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THE WORLD WE WANT

Programs for Antimilitarist Futures

Resisting Airwars

With an average of 121 bombs dropped a day by Trump, WRL's Resisting Airwars program seeks to facilitate opportunities for activists, organizers, and cultural workers to engage with one another about how to organize against airwars. This June, WRL hosted a convergence outside of the Netroots conference in Philadelphia, attended by nearly all progressive 2020 candidates, to launch our demand that an antimilitarist agenda be an essential part of any "progressive" candidate's platform. The Resisting Airwars program focuses on revealing the major actors and profiteers of airwars, while lifting up ongoing struggles for self determination and protection from state violence in impacted communities around the world.

No SWAT Zone

As part of WRL's continued No SWAT Zone initiative targeting the nexus between domestic agencies and the military, WRL collaborated with Puente Arizona to oppose the National Homeland Security Conference (NHSC) that took place in Phoenix this past June. The NHSC brings 1200+ Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Management professionals, federal agencies, nonprofit agencies, business owners, and decision makers together to learn about trends in homeland security and see new equipment and technology available to "support missions." We look forward to continuing to build deeper collaborative relationships with communities organizing against police and border militarization in the coming year.

Stop Urban Shield Coalition Victory

As the seeding organization and a proud member of the Stop Urban Shield Coalition, WRL celebrates the Coalition's recent victory ending Urban Shield, "the largest SWAT training in the world." Read WRL's full statement at www.warresisters.org.

Internationalist Antimilitarism

As people around the world rise up in revolution to resist fascism, austerity, and white supremacy, we know how vital it is to build across struggles for liberation. That's why WRL continues to engage with questions about how we can build stronger internationalist networks. In July, WRL sent a delegation to Bogota, Colombia to participate in WRIs' conference, Antimilitarism in Movement: Narrative of Resistance to War, where participants gathered to share and build action-strategies rooted in nonviolence and antimilitarism. Following the conference, WRL was glad to support the East Coast speaking tour of WRI-staffer Natalia Garcia Cortes, who shared lessons from feminist struggle in Colombia with audiences in Cleveland, Philadelphia, DC, and New York.

THE SKILLS WE NEED

WRL Trainings

NVDA Trainings | National

WRL continues to offer nonviolence trainings around the country, as

requested. Training work this year included facilitating NVDA trainings with a variety of groups planning actions around climate change and immigration, as well as responding to requests for training resources, which can be found on the WRL website.

Many Legged Monster of Militarism | Washington, DC

WRL continued our involvement with the Poor People's Campaign and joined AboutFace and Code Pink to run a Militarism 101 workshop with attendees of the Poor People's Moral Action Congress. The Many Legged Monster of Militarism workshop asks participants to map out the ways militarism manifests in our local, national, and international communities, to identify opportunities for strategic interventions to start building the necessary alternatives to militarism.

Antiwar Story Building | New York, NY

WRL led an antiwar story-building workshop at the CUNY Graduate Center's one day conference on "Empire, Memory, Violence, and the Sociological Imagination." Participants were comprised of a mixed group of community members, academics, high school, and college students.

Demilitarize Our Schools | Phoenix, AZ

WRL ran a skills training with Puente AZ to support specific needs around their #CopsOuttaCampus campaign. The training included building skills around power-mapping, breaking down common talking points of the opposition, and roleplaying base-building conversations.

THE RELATIONSHIPS WE'RE BUILDING

Supporting Antimilitarist Networks

School of the Americas Watch Commemorative Gathering

WRL travelled to Fort Benning, Georgia to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Central American University massacre, build with comrades, and continue to condemn the destabilizing role SOA plays in Latin America. WRL brought research from our new Border Patrol Counter Recruitment Resource; we look forward to continuing to build with our allies in the borderlands to condemn the militarization of U.S. borders and the criminalization of the people that cross them.

Kanders Must Go!

In May, WRL joined Decolonize This Place's nine weeks of art and action demanding the removal of Warren Kanders as the vice-chairman of the Whitney Museum's board of trustees. Kanders is the CEO of Safariland - the U.S. manufacturer of teargas used on protestors during the Arab Spring some years ago- which WRL launched our Facing Teargas campaign against. We congratulate the coalition on successfully forcing Kanders' resignation from the Whitney's Board of Trustees.

Commemorating the Gwangju Uprising

WRL supported Nodutdol, Justice Before Peace, About Face, and DC International Womxn's Alliance to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the Gwangju Uprising at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in DC on Armed Forces Day to powerfully reclaim a space that fails to acknowledge

the 3+ million Koreans who were killed in the war, decades of U.S.-backed dictatorships, and the continued occupation of the Korean peninsula by U.S. troops.

From Armistice to Peace: Ending the 70 Year Korean War

WRL participated in a panel discussion with Korea Peace Now! and Nodutdol, following a screening of the film Memory of a Forgotten War to mark the 66th Anniversary of the Korean War armistice. Panelists discussed how to engage in ongoing efforts by Korean diaspora and allies to support lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Malaya Movement Conference and Day of Action

WRL attended the Malaya Movement national gathering in DC to join Filipino calls to defend human rights and democracy in the Philippines and end U.S. support to the Duterte regime.

USCPR Summit at Highlander Center

Looking ahead to 2020, WRL participated in a summit held by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights to strategize with partners across racial justice, antiwar, and immigration justice movements. We're excited to continue working on cross-movement campaigns and to use the events of 2020 to advance visions for justice.

Red Nation Native Liberation Congress

WRL attended this year's Native Liberation Conference in Albuquerque focused on global solidarity, decolonization in the heart of empire, and bringing together Native, Black, undocumented, and Palestinian organizers.

