

Women, Water and War

Our bodies are 75% water. We need a daily minimum of 30 liters of water to live. Less than 1/2 of 1% of the earth's water is useable and this is shrinking. We are facing a scarcity of this vital resource for life.



Water is Life.

We affirm that water is sacred because it gives life. Water connects us all. Water is the foundation of our civilization and cultures. We will raise water literacy through education, with an emphasis on future generations.

Water is Peace.

Safe water resources are shrinking and in danger of becoming a commodity to be controlled by corporations. This has already created conflict, and more is on the horizon. We must not allow water to become the valued commodity that is an excuse for war.

Water is Justice.

People must control their own sources of water and it must remain in the commons. Privatization and pollution of this vital resource must stop, especially in areas affecting those that have been oppressed. Our military must be held accountable for its actions that taint any water supply.

WILPF Vision Statement

WILPF envisions a transformed world at peace, where there is racial, social, and economic justice for all people everywhere - a world in which:

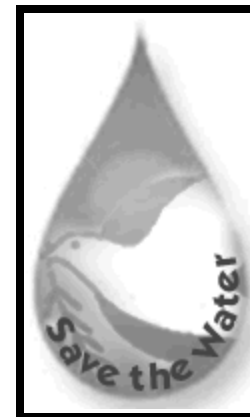
- The needs of all people are met in a fair and equitable manner,
- All people equally participate in making the decisions that affect them,
- The interconnected web of life is acknowledged and celebrated in diverse ways and communities, and
- Human societies are designed and organized for sustainable existence.

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Your Water is Under Threat

Water is the earth's most precious resource. Access to safe and affordable water is a human right. Local, democratic control of water is essential for food security and peace. Accelerating privatization threatens public control over access to water while scarcity looms from overuse and pollution worldwide.



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The WILPF Save the Water Campaign develops “**water literacy**” and “**water democracy**” to move from education to action by engaging our communities in local water study groups to empower communities to take responsibility for their own water quality and availability. Our Campaign joins the global people’s water movement for a mobilization to obtain a democratic, sustainable and peaceful world.

Join Us! Take Action!

Join WILPF @ www.wilpf.org

- Study water in your community by forming a water study group based on [Save the Water: A Curriculum Study Guide](#), an 8-part guide by the Water Women of the Cape Cod Branch. Invite community allies to join with you.
- Invite a WILPF speaker for a branch presentation or community forum on
 - *Rights-based Water Organizing*
 - *Bottled Water: Stop the Flood!*
 - *Water Privatization*
 - *Human Right to Water*
 - *Free Trade Agreements*
 - *Precautionary Principle to prevent pollution and protect water resources.*
 - *Tapestry of the Commons-Reclaiming Our Common Wealth*
- Stay informed about the impact of globalization on your local democracy and take action with WILPF to stop free trade agreements that lead to privatization of water commons.
 - Show movies such as “Thirst” or “In the Light of Reverence” [movie and toolkit available]. Organize a film festival.
 - Educate and mobilize your community on the unsustainability of bottled water. Flyers and information available for download on the WILPF website.
 - Use WILPF materials to table at farmers markets, parades, marches, religious, political, and community events
 - Subscribe to our email listserv at www.wilpf.org/campaigns/water

National Campaign Goals and Initiatives

Community Solidarity

Collaborate and build coalitions with social and environmental justice groups in their efforts for equitable access of water for all.

Assert Water Democracy

Communities must assert their rights for local control and democratic self-governance to ensure equitable access of water allocation for all people and the ecological system.

Water out of Trade Agreements

Water is not a commodity to be bought and sold. The free trade corporate agenda opens our water resources, bulk extractions and services to privatization, and we say NO!

Human Right to Water

We call for the United Nations to pass a binding Convention on the Human Right to Water.