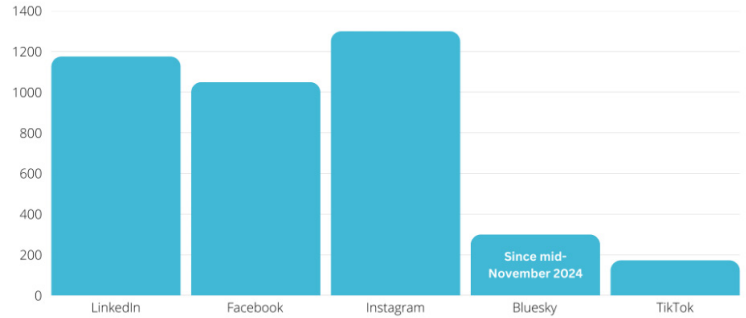
Through strategic campaigns, event promotions, and consistent storytelling through multimedia content (videos and graphics), we successfully reached a global audience and increased visibility while continuing to build engagement.

Our follower base grew across all major platforms. Notably, Instagram experienced the most significant increase in new followers and engagement.

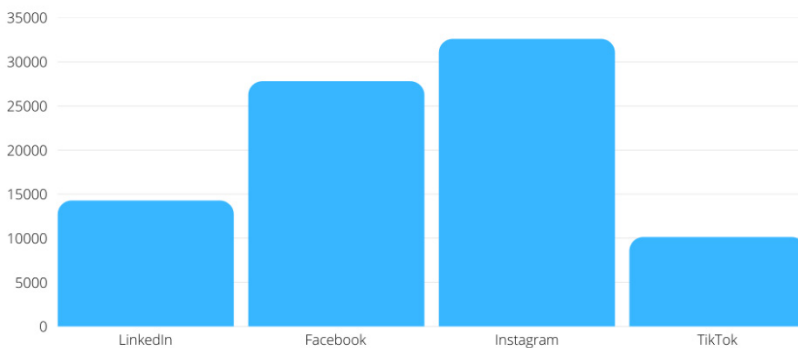
Meanwhile our listing on LinkedIn—despite LinkedIn being a primarily business-to-business channel, meaning it is mainly used for professional networking—continued to grow steadily.

In 2024, traffic to WBW's website from social media reached 85.8K visits, accounting for 12% of website traffic. This highlights the growing impact of our social media presence in driving engagement with our content, campaigns, and resources.

NEW FOLLOWERS ADDED IN 2024



NEW ENGAGEMENT 2024



Metrics used to gauge engagement include likes, comments, shares, click-throughs, and re-posts.

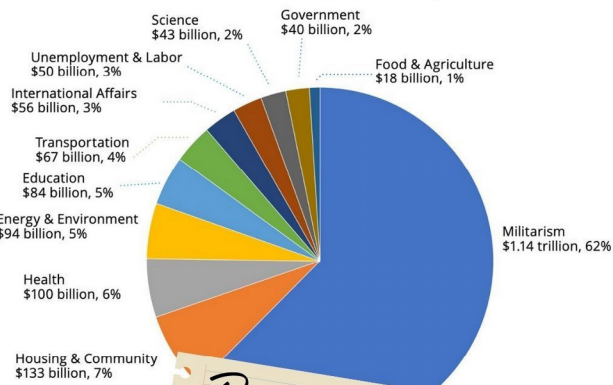
NEW IMPRESSIONS 2024



Impressions is the total number of times content was displayed to users.

 World BEYOND War @WorldBeyondWar · Dec 27, 2024
If #DearElon is serious about "efficiency," then cutting the bloated war budget should be a no-brainer. Let's end the cycle of endless conflict and invest in solutions that actually help people. worldbeyondwar.org/dearelon/

FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY SPENDING, FY 2023



Dear Elon,
Quick! How many
80-hour / week, Dept.
of Govt. Efficiency
volunteers does it
take to spot the blue
piece?

Source: OMB, National Priorities Project



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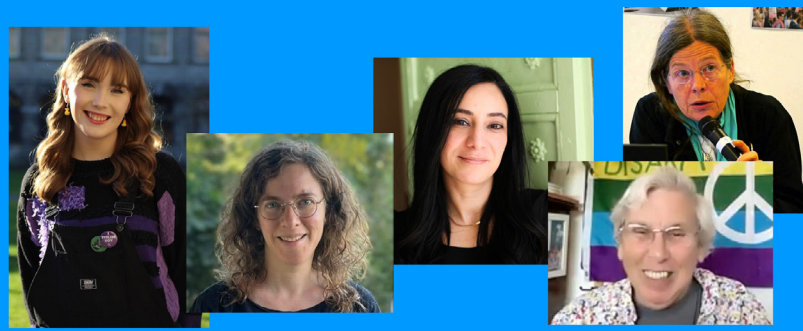
In 2014, World BEYOND War was founded with the goal of fostering a global nonviolent movement to end all war. This vision of an international grassroots network is becoming stronger each year, as World BEYOND War expands and diversifies. In 2024, the WBW network significantly expanded in Latin America and Africa in particular. WBW currently coordinates over 40 volunteer-run chapters in over 30 countries around the world, and maintains partnerships with 100+ affiliate organizations.

24-Hour Peace Wave

International Peace Bureau and WBW held the third-annual 24-hour peace wave on June 22-23, 2024. This was a 24-hour-long Zoom featuring live peace actions in the streets and squares of the world, moving around the globe with the sun. The peace wave visits dozens of locations around the globe and includes rallies, concerts, production of artworks, blood drives, installation of peace poles, dances, speeches, and public demonstrations of all variety.



War Abolisher Awards 2024



War Abolisher Awards

WBW gave the 2024 Organizational War Abolisher Award to Combatants for Peace, a joint community of Palestinians and Israelis working in solidarity to end the occupation. The Lifetime Organizational War Abolisher Award went to No to War – No to NATO, an international network that has led the way in educating on alternatives to NATO. The Youth War Abolisher Award was given to Trinity College Dublin Students' Union, which persuaded Trinity College to divest from Israeli companies. The David Hartsough Lifetime Individual War Abolisher Award recipient was Susan Crane, who has repeatedly gone to jail for justice and was at the time incarcerated in Germany for protesting at a German military base where the U.S. military keeps nuclear weapons in violation of the Nonproliferation Treaty, human decency, and basic common sense.



