WWFOR is a Mobilizing Partner of the Poor People's Campaign! See 3/24 event.

Hello to all Members and Friends of Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR)

Click here for a list of many upcoming events for justice and peace.

Today we are highlighting the March 2 Poor People’s Campaign (PPC) March in Olympia. FOR-USA is a Mobilizing Partner of the national PPC, and Western WA FOR is a partner of the statewide PPC as are Olympia, Tacoma, and Seattle chapters. Click here to scroll down to info about this event and additional resources. JUST ADDED – carpool offer/request site


INFO. There are at least 2 Congressional Support for Gaza Ceasefire trackers available on the web.

• Provided by Working Families Party https://workingfamilies.org/ceasefire-tracker/
Each of these has links to supporting documentation; some statements are more definite than others

ACTION: Adalah Justice Project and US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR) are appealing to 3 Arab American officials in the Biden Administration to resign, and cease being complicit in the genocide of Palestinians. Read about the campaign and write letters to these officials at https://actionnetwork.org/letters/quit-genocide-2

ACTION: Oppose US complicity in genocide. Contact the President via the webform at https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/ or phone 202-456-1111 or write to The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500.

ACTIONS: Use the form by Just Foreign Policy to contact the President and oppose attacks on Rafah. Send the letter they have provided, or edit it, or write a letter of your own. Start at https://actionnetwork.org/letters/stop-bombing-rafah Also sign the Win Without War petition at https://act.winwithoutwar.org/sign/biden-ceasefire-rafah/

Our organizational information such as how to contact us is at the end.

UPCOMING EVENTS LIST (click on links to fast-scroll to event details)
[+ indicates FOR or FOR-cosponsored event]

- February is Black History Month
- Feb 26, Gaza Humanitarian Crisis & Responses, Zoom
- Feb 27, Update on Gaza: Health and Human Rights, webinar
• Feb 27, Land, the Arts, and Black Culture, Zoom
• Feb 27, Support Policies that Reduce Child Poverty, online
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• Feb 29, Warheads to Windmills, Zoom
• Feb 29, Center for Victims of Torture Report, Zoom
• + March 2, Poor People’s Campaign March, Olympia
• March 2, Shut It Down for Palestine, nationwide
• March 2, Shut It Down for Palestine, Port Angeles
• March 2, Shut It Down for Palestine, Seattle
• March 3, Death Penalty Action Webinar
• March 4- April 14, War & Environment Course, online
• March 6, Tax Day2 Earth Day 2024 Planning, Zoom
• March 7-28, War in Ukraine Book Club, online
• March 8, International Women’s Day
• March 9-23, Women & War virtual film festival
• March 16, Join Real Rent for Duwamish in Seattle St. Pat Parade
• March 16, Creation Care Network Summit, Seattle
• March 24, Nisqually Tribe Leaders Speak, Olympia
• April 3, Earth Care Not Warfare Meeting, Zoom
• April 7, Death Penalty Action Webinar
• April 12-14, International Uranium Film Festival, Seattle
• April 15-22, Tax Day to Earth Day Events, many places
• April 15-16, International Uranium Film Festival, Olympia
• + May 3-5, POSTPONED FOR-USA Summit, Atlanta GA
• May 3, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center Benefit, Seattle
• May 14-22, WA Nonprofit Conference & events, online+
• May 16, The Aunties – Women Of The Salish Sea, Olympia
• + May 18, WWFOR Spring Assembly, Zoom
Weekly & Ongoing Events

- Saturdays, Lake Forest Park Peace Vigil
- 1st & 3rd Fridays, Mt Vernon Abolish Nukes Bannering
- + Olympia FOR Weekly Peace Vigils, Weds and Fridays
- + Fire Mt. FOR Centralia Weekly Peace Vigils, Saturdays
- Bellingham Weekly Peace Vigil, Fridays
- Meaningful Movies, in person and online
- Parallax Perspective Programs, online or Thurston TV

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

See below for the [Feb 27 event](#) Land, the Arts, and Black Culture and the [Feb 28 event](#) honoring Black-Palestinian solidarity during Black History Month

Also see the interesting webpage “7 Black Environmentalists Who Truly Made History” at [https://urbangreenlab.org/black-environmentalists/](https://urbangreenlab.org/black-environmentalists/) covering activists who worked from the 1800s through the present.

Another tribute to people making Black History: See Lambda Legal’s webpage honoring 5 Black Queer Couples That Prove Love is Limitless at [https://lambdalegal.org/blogs/us_20240214_black-queer-love-couples-valentines-day-black-history-month/](https://lambdalegal.org/blogs/us_20240214_black-queer-love-couples-valentines-day-black-history-month/)

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THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSES
Mon Feb 26, 11:30 am – 1 pm, Zoom

The Department of Global Health at the University of Washington is sponsoring a special webinar to discuss and describe public health responses to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The crisis has become what relief agencies and global health specialists call a "Complex Humanitarian Emergency" or CHE, in which war or natural disaster destroy community infrastructure leading to mass displacement combined with lack of basic services and access to basic needs. CHEs are characterized by extremely high levels of civilian mortality, mass population dislocation, malnutrition, and disease.