THE RESOURCES WE HAVE

Political Education

Demilitarist School | Chicago, IL

WRL's Demilitarist School draws upon the legacy of decolonial liberation and antiwar movements— seeking to support a new era of war resisters on the intergenerational journey to a future free of war. This year WRL held a three-day antimilitarist school for young people in Chicago, generously hosted by our friends at Assata's Daughters. Sessions ranged from workshops on what police militarization is, to curriculum about the history of airwars, and the real impacts serving in the military have.

The Ban and The Bomb | New York, NY

On the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, WRL hosted a teach-in on antimilitarist approaches to the Trans Ban centering the voices of trans veterans who recognize the threat of institutionalized legal discrimination like the Trans Ban, but also see the need for a movement that addresses the factors that drive trans recruitment into the military. Thanks to our friends at QueerTransWarBan and the People's Forum for making this event possible.

WRL Online Store

WRL's organizing and training resources continue to be an important

resource for activists in peace and justice movements across the country. WRL's Pie Chart flyer, which remains the single most reproduced piece of literature in WRL's history, is sold and downloaded by the tens of thousands each year and is an excellent tool for war tax resisters, antimilitarist activists, and organizers alike! We continue to work with NNOMY, JustSeeds and Syracuse Cultural Workers to distribute our resources more widely and we promote all our materials through social media, on our website, in our periodic mailings and emails, and at conferences and actions. Visit www.warresisters.org/store to order!

THE LEADERS WE'RE SUPPORTING

Awardees, Interns, and Staff

2019 Peace Award | Highlander Center For Research and Education
 WRL is proud to honor Highlander Research and Education Center, in recognition of their decades-long movement building work and tireless commitment to justice and peace.

Communications Coordinator | Shiyam Galyon

WRL is very excited to grow our staff collective and welcome Shiyam (she/hers) to staff as our first full-time Communications Coordinator. Shiyam is a communications strategist who believes in the potential of radical communication to build the world we want to live in and bring six years of experience communicating and organizing around the Syrian revolution to WRL.

Ruth and Harrop Freeman Internship

WRL thanks Andrea Hidalgo (she/hers) for offering her time, energy, and skills to support WRL's fundraising work this Spring. Andrea was grateful to leave WRL not just with fundraising skills, but new perspectives on how to be effective as a youth activist in her school and community. Good luck, Andrea!

Sera Bilezikian Peace Internship

WRL thanks Amani Nijem (she/hers) and Heath Rudd (they/them) for their amazing work supporting organizing and program work as Bilezikian interns this year. Amani focused her work on supporting the Resisting Airwars program, while Heath played a key role in researching and creating WRL's new Border Patrol Counter Recruitment Resource. Thanks Amani and Heath - wishing you both the best!

THE SEEDS WE'RE PLANTING

Growing Our Work

All of WRL's work is made possible by individual supporters, not by governments or grants. As a grassroots-funded organization we're accountable to the communities we serve, not big foundations, which is why it's so important that we can count on you to ensure our antimilitarist work remains bold and uncompromising. Please consider supporting WRL for the long-haul by becoming a monthly sustainer, or make a special year-end donation today! Thank you for all you make possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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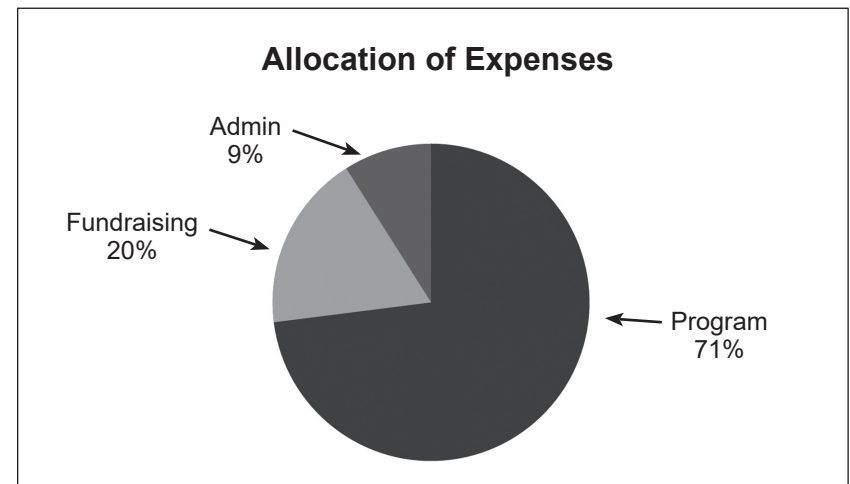
INCOME

Contributions / Grants	223,243
Bequests / Endowment	146,305
Literature / Calendar Sales	8,595
<u>Program / Special Events</u>	<u>27,721</u>
TOTAL INCOME	405,864

EXPENSES

Ending Militarism National Campaign	126,562
Field Organizing / Movement Building	106,186
Promoting Nonviolent Social Change	54,712
Literature & Resources	36,071
Fundraising / Promotion	108,860
<u>Administrative / Office</u>	<u>40,839</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	473,229

You may also obtain copies of our prior year 990, the annual filing with the IRS, from the New York State Charities Bureau at <http://www.charitiesnys.com>



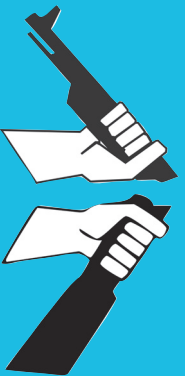
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