Nominations for 2025 are open!

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CONFERENCE**

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024



**THANK YOU
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576 REGISTRANTS



14 SPONSORS



**53 COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED**



69 ENDORSERS



45 SPEAKERS



**4 VENUES
ON 4 CONTINENTS**

#NoWar2024 Conference (September 20-22)

The #NoWar2024 Conference: Resisting the USA's Military Base Empire was World BEYOND War's most ambitious annual conference yet. It was our first hybrid conference, happening on four continents over the span of three days, as well as online. It was also our first fully bilingual Spanish-English conference. 576 people registered for the event from 53 different countries. 69 organizations endorsed #NoWar2024, and 14 organizations financially sponsored the conference.

The #NoWar2024 Conference theme focused on the USA's military base empire, since the USA far exceeds any other country with its number of foreign military bases – over 900 bases in 90 countries. The conference looked at the localized impacts of these bases in the conference host locations (Australia, Europe, and Latin America), concluding in the heart of the empire, Washington, DC, with a discussion of the overall impact of the U.S. military base empire.

Panels touched on multi-faceted impacts of military bases, including economic, social, environmental, and geopolitical effects. Speakers with first-hand experience of militarized violence, particularly First Nations speakers in Australia and many of the panelists from the Latin America section of the conference, provided powerful testimony that elicited an emotional response from the audience. The incorporation of live music and poetry into the conference to complement the panel discussions was also appreciated.

Success in Sinjajevina

February 12, 2024: After years of struggle, supported by World BEYOND War and others, the Save Sinjajevina campaign met with the Prime Minister of Montenegro and gained his promise that there will be no military training ground built at Sinjajevina. This was to have been a massive and destructive project for the benefit of NATO and the U.S. military. It is now clear it will not happen.



Chapters Around the World

Afghanistan: The chapter has focused on supporting the education of Afghan people in Afghanistan as well as Afghan refugees in the diaspora. In 2024, the chapter designed and implemented philosophy online classes for Afghans in Afghanistan and Afghan refugees in other countries. These classes were conducted twice per month. Additionally, the chapter supported the establishment of the Afghanistan Research Hub (ARH) in Berlin in collaboration with Humboldt University. The chapter aims to expand these initiatives in 2025 to reach a wider audience.

Aotearoa/New Zealand: During February and March, the chapter hosted a nationwide speaking tour with WBW Board member Dr John Reuwer, a retired emergency physician and long-time educator, from Washington, DC. John gave 13 presentations on WBW and its alternative vision for security, from Northland to Otago. In May, the chapter worked with Gray Southon to create a national seminar entitled “A new agenda for peace” in preparation for the UN Summit for the Future in September.

The chapter helped to host two Pacific Peace Network webinars throughout the year, “Voices of Resistance - Why is the Pacific being prepared for war? RIMPAC/AUKUS” in July and “Lest We Forget - World War 3 would be fought in Asia Pacific - Is AUKUS worth dying for?” in November. Also in November, the chapter helped to organize the Disarmament and Security Centre’s joint three-part seminar series on AUKUS, featuring New Zealand and Australian speakers. Chapter Coordinator Liz Remmerswaal spoke at numerous events throughout 2024, including a WBW talk to the Toiora Co-Housing Complex in Dunedin and an interfaith gathering for International World Day of Prayer for Peace at St Patrick’s Catholic Church in Napier. Liz also continues to host the Radio Hawke’s Bay “Peace Witness” program.



Berlin, Germany: The Berlin Chapter participated in many demonstrations and events throughout the year. On January 11, the chapter attended the International Rosa Luxemburg Conference, which was followed by the Luxemburg/Liebnecht demonstration on January 12. In March, the chapter took part in the annual Easter Peace Event. The main theme was the ongoing war and genocide in Gaza and the war in Ukraine. The chapter also hosted monthly vigils on “United Front for Latin America” and “Hands Off Venezuela”. On May 8 and 9, the Day of Liberation from Fascism and War, the chapter participated in demonstrations with the WBW banner. The chapter also published articles, letters, and web campaigns against new medium-range weapons and for a peaceful world. At the Coop Anti-War Café, the chapter has organized an exhibition of original photographs taken in Berlin around May 1945.



Bogotá, Colombia: The chapter was launched in September 2024. In October, the chapter participated in a mobilization at the U.S. embassy that included a large banner drop displaying a Palestinian flag, denouncing the U.S.'s support for the ongoing genocide in Gaza. The chapter also participated in an event for peace and memory, recalling the murders of civilians perpetrated by members of the Army. Through marches, community meetings, art exhibitions and other forms of activism, these atrocities are made visible both in Colombia and internationally. On December 9, the chapter participated in Human Rights Day. A tribute was paid to the victims of the national strike of 2021 and to the memory of the genocide of the UP (Unión Patriótica “political party”) that was exterminated in the 80s.



Burundi: The Burundi chapter has been focused on promoting peace and social cohesion, particularly through peace clubs that play a crucial role in raising awareness about the values of peace, nonviolence, and tolerance. These peace clubs have also facilitated inter-community dialogue and peaceful conflict resolution. Since the creation of the Burundi chapter, six peace clubs have been created in public and private universities. Hundreds of young people have been engaged in peace awareness and training activities. Additionally, Burundi for a WBW has built partnerships for peace. In collaboration with “Club Vision Santé,” the chapter hosted a session on Nonviolent Communication. Together with “Reach Unreached Millions Worldwide,” the chapter has worked on conflict resolution, mediation, and creating a culture of peace through innovative approaches aimed at supporting disadvantaged youth and women.