Since October 2023, nearly 30,000 Gazans, mostly women and children, have been killed and nearly 2 million have been displaced. But public health officials warn that many more lives are threatened now from malnutrition and infectious disease outbreaks common to CHEs in displaced populations without access to food, water, shelter, or medical services.

Dozens of International relief agencies and UN organizations have been struggling to provide support and services amidst ongoing fighting. Many of these agencies have been outspoken about the unusually intense and enormous scale of the humanitarian catastrophe.

The longer term consequences of the crisis will eventually require a massive rebuilding effort that includes reconstruction of a destroyed health infrastructure as well as basic infrastructure, housing, schools and other institutions for community recuperation.

The goal of this webinar panel will be to provide a more detailed understanding to the UW community of the public health aspects of the
crisis and the role of global health professionals addressing current and anticipated health needs of the population.

- Aisha Jumaan (Yemen Relief and Construction Foundation)
- Zeena Salman (Palestine Children’s Relief Fund)
- Yara Asi (Palestinian academic and author of recent book on war and health in the region)
- Dhabie Brown (Norwegian Refugee Council)
- Len Rubenstein (Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, and Director of Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition)

Registration
https://washington.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nQjiWDAbRRG2Bx1vCljf0Q

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UPDATE ON GAZA: HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR

Tues Feb 27, 4-5 pm, webinar

World Beyond War presents Author, filmmaker, and physician Alice Rothchild who has traveled to Gaza four times, the last visit in August 2023. In this online Zoom webinar Alice will give a brief background on Gaza and then a detailed description of the current destruction of much of the infrastructure and health care system and the impact on civilians in the ongoing war.
Dr. Alice Rothchild, author, filmmaker, and physician, is focused on human rights and social justice. She writes and lectures widely, authored several books on health and human rights in Israel/Palestine, including Broken Promises, Broken Dreams: Stories of Jewish and Palestinian Trauma and Resilience and Condition Critical: Life and Death in Israel/Palestine, contributed to a number of anthologies, the most recent being Reclaiming Judaism from Zionism: Stories of Personal Transformation and What Jerusalem Means to Us: Jewish Reflections and Perspectives. Finding Melody Sullivan is her young adult novel exploring grief and friendship in the setting of broader political questions raised by realities in Israel/Palestine, available in print and as an audio book. Old Enough to Know, her middle grade novel, is about a nine-year-old Palestinian American boy and his grandmother from the Aida Refugee Camp. For more info: www.alicerothchildbooks.com. She directed a documentary film, Voices Across the Divide. She is a member of Jewish Voice for Peace Health Advisory Council, the mentor liaison for We Are Not Numbers, a program for young Gaza writers, and on the board of the Gaza Mental Health Foundation. She was last in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza in August 2023. www.alicerothchild.com

Register at https://actionnetwork.org/events/webinar-update-on-gaza

Info greta@worldbeyondwar.org

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LAND, THE ARTS, AND BLACK CULTURE: INTERSECTING PATHWAYS

Tues Feb 27, noon Pacific time, Zoom
Join us for an exploration into the power of outdoor spaces and their impact on Black communities, culture, and the arts. Moderated by Dr. Jocelyn Imani, national director for Trust for Public Land's Black History and Culture program, our Black History Month Park Bench Chat brings together an esteemed panel of speakers, each providing a unique perspective on how these spaces can be transformative for communities.

Joining us is Grammy Award–winning artist esperanza spalding, founder of PRISMID, a BIPOC sanctuary and restorative arts lab serving musicians, artists, and cultural workers; Angelou Ezeilo, author of Engage, Connect, Protect: Empowering Diverse Youth as Environmental Leaders and founder of the Greening Youth Foundation, known for connecting HBCU students to careers in public lands and conservation; and Maya Rodgers, associate director of special projects for San Francisco Parks Alliance and advocate from San Francisco’s Bay View–Hunters Point community, who will discuss the local impact of projects such as India Basin and Hilltop Park.

Together they will explore the profound impact that outdoor spaces have on cultural identity, community resilience, and artistic expression—and in enriching and empowering Black communities. We’ll also explore how harnessing the beauty and potential of the outdoors can inspire connections between culture heritage and creativity. Don’t miss the opportunity to be part of this vibrant discussion!

