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United for Change: WILPF's Unyielding Commitment to LGBTQI+ Rights and Peace

Welcome to Pride month, a time when we celebrate and advocate for LGBTQI+ rights. This article highlights some of WILPF's engagement in LGBTQI+ rights and underscore their significance as a feminist and peace issue.



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Did you know that **64 countries still have laws that criminalise homosexuality** (<https://database.ilga.org/criminalisation-consensual-same-sex-sexual-acts>), and in some regions, **LGBTQI+ individuals are outlawed and face severe punishment** (https://features.hrw.org/features/features/lgbt_laws/index.html), solely because of their sexual orientation or gender identity? These statistics should alarm anyone working for gender justice. Safeguarding the rights and safety of LGBTQI+ individuals is a feminist issue, and collective action is urgent!

For over 108 years, WILPF has been at the forefront of promoting gender equality and advocating for peaceful resolutions to conflicts. (<https://www.wilpf.org/who-we-are/our-herstory/>) Our feminist and peace-oriented approach naturally extends to supporting LGBTQI+ rights, recognising the interconnectedness of these struggles.

At the heart of our work is a commitment to advance the enjoyment of freedom, human rights, and justice for all without discrimination based on gender or any other grounds

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The challenges faced by LGBTQI+ people within patriarchal systems resonate with the gendered forms of oppression and discrimination experienced by women and girls. This is why the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer people should be integral parts of the feminist movement and recognises the unique obstacles on their path to equality.

Addressing LGBTQI+ issues from a rights-based perspective is absolutely essential. Human rights are universal; every individual, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, has the right to healthcare, protection from violence and discrimination, and legal recognition of their gender identity. These rights form the cornerstone of a just and inclusive society that respects and values the inherent dignity of all individuals.

Discrimination and violence against LGBTQI+ individuals not only inflicts direct harm, but also undermines the social fabric of our communities, eroding cohesion and stability. By embracing inclusivity and acceptance, we foster peaceful coexistence through meaningful dialogue and understanding, allowing conflicts to be resolved through empathy and mutual respect.

WILPF's commitment to LGBTQI+ rights goes beyond rhetoric and we're proud to continue **challenging systems and structures of oppression (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/WILPF-International-Programme-2022-2025_ENG.pdf)**. Our efforts encompass raising awareness about the **unique impacts of arms transfers on LGBTQI+ persons (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HRC51_GD3-WILPF-statement-on-arms-transfers-.docx.pdf)**, urging states continue to **pressure the Taliban to respect, protect and promote human rights without discrimination (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HRC49_WILPF-statement-on-Afghanistan.docx.pdf)**, and spearheading important discussions within the Human Rights Council, **shedding light on the vulnerabilities faced by LGBTQI+ individuals during the COVID-19 crisis (<https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/HRC-virtual-informal-conversation-with-UNHCR-Joint-NGO-statement.pdf>)**.

Feminist solidarity has a pivotal role to play in advancing LGBTQI+ rights. WILPF urges everyone to become allies by educating themselves, challenging biases, and actively advocating for LGBTQI+ rights. Through our unified voices, actions, and unwavering determination, we become a powerful force capable of transforming the world and fostering a future of equality, justice, and acceptance.

Together, we have the power to make a lasting impact and inspire a better tomorrow for all.

Additional Resources

Explore WILPF and like-minded partners' resources on LGBTQI+ efforts! Take a look at the list below to access informative publications, reports, and articles that shed light on our commitment to advancing the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer individuals:

Outright International:

- **[LGBTQ Lives in Conflict and Crisis](https://outrightinternational.org/our-work/human-rights-research/lgbtq-lives-conflict-and-crisis)** (<https://outrightinternational.org/our-work/human-rights-research/lgbtq-lives-conflict-and-crisis>)

The Centre for Gender in Politics:

- **[Queering WPS Policy brief series](https://centreforgender.org.wordpress.com/2023/03/27/second-in-queering-wps-policy-brief-series-supporting-queer-feminist-mobilizations-for-peace-and-security/)** (<https://centreforgender.org.wordpress.com/2023/03/27/second-in-queering-wps-policy-brief-series-supporting-queer-feminist-mobilizations-for-peace-and-security/>)

IWRAW Asia Pacific:

- **[Universalising Gender Equality Norms: CEDAW's critical role in protecting women's SOGIESC](https://www.iwraw-ap.org/resources/universalising-gender-equality-norms/)** (<https://www.iwraw-ap.org/resources/universalising-gender-equality-norms/>)

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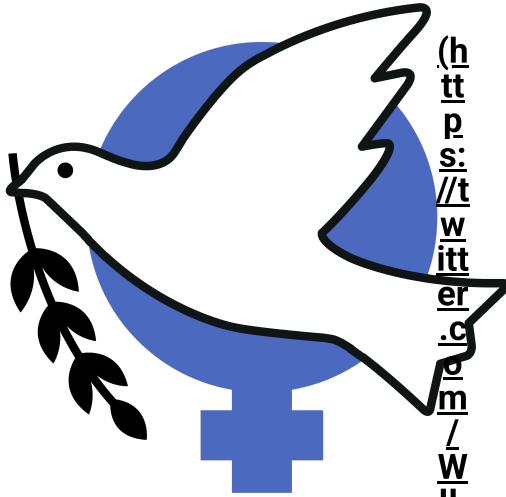
- **[There Is No Place for Anti-Trans Agendas in the UN](https://www.awid.org/news-and-analysis/there-no-place-anti-trans-agendas-un)** (<https://www.awid.org/news-and-analysis/there-no-place-anti-trans-agendas-un>)
- **[Curated Resources – Rainbows and Storms: LGBTQI+, climate crisis and pandemics](https://www.awid.org/resources/curated-resources-rainbows-and-storms-lgbtqi-climate-crisis-and-pandemics)** (<https://www.awid.org/resources/curated-resources-rainbows-and-storms-lgbtqi-climate-crisis-and-pandemics>)