Cameroon: One of the main areas of work in 2024 was the promotion of social cohesion among young people through activities such as interactive workshops and awareness-raising campaigns in secondary schools, which have had a direct impact on more than 570 young people. The ‘Stop Killer Robots’ campaign also occupied a central place in 2024, with the involvement of the other African chapters. Awareness-raising workshops, webinars and public speeches were organized to mobilize against the use of autonomous weapons systems, strengthening the Cameroon Chapter’s presence in national and global debates on disarmament. In the same vein, WBW Cameroon also took part in advocacy initiatives, notably by delivering petitions for the closure of foreign military bases in Djibouti.





Chile: In 2024, the Aconcagua Bioregion Chapter in Chile supported a meeting in the former Valparaíso prison called Educating with Union where the peace flag was displayed. The chapter participated in broad dialogues to which 1,000 leaders of the most diverse civil society organizations were invited, an event that was attended by the President of the Republic of Chile, where the chapter made known its commitment to incorporate “disarmament until the end of all wars” into the national discussion. The chapter contributed to the creation of a space dedicated to education for peace and sustainability, located in Santiago – the Manabú Center. This space will be used in 2025 for activities to promote healing, celebration, care for life, and peace and prosperity of all. The chapter also initiated a partnership with the Faculty of Law of the University of Chile and plans to hold a series of talks.

Ciudad de México: In June, the chapter participated in a rally at the U.S. embassy against the genocide in Palestine. The chapter spoke out against all the genocides that are happening in the world, such as that of the Rohingya in Myanmar, the Nuer in South Sudan, the Yazidis and Christian groups in Iraq and Syria, the Darfuris in Sudan, and the ethnic cleansing in the Central African Republic, not to mention the militarized violence in Mexico. The chapter also participated in the Global Peace Wave in June. Activities included dance and live music, as well as a speech by the chapter coordinator. On October 2, members participated in the commemorative march for the student massacre carried out by the military in Tlatelolco Square in 1968.



Connecticut, U.S.: The Connecticut Chapter participated in numerous events throughout 2024, including presenting to many Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs reaching hundreds of people, speaking at the Stamford Unitarian Universalist Church, organizing a “End the Genocide” banner drop on a bridge over the I-95 highway, and speaking at a press conference in front of the South African mission to the UN to demand other nations join South Africa in its petition to the International Court of Justice against the genocide in Gaza.

Côte d'Ivoire: The Côte d'Ivoire chapter focused on preventing the recurrence of violence and atrocities through launching an awareness campaign. The first activity was to inform and educate mothers and women in at-risk areas about the devastating consequences of war. Another step was to educate and raise awareness among students about peace. The peace awareness campaign targeted three secondary schools in Abidjan. The youth were trained on the principles of nonviolence and peaceful conflict resolution. The campaign is expected to create a ripple effect, with sensitized women and students becoming ambassadors for peace and reconciliation.



DMV (Washington, DC Metro Area), U.S.: The DMV WBW chapter formed in 2024. Members helped with and participated in the June Surround the White House for Gaza action, the July No to NATO Counter-Summit and Rally, and the September #NoWar2024 events. Chapter members have also been involved in many other activities and demonstrations, particularly to call for an end to the genocide in Gaza. In 2025, the chapter will contribute to the Threads of Peace rally and fashion show at the Ellipse in Washington, DC on May 24.

El Salvador: The first activity of the year took place between May 24 and June 9, where the active members of the chapter were trained in the work of WBW at the regional and global level, to know why it is important to cease conflicts and the myths that exist around war. The day allowed chapter members to exchange views and learn more about the importance of peace. On June 15, as part of the Global Peace Wave, the chapter held an event in solidarity with Palestine, where, in coordination with the Embassy of Palestine in El Salvador and the Salvadoran Palestinian Association, a report was given on the situation of the Palestinian people, condemnation of genocide, and an act of homage to the victims.





Gambia: The Gambia chapter was launched in 2024. With the support of the Mali chapter, the chapter hosted a training about global peace and talked to schools about conflict resolution. The chapter was active in the Stop Killer Robots campaign by leading advocacy at the national level including with the Ministry of Youth, Municipalities, and the National Assembly. As a result, a Parliamentarian signed the Campaign's Pledge. Additionally, the Gambia chapter coordinator traveled to Azerbaijan to participate in the 10th Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) international conference aimed at promoting youth empowerment, innovation, leadership and peace among the Muslim community.



Illinois, U.S.: On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the chapter hosted an online presentation with Charles Johnson of Chicago Area Peace Action focused on Unarmed Civilian Protection and "Kingian" principles of nonviolent action. The program included meeting online in breakout rooms and practicing de-escalation techniques. On July 25, the chapter hosted an online presentation with Holocaust survivor and author Marione Ingram, who has been actively protesting Israeli actions in Gaza since the October 2023 Hamas violence. On September 21, International Peace Day, several members of Illinois for a WBW planned and participated in an event in Joliet. They also succeeded in getting the Mayor of Joliet and the City Council to approve and sign the Nonviolent Cities Project charter.

India: The India Chapter of WBW has continued its commitment to advancing the global movement for a peaceful, demilitarized world in 2024. Despite challenges posed by geopolitical tensions, political developments, and security concerns, the India Chapter has made significant progress in raising awareness about the harmful effects of militarization and promoting peaceful alternatives. The chapter's activities during this period have focused on a diverse range of actions including educational campaigns, public events, collaborations with peace and human rights organizations, and lobbying. This included the organizing of workshops, lectures, and webinars on demilitarization, the human cost of war, the need to reduce the military budget, conflict resolution, and Gandhian nonviolence.



Ireland: 2024 was a busy year for the Irish Chapter of WBW which included both anti-war work and pro-peace endeavours. The chapter continues to protest the militarization of Ireland and calls for Ireland to remain neutral. A major focus area is ongoing protests against the U.S. military's use of Shannon Airport for refueling military cargo planes which go on to deliver horrific weapons of war to conflicts in the Middle East. Additionally, the chapter is calling on the Central Bank of Ireland to divest from Israel Bonds. Activities include public information campaigns, leaflets, social media, speaking events, protests, and boycotting. Chapter members also participated in the launch of the Lex Innocentium campaign, which is a moral people's law that declares that war is a crime against humanity, a crime against the Earth, and a crime against the future.