Registration
https://tpl.zoom.us/webinar/register/7617061233833/WN_s9nu0CSSR EiAEks4vxHeJQ

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SUPPORT POLICIES THAT REDUCE CHILD POVERTY

Tues Feb 27, 5:30-6:30 pm Pacific time, online

Join MomsRising to talk about the CTC, WIC, and the challenges facing family-friendly policies in Congress. KeepMarching: Unpacking the Barriers to Family-Friendly Policies like CTC & WIC

During this online meet-up, you’ll hear personal stories about how the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) have helped families. Then, MomsRising’s own Elyssa Schmier, Vice President of Government Affairs and the National Budget, will lead us through the current state of CTC and WIC. Next, we'll uncover how the chaos in Congress is holding back the progress of family-friendly policies. Afterwards, we'll show you how you and your community can play a part in moving the needle by providing you with insights and actionable steps to support the push for a more inclusive and supportive legislative environment for families. Finally, Elyssa will answer your questions.

Registration https://www.mobilize.us/momsrising/event/607631/

PHONE ZAP: HONORING BLACK-PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY

Weds Feb 28, 11 am Pacific time, Zoom
Join US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR) to mobilize our masses and discuss our joint struggles this Black History Month. You’ll hear from Jalil Muntaqim, Black Panther Party member and former Political Prisoner, on the joint struggle for liberation and the prisoner struggle.

We will be mobilizing to defend Rafah from Israel's genocidal assault, and stop “The Deadly Deal,” a $95 billion spending package that just passed the Senate. The Deadly Deal includes $14 billion in weapons to Israel for arming genocide, and the elimination of all humanitarian funding to the UNRWA aid agency for Palestinian refugees, permanently.

We'll flood Congress’s phone lines together to let them know we're watching as the U.S. government continues to back Israel's horrific massacres and forced starvation of Palestinians in Gaza. Demand that your elected officials call for a Permanent Ceasefire Now and stop arming Israel!

Registration
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1117068964680/WN_gc2VdV14Sdes077F3mVssg

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BANNER ACTION FOR PALESTINE

Weds Feb 28, and subsequent Wednesdays, 3:30-5 pm, at Alabama St Overpass between Moore and Lincoln, Bellingham

Join the new weekly banner drops for Palestinian Liberation. Contact the Whatcom Peace and Justice Center to take our new large banner
While protests are welcome it is illegal to hang anything off of the railing, so we have adjusted our banners to be held up with bamboo poles, rather than attached to the infrastructure.

Info courtney.leake@gmail.com

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LABOR RALLY TO PROTECT STRIKERS

Weds Feb 28, noon, at Capitol Steps, 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501

All union members and community supporters are urged to attend a Labor Rally to Protect Striking Workers on the State Capitol Step. Participants will be standing together to support HB 1893, which would allow striking workers to access limited Unemployment Insurance benefits. This bill has passed the Washington State House of Representatives but has yet to get a vote in the State Senate. Get more details at The Stand https://www.thestand.org/2024/02/labor-rally-to-protect-strikers-on-feb-28-in-olympia/.

Info, RSVP, and transportation options (pickup tops planned from Bellingham and other cities) https://act.aflcio.org/events/labor-rally-to-protect-strikers/

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LEGAL STRATEGIES TO STOP THE GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE
Grassroots International’s webinar: A Briefing for Funders and Human Rights Advocates

Thurs Feb 29, 9 – 10:30 am Pacific time, Zoom

Expert guests:
• Palestinian human rights lawyer Dr. Raji Sourani, the founder and director of the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, an organization based in Gaza;
• Katherine Gallagher, Senior Staff Attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights;
• Josh Paul, former State Department official who resigned in October 2023 in protest of continued US arms transfers to Israel; and
• Moderated by Diala Shamas, Senior Staff Attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights.

During this webinar, our honored guests will share firsthand accounts about the genocide being perpetrated in Gaza, discuss legal strategies and other efforts to stop the genocide.

Decades long Grassroots International partners and allies will reflect on important connections between cases charging Israel with war crimes and genocide at the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice, with that of the recent domestic case in which Palestinian plaintiffs took President Biden, Secretary Blinken, and Secretary Austin to court for failure to prevent and aiding and abetting genocide. With this deepened understanding, we look forward to building on opportunities for philanthropic organizing to meet this moment.
Thank you for continuing to raise our collective voices and organize with other funders to stand together for humanity and justice at this critical time, and into the future.


Registration
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gfbRNll1SdCdYdl4SHctGQ

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WARHEADS TO WINDMILLS
Addressing the Threats of Climate Change and Nuclear Weapons Before it's Too Late!

Thurs Feb 29, 4 pm Pacific time, Zoom

Webinar Presentation by Veterans for Peace’s Nuclear Abolition Working Group features two major anti-nuclear activists speaking on climate and nuclear weapons: Dr. Ivana Hughes and Dr. Timmon Wallis. They will speak on why both issues must be addressed with equal urgency, and then discuss how together we can build mass movement that can put an end to these threats.