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- **[Pride Month: Celebrating LGBTQ+ Rights, Activism, and Joy](https://www.wilpf.org/pride-month-celebrating-lgbtq-rights-activism-and-joy/)** (<https://www.wilpf.org/pride-month-celebrating-lgbtq-rights-activism-and-joy/>)
- **[WILPF Stands with the Victims of the Orlando Pulse LGBTQ Nightclub](https://www.wilpf.org/advocacy_documents/wilpf-stands-with-the-victims-of-the-orlando-pulse-lgbtq-nightclub/)** (https://www.wilpf.org/advocacy_documents/wilpf-stands-with-the-victims-of-the-orlando-pulse-lgbtq-nightclub/)
- **[The Perpetual Struggle for Freedom in the United States](https://www.wilpf.org/the-perpetual-struggle-for-freedom-in-the-united-states/)** (<https://www.wilpf.org/the-perpetual-struggle-for-freedom-in-the-united-states/>)
- **[Submission to the CEDAW Committee's Half-day General Discussion on Representation of Women in Decision-Making](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WILPF-submission-CEDAW-GR-participation.pdf)** (<https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WILPF-submission-CEDAW-GR-participation.pdf>)
- **[Submission to OHCHR on the Negative Impacts of Firearms and the Role of the Business Sector](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WILPF-submission-to-OHCHR-Firearms-report-February-2023.pdf)** (<https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WILPF-submission-to-OHCHR-Firearms-report-February-2023.pdf>)
- **[HRC51: Statement on Arms Transfers](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HRC51_GD3-WILPF-statement-on-arms-transfers-.docx.pdf)** (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HRC51_GD3-WILPF-statement-on-arms-transfers-.docx.pdf)
- **[HRC49: Statement on the OHCHR Report on Firearms](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HRC49_WILPF-statement-on-Firearms.pdf)** (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HRC49_WILPF-statement-on-Firearms.pdf)
- **[HRC49: Statement on Afghanistan](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HRC49_WILPF-statement-on-Afghanistan.docx.pdf)** (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HRC49_WILPF-statement-on-Afghanistan.docx.pdf)
- **[Urgent Demand to Donors from the Feminist Action for Afghanistan](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/FAA-Donor-Advocacy-Letter-Nov-2021.pdf)** (<https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/FAA-Donor-Advocacy-Letter-Nov-2021.pdf>)
- **[HRC45: Statement on Yemen](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Statement-to-UN-Human-Rights-Council-45th-session-14-September-%E2%80%93-7-October-2020.pdf)** (<https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Statement-to-UN-Human-Rights-Council-45th-session-14-September-%E2%80%93-7-October-2020.pdf>)
- **[HRC45: Written Statement on the OHCHR Report on Arms Transfer](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/HRC45_WS_arms_transfers_19.08.2020.pdf)** (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/HRC45_WS_arms_transfers_19.08.2020.pdf)
- **[A Practical Approach to Prevent, Address and Document Domestic Violence under COVID-19](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MADRE-Domestic-Violence-Under-COVID-19-Briefing-Paper_4.21.20.pdf)** (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MADRE-Domestic-Violence-Under-COVID-19-Briefing-Paper_4.21.20.pdf)

- [HRC Informal Conversation with Bachelet: Joint NGO Statement on the UN Response to COVID-19](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/HRC-virtual-informal-conversation-with-UNHCR-Joint-NGO-statement.pdf) (<https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/HRC-virtual-informal-conversation-with-UNHCR-Joint-NGO-statement.pdf>)
- [HRC43: Statement on the UPR of Iraq](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/HRC43_UPR-of-Iraq_WILPF.pdf) (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/HRC43_UPR-of-Iraq_WILPF.pdf)
- [Joint Submission to the CEDAW Committee Pre-session on Ukraine](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Jt-submission_CEDAW_Pre-session_UKRAINE.docx) (https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Jt-submission_CEDAW_Pre-session_UKRAINE.docx)
- [Statement for the UPR of Colombia](https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Statement-for-the-UPR-of-Colombia.pdf) (<https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Statement-for-the-UPR-of-Colombia.pdf>)

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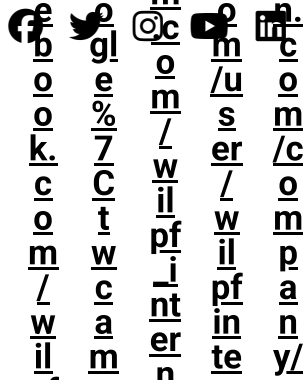
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