Jamaica: The WBW chapter in Jamaica was launched on June 15. The chapter has participated in meetings of the solidarity movement with Palestine in Jamaica, and in several events for peace. The chapter took part in the World Social Alternative meeting in Caracas, Venezuela in July, and in a summit for the defense of the rights of Afro-descendant peoples in Cuba.

La Paz, Bolivia: In 2024, the activities of the Bolivia chapter covered topics of interest in the field of international geopolitics such as the second centenary of the Monroe Doctrine and denunciation of the genocide in Gaza. On February 22, the chapter hosted a webinar on The Weapons of Monroe, featuring Loreta Tellería, co-author of the book "Las Armas de Monroe," a work that investigates the implications of the Monroe Doctrine during the two hundred years of its application by the U.S. government in Latin America. In coordination with the Student Center of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, a seminar on the culture of peace and the conflict in Gaza was held on May 21, featuring a presentation by the Palestinian Ambassador. With the collaboration of Katherine Rios, a webinar on nonviolent communication was held on October 14. Subsequently, the chapter hosted a 3-part online course on nonviolent communication, taught by Katherine Rios.

Kenya: The newly launched chapter held an engagement meeting with organizations and individuals from across the country to identify specific areas that the chapter can engage in. These areas include enhancing the rule of law, good governance, social justice, human rights, conflict transformation initiatives, enhancing capacities and education, and researching violent conflicts in the region and profiling solutions to these conflicts. The chapter will also undertake initiatives around gender, climate justice, and child trafficking.





Madison, WI, U.S.: The Madison chapter was busy in 2024! The chapter led and co-sponsored many vigils and actions, including occupying Senator Tammy Baldwin's office every workday in January asking her to stop arming Israel; Stop Arming Israel press conference in the state Capitol in January; Valentines Gaza action on Library Mall; anti-war bike rides in April and June; rallies against war at President Biden campaign visits in April and July; support for student divestment encampment at UW-Madison in May; a week of Gaza ceasefire fasting and vigiling in the state Capitol building in June; Arrest Netanyahu" press conference in July; UW-Madison Faculty Student Roundtable on

Humanity, Warfare and Peacefare in September; Armistice Day action on Library Mall then walk to Capitol for vigil; two peace wreath DIY workshops, which raised \$1K for student interns; and ceasefire caroling and banner drop in the Capitol on December 24. The two WBW student groups at Madison College and UW-Madison have official status now. The chapter also showed seven films as part of the Anti-war Film Series.

Mali: Mali for a World BEYOND War was launched in 2024 and registered as a national association in the country. The chapter's first event, Move for Peace, raised awareness of the values of peace through sport. The event included a two-kilometer walk, gymnastics to warm up and stretch, storytelling, reflections on global challenges, and interviews with members to express messages of peace in five languages (English, French, Tamasheq, Bambara and Dogo).



Montréal, Canada: In 2024, the Montréal chapter participated in three Canada-wide campaigns designed to draw public awareness to Canada's war profiteering: the protest against the CANSEC arms fair in May; visiting Members of Parliament to demand an arms embargo with Israel in June; and rallies in front of Canadian arms manufacturers in August and September. Additionally, the chapter worked to draw its members' attention to the insidious nature of nuclear energy in Canada, hammered the truth that NATO is not a force for global security, and supported the campaigns of fellow World BEYOND War chapters in Africa.

Nigeria: The Nigeria Chapter organized two key events in 2024: a round-table discussion on International Women's Day on March 8 centered on gender equity, and a National Congress on July 13. Keynote speakers at the National Congress examined the root causes of out-of-school children and their increased risk to violence, abuse, and recruitment to extremist groups.

Peace Barricade Chapter, Romania: The Peace Barricade Chapter in Romania began in the summer of 2024. The chapter produced a video for the 24-hour Global Peace Wave covering the first Pro-Palestinian student encampment in Romania. Chapter Coordinator Maria Cernat launched a pro-peace Substack page called Baricada Pacifistă with 342 subscribers in Romanian. Maria also launched a TikTok channel and YouTube channels (Peace Barricade in English and Baricada Pacifistă in Romanian), which have garnered thousands of views.

Romania for Peace Chapter: In 2024, the Romania for Peace chapter with its international section PAIX (Peace Association International X-Change) participated in peace education activities, spoke at conferences, and helped to launch the new WBW Europe Network. Florina Tufescu, the chapter coordinator, led an online interactive session on different understandings of peace, pacifism and heroism with a class of 17-year-old students from Colegiul Național 'Vasile Alecsandri', Iași on Remembrance Day. Tufescu also spoke at in-person and online conferences throughout the year, including the SYNCRISIS conference on the Role of Education in Consolidating Public Services and Managing Multiple Crises on October 4; a presentation on pacifism and WBW on October 5 at the 14th International Conference: From Global Insecurity to Common Security hosted by Democracy Today in Yerevan, Armenia; and a presentation on conscientious objectors and WBW at the WILPF European conference in Munich in November. A chapter statement was produced with input from all members stating the need to support democracy and human rights and to work towards peace in Romania and in Europe.



North Country, NY, U.S.: The new North Country, New York chapter of WBW started out with an enthusiastic launch on the 7th of December, 2024. North Country for a WBW has already hosted two Vigils for Peace – on New Year's Eve and on a busy corner street park where the chapter showed public solidarity for the recent ceasefire in Gaza and called for another "Ceasefire now and Ceasefires forever." The chapter has sought ways to participate in the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival as a show of public representation of this new movement of locals of the North Country that are for a World BEYOND War. From a group photo at the iconic Ice Palace with the chapter banner, to an unofficial participation in a Peace Float in the Carnival Parade, the chapter is excited to be growing something hopeful.