Dr. Ivana Nikolić Hughes is President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and a Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of Chemistry at
Columbia University. Her work on ascertaining the radiological conditions in the Marshall Islands has been covered widely. Dr. Hughes currently serves as a member of the Scientific Advisory Group to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Dr. Timmon Wallis is Executive Director of NuclearBan.US and coordinator of the national Warheads to Windmills Coalition. He has a BA in Human Ecology and a PhD in Peace Studies, and has been writing, teaching and campaigning on the issues of climate and nuclear weapons for many years. His book, Disarming the Nuclear Argument, contributed to the negotiations which led to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and earned ICAN its Nobel Peace Prize in 2017. His most recent book, Warheads to Windmills: Preventing Climate Catastrophe and Nuclear War was published in December 2023.

Registration [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAof-6tqDkpHdZwxJ7-s5BnWvpnIRdLYeI](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAof-6tqDkpHdZwxJ7-s5BnWvpnIRdLYeI)

Info gerrycondon@veteransforpeace.org

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CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE REPORT
Rebuilding Lives Experience: Kakuma, Kenya

Thurs Feb 29, 9 am Pacific time, Zoom

Each month throughout the year, we will be taking a look inside the different Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) programs that help heal survivors, train and equip human rights defenders, and advocate for a
world free from torture. These 30-minute virtual experiences are the perfect way to stay up-to-date on innovations happening at CVT, to see the impact of donor support, and to even introduce someone new to the important work of torture rehabilitation and human rights advocacy.

In our next Rebuilding Lives Experience, we will be taking a look at CVT’s program in Kakuma, Kenya where we work in a refugee camp setting, providing healing care to survivors from South Sudan and Somalia. You'll hear directly from staff about how CVT is helping survivors heal and rebuild their lives in Kenya.

Registration
https://cvt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TgHtxpFBSp2w9Key0G6x0g

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POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN, MARCH TO STAY ALIVE

Sat March 2, at the State Capitol, 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia
  • Gathering starts at 10 am in Sylvester Park.
  • March from Sylvester Park to the Capitol starts at 11 am (0.6 miles).
  • Assembly begins at noon at the steps of the Legislative Building.

One of PPC gatherings in 31 states across the nation!

We will put our state legislature and our governor on notice in Olympia- far, far too many people in Washington live in poverty or are just one emergency away from it despite living in one of the wealthiest states in the wealthiest nation in the world.
we will shift the narrative and demand public policies that fully address the interlocking injustices we face every day. We will call for an end to war-first policies and demand investments in housing, health care, and education. A shift from death to life.

What Is the Purpose of the Rally?
• bring the demands of 140 million poor and low-wealth people to our state lawmakers across the country
• make people aware that poverty is the 4th leading cause of death in the U.S. and demand that that be changed
• activate 85 million poor and low-wealth eligible voters across the country
• act in conjunction with 30 states to make our demands heard in unison

Why Have the Rally at the State Capitol In Olympia?
• the most destructive policies take place at the state level, which is why the rally is meant to bring these values to as many state capitals as possible in rallies across the country that will be planned to take place at the same time.
• We cannot let poverty have the last word in our state when 2.5 million Washingtonians experience poverty

RSVP https://actionnetwork.org/events/wa-poor-peoples-campaign-day-of-action-in-olympia

CARPOOLING ASSISTANCE: to offer space in your vehicle or to arrange to get a ride to Olympia, go to https://www.groupcarpool.com/t/h6snrm.

Info https://www.washingtonppc.org/ or washington@poorpeoplescampaign.org and promo video at
https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/march2/ or dorothyv@comcast.net or text/call at 206-734-6596

Fellowship of Reconciliation USA, Western Washington FOR, and 4 WWFOR chapters are PPC Mobilizing Partners

MORE ABOUT NATIONAL POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN:
Our Demands: A Moral Agenda Based on Fundamental Rights
https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/our-demands/

FLYER FOR MARCH 2 EVENT IN OLYMPIA
Go to https://wwfor.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/PPCMarch2flyerwqrcode.pdf to view or download the WA PPC flyer containing QR code to RSVP.

VIDEO CONVERSATION ABOUT POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN
The February 2024 program of Glen's Parallax Perspectives series focuses on the Poor People's Campaign. Producer Glen Anderson hosted WA PPC Tri-Chair Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown in a conversation about the roots of PPC in the 1960s through the organizing being done today. Watch at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKQ_hwDF0tw.

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SHUT IT DOWN FOR PALESTINE
Day of Demonstrations to End the Siege and Demand a Ceasefire

Sat March 2, many locations
Gaza is facing famine, its hospitals are besieged, threats of ground invasion in Rafah loom near, and Israel continues its onslaught on the over 2 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

The mass movement for Palestine has led to the isolation of the US and Israel on the world stage. With growing internal divisions and heightened political pressure on Israel and the United States, it’s time to push even harder. Our mobilizations at this moment can be more decisive than ever, and we must show our full strength now to ensure a lasting ceasefire and an end to the siege on Gaza.

