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Editorial

Welcome to this concise edition of the Environment Working Group E-news. We want to alert you to WILPF's presence in Paris during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP21 or CMP11 to be held in Paris, from November 30 to December 11.

Members of the EWG have been working hard in a sub group on how to input and we are pleased to share those details with you. We hope you will let us know about any other activities you have planned or are involved with so that we can have a good overview of WILPF participation in this hugely important event.


We also say 'hello' to Claire O'Donnell who is volunteering with us in Geneva to help us build up foundations of the WILPF Environment programme agreed in The Hague. We are thankful to all those who completed our questionnaire in the Summer.


Best wishes,

Edel Havin Beukes and Lorraine Mirham

Paris COP 21

The UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) is taking place from the 30 November to 11 December in Paris, France, and will focus on sustainable development and innovation.

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WILPF's mission is to end and prevent war, ensure that women are represented at all levels in the peace-building process, defend the human rights of women, and promote social, economic and political justice.





The small team working on the arrangements for Paris include Heidi Meinzolt (WILPF Germany), Edel Havin Beukes (WILPF Norway), Anita Fiscaro (WILPF Italy & FAO Representative), Sophie Morel (WILPF France) and Nancy Price (WILPF US) with several other members offering advice.

We expect a good sized WILPF delegation including women from France, Germany, Norway, US and Italy. Do let us know if you will also be there. The WILPF organising team have encountered a series of challenges relating to security issues following the recent attacks in Paris, but they are resolved to do what they can in Paris.

Here is their calendar:

28 November 2015

Meeting at the Paris Town Hall - Féministes pour la justice climatique 9.00 to 17.30.

WILPF Coordinated Workshop titles 'Energy and Resources, Women for Peace'. The workshop will investigate themes such as:

- exit extractivism, fossil fuels and nuclear conflict factors;
- preservation of natural resources and common goods, peace factors;
- promoting peace and disarmament.

With Heidi Meinzolt (European coordinator WILPF), Sophie Morel (WILPF), Nicole Roelens (WILPF), and Emilia Dia Kassembe (Angolan writer).

4th December 2015

WILPF and friends will have a meeting at: Pré Saint Gervais, Danton room, from 18h30. On the agenda is exchange of focal points and development of common strategies against trade agreements for related climate-gender-peace issues

5/6th December 2015

Two WILPF workshops will take place at Montreuil (contact Heidi for precise details nearer the time):

Workshop 1: Sophie Morel + Eva Fjedestal at Suite Novotel Paris

Montreuil on 'The Uranium Cycle'

Workshop 2: Heidi Meinzolt, Marta Benavides, Jill Stein and Nancy Price. Short presentations and discussion on strategies to implement the ideas.

1 to 11th December 2015

Exhibitions (WILPF together with WECF) and video transmission from the official conference, NGO meetings, meeting point of activists in Le Bourget. Please contact Heidi for further details.

The situation is regularly changing in Paris due to security issues, so we strongly advise those of you attending COP21 to consult the WILPF COP21 webpage <http://wilpf.org/cop21/> for latest news our workshops and other activities and/ or to contact Heidi by the following methods:

Email in the first instance heidi@meinzolt.de

or

TEXT/SMS/WhatsApp only to +49 1758654374 - ***please do not telephone.***

Heidi says "There is a very helpful toolkit which can be found here <http://womensclimatejustice.org/resources/>. We hope this will inspire those of you unable to travel to Paris to participate in events in your countries/cities/regions. We would really love to hear from you, especially from indigenous people, WILPFers/Sections from the global South about their concerns regarding climate-gender-peace."

Welcome Claire O'Donnell

We are very pleased to welcome Claire to the team in Geneva. She is currently volunteering with WILPF to help the Environment Working Group and Programme staff to develop the environment programme agreed at our Congress in The Hague.

Claire is from Ottawa, Canada and is studying for her Masters in International Relations in Geneva. We are fortunate that she is

focussing on Women and Environment and in particular agriculture. We hope Claire will be with us until May 2016.



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