Senegal: The Senegal chapter published the Africa Peace Calendar at the beginning of the year, inspired by the WBW Peace Almanac. The chapter held a National Youth Forum for Peace and Security on Digital Peace in the pre- and post-electoral period. The Senegal chapter also focused on the campaigns to Stop Killer Robots, to end the war in Sudan, and to close the foreign military bases in Djibouti. About Djibouti specifically, over 2,000 petition signatures were collected and delivered to embassies of the countries whose troops are stationed in Djibouti, namely: France, Spain, Germany, the United States, China, Italy, Japan, and Saudi Arabia. On May 29 and 30, the message was simultaneously taken to the embassies of these countries in Toronto, Dakar, Ottawa, Paris, Yaoundé, Montréal, London, Banjul, Berlin, and Helsinki.

South Georgian Bay, Canada: The Pivot-2Peace (P2P) South Georgian Bay Chapter for WBW is working on two fronts - actions within Canada, and projects within the Rotary organization worldwide. Within Canada, members have held monthly demonstrations outside the Federal Building in Collingwood. Periodically, they have been joined by other groups, which has led to strengthening connections with the Green Party Simcoe-Grey and the Simcoe County 4 Palestine groups. In May five members of the P2P team drove to Ottawa to protest CANSEC, North America's largest trade show for the military. And in June, P2P endorsed Simcoe County 4 Palestine's protest of the Barrie Airshow and printed up and handed out flyers at the Barrie Airshow in Collingwood. Chapter coordinator Helen Peacock created a conversational and engaging online course, Ending War 101, which is available for free on the WBW website. Helen has also given dozens of Zoom presentations on Ending War to Rotarians worldwide and is now on the Board of the Rotary Action Group for Peace.



South-Kivu, DRC: In the context of persistent armed conflict that the Democratic Republic of Congo has been experiencing for two decades, the South-Kivu chapter of WBW has worked on peace initiatives with village communities to explore how to involve young people in peacemaking, with individuals and organizations to support the education of orphaned or vulnerable children, and with other local organizations. The chapter has organized multiple training sessions on peace and human rights for the benefit of the new generation of young Congolese from different communities, fostering a culture of peace and justice.

South Sudan: The WBW chapter in South Sudan was established in June 2024, the major challenge being that the country is rooted in the historical background of the conflict and civil war that has lasted for over two decades. In 2024, the security situation in South Sudan was relatively calm; however the country is still experiencing the negative impact of climate change, sub-national violence emanating from cattle rustling, and attacks on the road by an unknown armed group. The chapter of South Sudan has been acting to promote peace through radio talk shows and collaboration with other peacebuilding partners.



Togo: The newly established Togo chapter organized activities on the culture of peace. The activities organized around the International Day of Peace on September 21 brought together children who committed to peace, dialogue, and nonviolence, and reflected on what they can do to spread peace. The meetings served as a framework to discuss and sign the WBW Declaration of Peace, as well as to sign the petition for peace in Sudan.



Toronto, Canada: 2024 was a busy year for the Toronto chapter. The chapter's focus has been on disrupting Canadian complicity in Israel's ongoing genocide against Palestinians. The chapter also continued to support First-Nations allies, and stood against NATO and against weapons proliferation. In January, the chapter organized its first direct action by taking over the office of Awz, a venture capital firm that invests exclusively in Israeli "security" and "intelligence" start-ups. In March the chapter joined with allies to lead

a direct action blocking the office of weapons company Kraken Robotics in Toronto, at the same time as their other Canadian facilities were blocked across the country. And members participated in several weapons factory and railroad blockade actions.

In March, the chapter launched the "Break Up With Your Bank" campaign teaching the public about the ways that major banks invest in war and how to switch to a credit union. In April, the chapter attended and spoke at the Canada Out of NATO rally. In May, members organized a contingent to travel to Ottawa to disrupt and protest CANSEC, Canada's biggest military and weapons fair. The chapter continues to demand an end to the Toronto air show, which takes place annually every Labor Day weekend. Activities included a poster campaign, a letter-writing campaign, a rally, and a meeting at City Hall. For decades, Canadian governments and provincial leaders have chosen to not provide safe and healthy living conditions for Indigenous peoples in Grassy Narrows. In September, the chapter joined Grassy Narrows youth, elders, and community members marching for Mercury Justice, and chapter organizers helped support the rally. In November, the chapter worked on an action to support the nation-wide Arms Embargo Day of Action. The chapter ended the year with a submission to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories of a report called "Involvement of Canadian Weapons Manufacturers in Commission of International Crimes Connected to Israel's Occupation, Apartheid, Siege, and Genocide in the Occupied Palestinian Territories."



Upper Midwest Chapter, U.S.: Local cooperation between WBW, Veterans For Peace, and Grandmother for Peace continues. In September, the chapter helped to promote a major series of events around the showing of the movie "What I Want You to Know" (about Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans' views on the wars). There were two showings at both universities in Duluth and eight discussions with students and veterans at both universities and at the veteran's memorial museum in Superior. In total about 500 people were reached with the message of peace. The chapter also participated in tabling events, distributing WBW materials.

Venezuela: The Venezuela chapter organized and participated in a number of workshops, media programs, and events throughout the year to promote peace. This included a workshop in May in partnership with Dance Therapy for Life to denounce the genocide in Gaza, and an inter-religious gathering in September in support of Palestine. The chapter participated in a TV interview for the program Bitacora Internacional, which is broadcast nationally in Venezuela, and the program Pildora Digital, a Chilean YouTube channel. In October, the chapter spoke at the Caracas Municipal Council in solidarity with Palestine. The chapter also manages a popular TikTok account with 1,800 followers.



Wanfried, Germany: The WBW Peace Factory Wanfried Chapter had the honor to host one part of the #NoWar2024 Conference in September. Additionally, the chapter has held weekly peace vigils in Bad Hersfeld since the escalation of the war in Ukraine. There has also been progress in improving the Peace Factory building with a new conference room and a recording studio for filming YouTube videos.