Convenors; Palestinian Youth Movement; National Students For Justice In Palestine; Answer Coalition; The People’s Forum; International Peoples’ Assembly; Al-Awda - NY; Palestinian American Community Center (Pacc) – NJ

Info and list of actions https://www.shutitdown4palestine.org/

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SHUT IT DOWN FOR PALESTINE – PORT ANGELES
HANDS OFF RAFAH
Day of Demonstrations to End the Siege and Demand a Ceasefire
Part of a nationwide series of events, see above

Sat March 2, noon, at Clallam County Courthouse at 4th & Lincoln St, Port Angeles, Washington

Gaza is facing famine, its hospitals are besieged, threats of ground invasion in Rafah loom near, and Israel continues its onslaught on the over 2 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.
The mass movement for Palestine has led to the isolation of the US and Israel on the world stage. With growing internal divisions and heightened political pressure on Israel and the United States, it’s time to push even harder. Our mobilizations at this moment can be more decisive than ever, and we must show our full strength now to ensure a lasting ceasefire and an end to the siege on Gaza.

Sponsored by: Answer Coalition, FSP, PSL

Info and list of actions https://www.shutitdown4palestine.org/ or https://www.answercoalition.org/rafah_protest

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SHUT IT DOWN FOR PALESTINE – SEATTLE
HANDS OFF RAFAH
Day of Demonstrations to End the Siege and Demand a Ceasefire
Part of a nationwide series of events, see above

Sat March 2, details TBA, Seattle

Gaza is facing famine, its hospitals are besieged, threats of ground invasion in Rafah loom near, and Israel continues its onslaught on the over 2 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

The mass movement for Palestine has led to the isolation of the US and Israel on the world stage. With growing internal divisions and heightened political pressure on Israel and the United States, it’s time to push even harder. Our mobilizations at this moment can be more
decisive than ever, and we must show our full strength now to ensure a lasting ceasefire and an end to the siege on Gaza.

Convened by Answer Coalition

Info 425-310-2576 or seattle@answercoalition.org or https://www.answercoalition.org/rafah_protest or https://www.shutitdown4palestine.org/actions

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DEATH PENALTY ACTION WEBINAR

Sun March 3, and most first Sundays, 6 pm Pacific time, Webinar

Join Death Penalty Action for a review of the issues and action opportunities surrounding the next several executions scheduled in the United States. This project of Death Penalty Action recurs (normally) on the first Sunday of each month.

Death Penalty Action works to stop executions and abolish the death penalty through advocacy, education, and action.

Registration https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GQi-Z-U0QyyvyVOoYaL3nA

Info info@deathpenaltyaction.org or https://deathpenaltyaction.org/

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WAR AND THE ENVIRONMENT

March 4 - April 14, online course

World Beyond War offers this all-online course with modules you can take at your own time, plus 3 optional Zoom sessions. Course facilitators include Dr. Phill Gittins (England); Candy Diez (The Philippines); Dr. Ignatius Onyekwere (Nigeria; Dr. Ivan Velasquez (Bolivia); Dianarose Njui (Kenya) and Kathy Kelly (USA).

As the world races to prevent climate collapse, the global community is searching for new ways to better address the unprecedented environmental challenges we face today. While debates on the causes and solutions to climate change continue, it is crucial to take a closer look at the elephant in the room: an elephant called war.

War is peace and development in reverse. It is at the core of many of the world’s most pressing challenges, including geopolitical conflicts, refugee crises, humanitarian emergencies, economic debt, and environmental collapse, playing a key role in impeding global collaboration on these issues and contributing significantly to the risk of new and nuclear apocalypse. Given this, it is surprising that a ‘missing piece’ in many pro-environment and peacebuilding endeavors today is the lack of spaces where people can meet and engage in reflection and dialogue about the role and impact of war.

By understanding the costs of war to our species, the planet, and the economy, those involved in both the climate change and peace movements can work together more effectively to advance their common goals of protecting the planet and ensuring a safer world for everyone. This online course is designed to enable this collaborative learning to take place and will provide insights into what we need to
know and do in order to avoid two existential threats: war and environmental catastrophe.

