

WILPF Women against War and Weapons say NO...

NO to London showcasing weapons and tools for wars and armed violence

NO to the death, destruction, displacement, and violent oppression and repression that these weapons cause

NO to those who profit from war, killing, genocide, injustice, corruption and abusing human rights

NO to the UK government actively supporting arms dealers and military personnel from the world's most violent, authoritarian and undemocratic regimes

NO to the ways in which the military and war contribute to the climate crisis, destroying the environment, and forcing people to flee their homes

NO to the disproportionate impact of war and weapons on the world's poorest, particularly women, girls and minority groups

NO to militarism and violent masculinities, and to the consequences of the arms trade that lead directly to increased sexual and gender-based violence and abuse against women in their homes and communities

NO to the social and political inequalities and pressures from the increase in female-headed households when men are killed in armed conflicts

NO to arming and driving wars for territory and to exploit scarce resources

NO to the ExCeL Centre arms fair, now and in the future

Join WILPF at the ExCeL arms fair



Join WILPF and other like-minded women for a peaceful gathering at the ExCeL Centre on **Wednesday 3 and Wednesday 10 September**. We look forward to welcoming you!

Please find details here:
<https://www.wilpf.org.uk/>

Get involved

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- visit <https://www.wilpf.org.uk/membership-options>
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Every two years, the global arms trade comes to Newham's ExCeL Centre, showcasing **weapons and tools for wars and armed violence**.

In 2025, one of the world's biggest arms fair takes place from 9 to 12 September.

WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom) is horrified by – and mourns – the suffering, devastation and lives lost in wars and armed conflicts. **More weapons will not end wars.** Wars cause human misery and climate destruction... and more wars. **The only people who profit from war are arms manufacturers.** **Help stop the arms fair.**



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The government is actually enabling Israel to continue its genocide in Gaza. And Israeli arms dealers are invited and welcomed to the arms fair by the UK government so it can continue its lucrative arms sales and other support for Israel.

The government also continues relentlessly to sell arms to Ukraine, with no intent to negotiate a settlement. The same applies to other parts of the world where **UK weapons are killing and harming people** and destroying their communities and environments.

In June 2025, the government announced **massive increases, untold billions, in spending on the military**, on arms, on submarines and on nuclear weapons of mass destruction, so the UK can be put on a war footing and become a “battle-ready, armour-clad nation”.

This, in effect, signs a **blank cheque for the arms industry** at the expense of investing in homes, schools, clinics, hospitals, green energy, low-carbon transport and much more. Fuelling conflict also leads to increasing numbers of refugees fleeing for their lives.



WILPF UK members at a Women in Black against War and Militarism vigil in Euston



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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM

WILPF – the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom – is a **feminist peace movement** founded in 1915 to stop wars and prevent future wars by dismantling the causes of war and armed conflict.

WILPF works through solidarity in global networks of women and feminist activists to **build a world of permanent peace** founded on feminist foundations of freedom, justice, non-violence, human rights and equality for all, where people, the planet, and all its other inhabitants coexist and flourish in harmony.

WILPF at this time is thinking especially of the women in Palestine, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, Russia and Yemen and other parts of the world who live amidst terrible violence and hardship. **Women's work for peace has never been more important.**

WILPF campaigns for a **feminist approach** to disarmament; anti-militarism; foreign policy; peace-making negotiations and conflict resolution; gender equality; women, peace and sustainable security; climate justice; and human rights.

WILPF promotes social, economic and political justice, and campaigns for women to be represented at all levels in peace-building processes. We strive for **women's voices for peace** to be heard globally in support and solidarity.

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WILPF UK members outside ExCel centre for Stop The Arms Fair, 2023



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