Zimbabwe: In 2024, the WBW Zimbabwe Chapter's activities focused on fostering dialogue, raising awareness, and empowering communities to work towards global peace. On International Women's Day, the chapter organized a gathering that brought together women from diverse backgrounds to discuss their roles in activism for a war-free world. Additionally, the chapter conducted a session with a Member of Parliament whose committee is responsible for disarmament, and negotiated inroads towards a disarmament bill. And in October, the chapter held a belated International Peace Day activity, focusing on raising awareness about the dangers of fully autonomous weapons.



Organizing in Canada



Throughout 2024, our work in Canada expanded from coast to coast organizing against the military violence carried out by the Canadian state and its allies, and in solidarity with everyone around the world most impacted by it.

A key focus of our work this year centered on doing everything we could to support people all over the country in taking action to end Israel's genocide of Palestinians and Canada's complicity in it. Here are some highlights of what our work looked like throughout the year.

Research, education, and media

We researched, developed, and posted regular updates to an interactive resource mapping out [hundreds of weapons companies](#) across the country involved in arming Israel, with an accompanying [index](#) to go into further detail on key companies. Throughout the year, as the Canadian government became increasingly committed to [obfuscating](#) the truth about the Canada-Israel arms trade, we pushed back on their lies, [producing several videos](#) and [publishing reports, educational materials, and updates accessed](#) by hundreds of thousands, [hosted](#) and [spoke](#) on dozens of [webinars](#) and [in-person events](#), published [op-eds](#), and were [interviewed](#) and quoted in hundreds of news [pieces](#), from [local](#) to [national](#) to [international outlets](#). We ended the year with a [sub-mission](#) to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories regarding Canadian companies involved in arming Israel. We also launched a new WBW Canada [Instagram](#) account and grew it to 9,000 followers.

Launching Arms Embargo Now campaign

In May, WBW founded the [Arms Embargo Now campaign](#), which has now been endorsed by more than 400 labour unions, faith institutions, human rights

and environmental organizations, Palestinian associations, and community groups across Canada.

Through this campaign, we forced the government to do what it was determined not to – [cut back](#) the Canada-Israel arms trade, [bit by bit](#), and [move several steps closer](#) to a full arms embargo on Israel. We coordinated [days of action](#) at [45 MP offices](#) and [16 weapons factories across](#) the country, carried out a [summer](#) digital action and [bird-dogging](#) campaign, ultimately resulting in 47 Members of Parliament formally endorsing the demand by the end of the year.



Direct action

We carried out dozens of direct actions throughout the year, and supported movement partners across the country in dozens more. Some highlights included [shutting down](#) access to [weapons factories](#) (including [coordinating](#) a [simultaneous](#) blockade of [7 weapons factories](#) cross country), blocking Canada's biggest [arms fair](#), blockading [freight lines](#), and taking over key arms [investor offices](#). At the end of the year we held one of our most ambitious actions yet alongside the coalition we helped found, [Jews Say No to Genocide](#), in [taking over](#) a Parliament building in Ottawa to demand an arms embargo. We also trained up and supported the Toronto chapter to [interrupt](#) a keynote speech by the Minister of war, Bill Blair, to shut down a [fundraiser](#) event he attempted to hold, to lead a [thousands-strong march](#) through the city, to [protest](#) and [flier-drop](#) the Toronto [Air Show](#), and to do a "Canada Stop Arming Israel" [light projection](#) on the tallest building in the country.



a dozen World BEYOND War activists, we built up critical, accessible [safety resources](#) and carried out public and behind-the-scenes arrestee [support](#), [legal](#) education, [media work](#), and publicized [police violence](#).

Divestment, boycott, and legal campaigns

We played an active role in supporting various divestment campaigns including the [student campus occupations](#), the [Ontario Teachers Pension Plan divestment campaign](#), the [Canadian Pension Plan](#), [ScotiaBank](#), and the [Break Up with Your Bank](#) campaign led by the Toronto WBW chapter, as well as boycott campaigns targeting [Indigo](#) and the [Giller Prize](#). We also supported the launch of a [lawsuit suing](#) the Canadian government in federal courts for not following its own arms export regulations, and will continue to play an ongoing role as the case proceeds through the court system.

Movement skill building and support

We held action trainings and small-group skill sessions with organizers in more than a dozen cities across the country. In the face of a huge rise in criminalization and state repression targeting peace activists, including the arrest and charging of over



Organizing in Latin America

The year 2024 marked a major advance in the process of strengthening the presence of World BEYOND War in Latin America, contributing significantly to continental and global efforts to end war and make Latin America a Zone of Peace.

In total, more than 214 meetings were held with our regional chapters, as well as with affiliated organizations and other movements we work in alliance with throughout the region.



Latin America: A Zone of Peace Campaign:

This campaign was launched in 2023, but in 2024 it had a particular boost with the participation of various regional organizations, [starting with the meeting held in March in Bogotá](#). World BEYOND War was elected to the Secretariat of this campaign with the aim of strengthening work on the continent, in favor of closing military bases, [dismantling the Southern Command](#), and demanding NATO's withdrawal from the continent and the return of Guantanamo to Cuba, among other fields of action on the campaign.

Campaign in Solidarity with Palestine: In the face of the genocide committed by Israel, Latin America was the site of many initiatives of solidarity with Palestine carried out by our chapters and affiliates. The actions carried out were very diverse, [from forums and discussions in universities and communities to protests in front of the U.S. and Israeli embassies to demand an end to the genocide](#).

Campaign against Militarization in Ecuador: Another key campaign during 2024 was to oppose the growing militarization of Ecuador, including the presence of U.S. military troops, and the most recent attempt by the Ecuadorian government to reform the constitution [to allow the establishment of foreign military bases in the country](#).



VIII Seminar Against Foreign Military Bases: May 4-6 in Guantánamo: As part of the effort carried out by World BEYOND War to close military bases around the world, the organization participated in the Eighth International Seminar against military bases abroad, held in the province of Guantánamo in Cuba. This event, organized by the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), was attended by nearly 90 guests from around the world. WBW Latin America Organizer Gabriel Aguirre [presented](#) about WBW's bases mapping project, which has been a reference for multiple researchers working on this topic.