Sliding scale $25-250. Info education@worldbeyondwar.org

Info and Registration https://worldbeyondwar.org/war-and-the-environment-2024/

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“TAX DAY 2 EARTH DAY 2024” PLANNING

Weds March 6, and subsequent first Wednesdays, noon, on Zoom

Earth Care not Warfare’s monthly meeting. What will we do to celebrate “Tax Day 2 Earth Day 2024”? Join us to plan actions to move our tax dollars from war & weapons to caring for our earth and each other. During April, 2024, peace, climate and other groups around the state are planning ways to build and connect our peace, climate and other movements. We will meet with our representatives, watch films, rally, march, sing, and more. Then, share your other action updates and hear others’ plans at our next monthly meeting

Info: Beth, bebrunton@hotmail.com

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88593762472?pwd=MkphcTlqQTROWVZlRzlbkNJZFJUUT09

Info: Beth, bebrunton@hotmail.com
BOOK CLUB: WAR IN UKRAINE WITH NICOLAS DAVIES

Thursdays March 7-28, noon - 1 pm Pacific time, online

World Beyond War will be holding a weekly discussion each of four weeks of War in Ukraine: Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict by Medea Benjamin and Nicolas J.S. Davies with a preface by Katrina Vanden Heuvel. The book will have just been released in an updated edition. The discussions will be led by Nicolas Davies. We will send each participant a signed paperback copy of the book -- or an electronic or audio book if you prefer. We'll let you know which parts of the book will be discussed each week along with the Zoom details to access the discussions.

Info david@worldbeyondwar.org


INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

March 8, everywhere

See related film festival March 9-23 below
WOMEN & WAR VIRTUAL FILM FESTIVAL

March 9 – 23, online

Marking International Women’s Day (March 8), this year’s “Women & War” virtual film festival, explores the intersection of women, war, and militarized masculinity.

The film fest begins 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 concluding with the 2022 release of Power on Patrol from Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) exploring how militarised 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.

Sliding scale $5-75 includes 3 films and 3 live Zoom discussions. Info and tickets https://worldbeyondwar.org/2024filmfest/
JOIN REAL RENT AND STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH ON ST. PAT’S DAY

Sat March 16, Real Renters will gather at noon, James St & 4th Ave and proceed at 12:30pm to Jefferson St & 4th Ave, Seattle

Wear your Real Rent and Stand With the Duwamish attire!

Real Rent is a program of voluntarily paying monthly “rent” and it acts to uplift the Duwamish Tribe as First Peoples of Seattle in the face of the U.S. government refusing to honor the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855. Descendants of European settler families continue to benefit greatly from the resources of the land incorporating the city we know as Seattle. Those of us who are not from the tribes of these lands might benefit in different ways from being here, whether we live, work, or visit this beautiful place. As guests to this land, we can create a story of equity and action instead of being complicit in dishonoring the treaties. Often people think of treaties as ancient history, but we know from our Duwamish friends that this story continues to impact all of us. This land has a story. What role will you play? Info and sign up https://duwamishtribe.networkforgood.com/

RSVP to duwamishsolidaritygroup@gmail.com if you would like to attend an optional pre-march zoom gathering to talk about parade logistics and learn more about experiences of colonization and solidarity related to the Duwamish Tribe and the Irish diaspora. No need to have Irish ancestry to attend either the march or the zoom gathering.

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CREATION CARE NETWORK SUMMIT
Let Justice and Peace Flow

Sat March 16, 9 am – 4 pm, at Student Center, Seattle University

All are welcome to join the Creation Care Network for its annual environmental justice summit. We will gather to pray, learn, and discern our collective commitment to ecological justice.

The day will include:

• Young Adult Fireside Chat: Responding to Laudate Deum
• Mass with Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
• Update on Lower Snake River
• Workshops on Laudata Deum, Climate Anxiety & Apathy, and Creation Care Team Network Building
• Group reflections and much more


NISQUALLY TRIBE LEADERS SPEAK

Sun March 24, 1 - 3:30 pm, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1515 Harrison Ave NW, Olympia, WA

Learning Right Relations presents Guest Speakers: Willie Frank III, joined by other Nisqually leaders on 50 years since Boldt, & Rights of Nature.
Info learningrightrelations@gmail.com

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EARTH CARE NOT WARFARE MEETING

Weds April 3, and subsequent first Wednesdays, noon, on Zoom

Earth Care not Warfare’s monthly meeting to connect the peace movement with the climate justice movement. Representatives of local peace and climate groups share their recent actions and plans so that we can support each other’s actions. We discuss collective actions such as meeting with our elected representatives, joining marches and rallies, sponsoring meaningful movies and learning events.

Info: Beth, bebrunton@hotmail.com

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DEATH PENALTY ACTION WEBINAR

Sun April 7, and most first Sundays, 6 pm Pacific time, Webinar

Join Death Penalty Action for a review of the issues and action opportunities surrounding the next several executions scheduled in the United States. This project of Death Penalty Action recurs (normally) on the first Sunday of each month.
Death Penalty Action works to stop executions and abolish the death penalty through advocacy, education, and action.

Registration [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GQi-Z-U0QyyvyVOoYaL3nA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GQi-Z-U0QyyvyVOoYaL3nA)

Info [info@deathpenaltyaction.org](mailto:info@deathpenaltyaction.org) or [https://deathpenaltyaction.org/](https://deathpenaltyaction.org/)

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INTERNATIONAL URANIUM FILM FESTIVAL

Fri-Sun April 12-14, at Northwest Film Forum, Seattle

Sun April 14, 3-8 pm, schedule

Intro: 3:00 – 3:15
Atomic Bamboozle: 3:15 – 4:00
Ground Zero / Vfp: 4:00 – 4:20
The Nuns, The Priest, & The Bomb: 4:40 – 6:10
Golden Rule: 6:10 – 6:35 Veterans for Peace speakers
Q&A: 6:35 – 6:50
Burial: 7:00 – 8:00

Sponsor: Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility


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TAX DAY TO EARTH DAY

April 15-22

A series of events opposing military spending and supporting earth care and human needs

See https://secure.everyaction.com/p/VQ10Ljl-OkCrMbsYyAwFZg2 for a list of events

Go to https://secure.everyaction.com/LauI3naAS0OQvC4fCXE26Q2 for more info and to add additional events

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INTERNATIONAL URANIUM FILM FESTIVAL

Mon & Tues April 15 & 16, at Purce I in Evergreen College, Olympia

Sponsor/ Organizer: OCANW (Olympia Coalition Abolish Nuclear Weapons)


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NATIONAL FOR CONFERENCE: POSTPONED

Originally scheduled for May 3 – 5, in Atlanta GA
Now planned for September 2024

Join FOR-USA the national Fellowship of Reconciliation in a conference “Forging Peace in a Violent World”

Info https://forusa.org/2024summit/

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INTERCOMMUNITY PEACE & JUSTICE CENTER BENEFIT

Fri May 3, 6-8:30 pm, at Seattle University

The Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center acts for justice in the church and in the world. IPJC is sponsored by twenty-four religious communities and collaborates with Catholic, ecumenical, interfaith and other organizations in carrying out this mission. Our story of peace & justice began in 1991 with a vision of our religious communities of collaboration among individuals, churches & organizations to build community & create change for the common good.

More details TBA

Info ipjc@ipjc.org or https://ipjc.org/

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WASHINGTON STATE NONPROFIT CONFERENCE
May 14-16, online conference
May 17, 20, and 22, regional celebrations

The 2024 Washington State Nonprofit Conference is brought to you by Nonprofit Association of Washington. This year’s Conference will be online May 14-16 with regional celebrations in Central WA (May 17), Eastern WA (May 20), and Western WA (May 22)! There will be powerful keynote speakers, memorable workshops, and other invaluable content. You can save on the cost of your registration by becoming a member of Nonprofit Association of Washington, purchasing your registration early (earlybird rates until March 15), or applying for a scholarship.

“All access” earlybird conference nonmember rate $250, see registration site for other options.

Registration https://nonprofitwa.org/washington-state-nonprofit-conference/pricing-registration/

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THE AUNTIES – WOMEN OF THE SALISH SEA, EPISODE 2

Thurs May 16, 7:30 pm, at Washington Center Main Stage, 512 Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501

The Aunties – Women of the Salish Sea features stories by Native American and First Nations Matriarchs, told live from stage to be immortalized in an online series of shorts. The term Aunties is an honorific that signifies a woman or non-binary person who holds a place of significance and respect in their communities. This original
Indigenous Performance Production features women and non-binary Aunties who have spent their lives dedicated to serving their communities through the creation of hope, opportunity and connection. The Aunties amplifies their life’s work through a once-in-a-lifetime event featuring traditional storytelling, theater and multimedia arts.

We pay tribute to Aunties and the important role they play in Indigenous communities-of which they have long been recognized as vital caretakers of its connection, tradition and cohesion. Through shared storytelling, Aunties provide a space for everyone to gather to collectively reflect on their pasts and shared identity, as they look for ways towards a better future. The Aunties are the Keepers of their Community. We celebrate them now, at an especially important time due to the loss of so many elders from Covid-19. As Native and Indigenous communities bear the burden of those lost including their leadership, guidance and connections, The Aunties honors their contributions and preserves their stories for future generations to come.

In Partnership with Indigenous Performance Productions

Presented By: The Washington Center for the Performing Arts

Info and Tickets https://www.washingtoncenter.org/event/the-aunties-women-of-the-salish-sea-episode-2/

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WWFOR SPRING ASSEMBLY
Sat May 18, 9 am-12:30 pm, Zoom

Planning for Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation’s Spring Assembly is now underway! Theme “Supporting Movements for a Just and Peaceful World.”

Everyone is welcome to join us for a Zoom conference with speakers, workshops, and discussion.”

Info 206-789-5565, wwfor@wwfor.org. Details will be posted at https://wwfor.org

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ONGOING AND WEEKLY EVENTS BELOW

LAKE FOREST PARK PEACE VIGIL

Saturdays 11 am to noon, at the corner of Bothell Way NE (SR 522) and Ballinger Way NE (SR 104) Lake Forest Park 98155

Standing for peace every week since December 2002 with signs including “Abolish Nuclear Weapons” and “Renounce Militarism.”