Peace Wave in Latin America:

For the third year, the [Peace Wave was held in Latin America](#), as part of a global effort by WBW and the International Peace Bureau to foster a day of action around the world to raise our voices against war and injustice and to propose working towards building a world of peace, solidarity and social justice. The 24-Hour Peace Wave included events in Mexico, Costa Rica, and El Salvador.

Venezuela, A Global Social Alternative:

In July, WBW was invited to participate in [various peace and solidarity activities](#) in Caracas, Venezuela. WBW participated alongside other regional movements where a regional coordination meeting of the “Latin America: A Zone of Peace” campaign was held.

Meeting against Militarization in Medellin:

WBW, Kavilando, GAMIP, and other organizations worked on the preparation of the [meeting on militarization](#) that took place during the month of October in the city of Medellin, Colombia. This event, organized by two universities in the city, allowed for the articulation of a set of local initiatives on peace issues, focusing on the end of militarization in Colombian territories, the demand for the closure of military bases and withdrawal of NATO.

CELAC Social Meeting in Honduras:

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), a space for integration not only of countries but also of regional social movements, met in June of 2024 in Honduras. Various platforms and social movements were organized to discuss the campaign for Latin America as a Zone of Peace. Among the aspects of the campaign presented were:

1. the dismantling of the Southern Command
2. the closure of all military bases on the continent
3. the demand for an end to military intervention in Haiti
4. the decolonization of Puerto Rico and the Malvinas, and the return of Guantanamo
5. the end of all sanctions and blockades.





Expansion of our work: In 2024, new chapters were launched in [El Salvador](#), [Jamaica](#), and [Bogotá](#), and seven organizations in Latin America became affiliates of WBW. Additionally, 15 organizations in Latin America signed onto the Declaration of Peace.

Impact on media: 61 press releases; 64 videos; 11 webinars; 8 interviews; 4 TikToks.

COP 16 in Cali, Colombia: The city of Cali, Colombia was the center of COP 16 (the 2024 United Nations Biodiversity Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity). World BEYOND War was invited to [speak at various forums about the impact of war on the environment](#). The space was opportune to participate with the Unidos por Gorgona Collective in various actions to denounce the military project that aims to turn the island of Gorgona into a large military base under operations of the United States Army.



Seven new WBW affiliates in Latin America: [GAMIP](#), [CHAP](#), [Kharmino](#), [Kavilando Foundation](#), [CPAZ](#), [REDIPAZ](#), [The Route to Peace](#).



Organizing in Africa

Africa is no longer that unknown continent within the World BEYOND War movement, often forgotten in global solidarity with people affected by conflicts. In 2024, a tremendous amount of work has been done towards fostering peace and ending wars in the continent, where conflicts have resulted in significant humanitarian crises, displacement of people, and loss of lives. Our vision of a world without wars was grounded in Africa, where volunteer activists engaged in creating chapters and initiating a variety of campaigns against war, which advanced thanks to the support and the collaboration of other World BEYOND War chapters and peace activists around the world.

The expansion of WBW in Africa has been the result of a collective effort to spread peace initiatives. This work has helped to create hope for peace and social justice. This year, six new chapters have been established in Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Kenya, South Sudan and Togo, making a total of 13 chapters in Africa. The proactive and empowering nature of our peace education work in Africa has made young people peace actors through Training Programs and Peace Clubs. Our Chapters in Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo have done impactful work to promote a culture of peace in the continent.

In Cameroon, the chapter trained 150 young web influencers, in order to promote factors of peace and social cohesion through digital campaigns and community activism. In Burundi, the chapter created six peace clubs in public and private universities across the country, engaged hundreds of young people in peace awareness and training activities, and sensitized thousands of people to peace and non-violence. The coordinator of a peace club said: "Thanks to the peace club, I have learned to communicate better with others and to resolve conflicts peacefully. I am now more involved in promoting peace in my community as well as in my current workplace, which enables me to grow personally and professionally."



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The Second “Imagine Africa Beyond War Peace Conference” was organized virtually on November 15 and 16. It exposed wars and war-driven factors that prevent Africa from envisioning sustainable peace, and explored opportunities to picture what Africa beyond war actually looks like, by showcasing the perspectives of activists in the continent who are challenging the structural causes of wars. An impressive 761 people from 86 countries registered for the conference and joined 23 experts to support our vision for a just and peaceful world, where dialogue and collaboration replace conflicts. The Africa Peace Conference is now a World BEYOND War annual event.



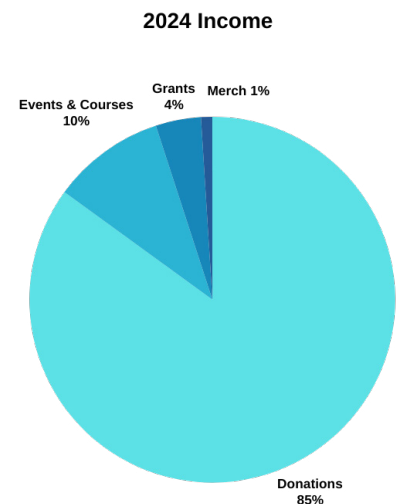
The work of chapters on disarmament enabled us to take considerable steps to reduce militarization and promote peace on the continent. Our Chapters in Cameroon, Gambia, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo and Zimbabwe actively engaged in the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, thus encouraging governments to begin negotiations on an international treaty on autonomous weapon systems. In Gambia in particular, the chapter raised awareness among parliamentarians of the dangers posed by autonomous weapons systems. A member of the Parliament signed the Campaign’s pledge to foster political engagement to promote peaceful alternatives to war.

In 2024, we launched the Campaign to Close the Foreign Bases in Djibouti and the Campaign for Peace in Sudan. The Senegal chapter coordinated the delivery of petitions to the embassies of the countries that have military bases in Djibouti. We published an open letter to ask Governments to withdraw their troops and close their bases wherever they are in Africa, and to stop supplying weapons and military support.