Info Glen Milner 206-979-8319 or gk_milner@comcast.net

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MOUNT VERNON ABOLISH NUKES BANNERING
Twice monthly, 1st and 3rd Fridays, 3 pm, at the downtown Mount Vernon I-5 overpass, above the Skagit Valley Food Co-op parking lot

Bannering continues in downtown Mount Vernon! We will continue to protest nuclear weapons by bannering with our “NO NUKES” banner plus American, Ukrainian, and Peace flags.

Parking is available North of the overpass on Fulton Street, where the old YMCA was, or South in a parking lot for $1/hour, or on the street. Bring your own sign, use ours, or simply wave at motorists!

Info https://www.nomorebombs.org/

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OLYMPIA FOR VIGILS AND EVENTS

Wednesdays and Fridays

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter Wednesday Vigils, noon – 1 pm, NW corner of Sylvester Park, at Legion & Capitol Way, Olympia, PEACE VIGIL, come for all or part of the hour to witness in a friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Wear a facemask and stand at least 6 feet apart. Olympia FOR’s witness for peace and nonviolence is ongoing since 1980. info Glen 360-491-9093, glen@parallaxperspectives.org or Olympia FOR 360-561-3627

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter Friday Vigils, 4:30 – 6 pm, south end of Percival Landing, south of 4th Ave, just west of Water
Street, Olympia; Please join Olympia FOR in a friendly PEACE VIGIL all or part of the time. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. Wear a facemask and stand at least 6 feet apart. info Glen 360-491-9093, glen@parallaxperspectives.org or Olympia FOR 360-561-3627

FUTURE OLYMPIA FOR EVENTS will be posted at Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation | Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/groups/OlympiaFOR]

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FIRE MOUNTAIN CENTRALIA VIGILS

Saturdays

Fire Mountain Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter (Centralia-Chehalis area) Saturday Vigils. Every Saturday from noon to 1:00 pm, on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown Centralia, PEACE VIGIL is sponsored by Lewis County’s “Fire Mountain” FOR chapter. info: Larry Kerschner peacepoet@protonmail.com

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BELLINGHAM WEEKLY PEACE VIGIL

Fridays, 4-5 pm spring-summer-fall hours resume on Feb 2
(Mid Winter vigils start 3 pm)
Fridays, corner of Cornwall and Magnolia, Bellingham; Longest running PEACE VIGIL in the Nation! Join the weekly Bellingham-Whatcom Peace Vigil, ongoing since 1966

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MEANINGFUL MOVIES PERSISTS!

Ongoing, various dates. Now online, in person, and hybrid events.

The Meaningful Movies Project started in 2003 as a project of Wallingford (Seattle) Neighbors for Peace and Justice, a neighborhood affiliate of SNOW (Sound Nonviolent Opponents of War) with free weekly showings of films with social meaning, followed by discussion. Other neighborhood groups all over Washington State and beyond joined in this project with film viewings in their neighborhoods. See a list of these groups https://meaningfulmovies.org/events/locations/

The pandemic motivated the project participants to convert to online formats which continue, along with a partial return to in-person events. See https://meaningfulmovies.org/events/ for scheduled films.

MMP films and discussions, in person or online, are free, but donations are needed and gratefully accepted at https://meaningfulmovies.org/donate/ or at Meaningful Movies Project, P.O. Box 31005, Seattle, WA 98103

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GLEN’S PARALLAX PERSPECTIVES NEW PROGRAMS MONTHLY

Thurston County TV 3 times a week and on the Web Any Time

Watch on TV: cable TV subscribers in Thurston County WA can watch on cable channel 22: Mondays 1:30 pm, Wednesdays 5:00 pm, and Thursdays 9:00 pm.

EVERY MONTH a new program, see https://parallaxperspectives.org/ for a list of programs available online as well as the current program available on cable TV in Thurston County.

February 2024 program: Interview providing information, insights, and enthusiasm for supporting social and economic justice through the Poor People’s Campaign. You can also watch this program at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKQ_hwDF0tw

March 2024 program “U.S. Empire Hurts the World -- and Hurts Us Too” can be watched at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jN_ZpQjsz4

Info (360) 491-9093 or glen@parallaxperspectives.org

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Organization Information for Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR)

SUBMITTING EVENT INFORMATION: We are always happy to hear about additional events! On request we will consider posting events on
our web calendar and in future WWFOR email messages. Please allow as much lead time as possible. We give priority to events by FOR Chapters and will consider all events consistent with FOR values. Submit events by email wwfor@wwfor.org, phone, or postal mail at the contact info below.

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HOW TO MAKE A DONATION:
We welcome checks at our postal address (see above), and online donations can be made through our website Donate - Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (wwfor.org)

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Best wishes from the WWFOR Office Volunteers