Development

Thanks to the generous support of new institutional funders along with our individual and major donors, we continued to grow World BEYOND War in 2024. We began 2024 with a reserve carried over from 2023, which gave us a feeling of being a bit more financially secure than in past years and fairly comfortable with planning and strategizing projects for the upcoming year. The year 2024 was a testament to both the generosity of our donors and our reliance on those individual donors. In 2024, we not only raised a record amount of individual donations, but these donations also accounted for a disproportionate portion of our overall revenue – which has experienced record overall growth as well. It is because of our donors that we have been able to continue working to abolish war and grow our programs and team.

Our total annual revenue for 2024 was \$583,615.84. This is a 36% increase in revenue compared to 2023 (which was \$373,770). In 2024, World BEYOND War was the proud recipient of grants from the James R and Mary Jane Barrett Foundation, the Jubitz Family Foundation, the Tides Foundation, John W. Pope Foundation, and Groundswell Fund, along with 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 third year in a row from a long-standing WBW supporter, a \$100,000 bequeathment from the estate of two long-term followers of our work, nearly \$80,000 from another long-standing and critical figure in the anti-war movement, and \$10,000 from two other important figures in the movement. All of these are in addition to a handful of both four and five figure contributions.



With sustainable and on-going pledged support, WBW is able to more clearly project revenue for upcoming years. While the feeling of being more financially secure because we start a year with a small reserve is likely illusory, it is still distinctly different from beginning a new year scrambling to cover costs. It is our hope that we continue to grow our revenue and reconcile our bottom line in a way that supports the long-term sustainability of the organization. What is clear now is that we need our individual donors to do this. Across the board, peace organizations are facing challenges securing institutional funding that was once available to our work. More and more foundations are sunsetting programs, shifting strategic focuses to be more localized or responsive to specific community needs, while others find themselves in conflict with our vision for a nonviolent end to all wars because of their own investments or affiliation with the exact players we're trying to take down. It is a challenging time for fundraising in the anti-war space and individuals are key to furthering this work across the landscape.

In addition to individual donations and institutional grants, an additional \$60,543 came from registrations and sponsorships which includes online course registrations in addition to revenue from our annual conference, film festival, awards, and book clubs. We also raised \$7,019 from other earned income including from the sale of merchandise and for our technical assistance with other organizations. This portion represents a slight increase from last year. WBW 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.



THANK YOU!

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.

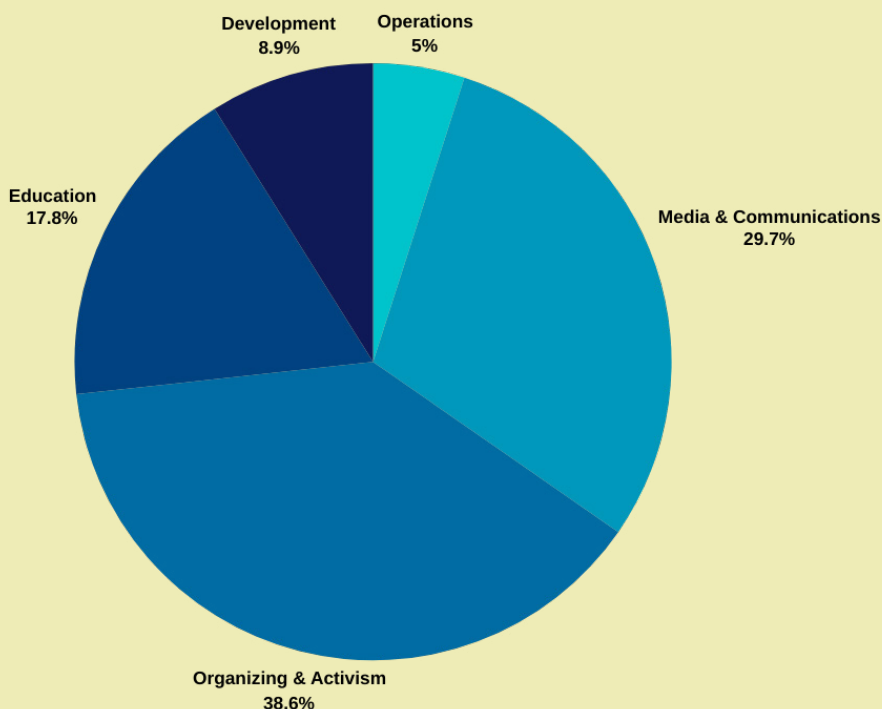
In 2024, in addition to the institutional funders, we were supported by several anonymous donors and these individuals:

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Our total expenses for 2024 were \$522,335.42. The majority of our expenses are always for staff compensation (\$395,218.54). This was a nearly \$70,000 increase from 2023 (\$326,673.16) because we hired two new staff members (Latin America Organizer in 2023, Africa Organizer in 2024). We also still have a contract researcher who is working on our No Bases campaigns. We're hoping to continue growing our team more this year and to expand our organizing and activist efforts into other parts of the world.

2024 Expenses



Though staff costs are far and away our biggest expense, unlike most non-profit organizations, all of the staff work remotely, so we have no office expenses and very little overhead. 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 film fest and monthly book clubs as fundraisers. This year we also did our online auction and Move for Peace which helped offset programmatic expenses.

Additionally, some of our programs, including 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.

Other expenses in 2024 included software and online management tools including Quickbooks, Action Network, and website hosting and maintenance costs. We also contracted in 2024 with a fundraising tool called SmartRaise which helps streamline the donation process.

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 (overhead and administrative costs, finance, postage, printing, travel, and digital tools and software), Media & Communications (all content development, social media, promotional materials, postage, printing, travel, legal services, our website, and related technology and tools including the podcast), Organizing & Activism (chapters, billboards, the divestment campaign, the No Bases campaign, the #NoWar Conference, postage, printing, travel, and other events), Education (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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