

Working to implement UNSC Resolution 1325 in the Australian context

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About WILPF

Founded in 1915, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom empowers women to work effectively for peace and justice in 45 countries around the world.

It has an international office in Geneva and representatives at the United Nations in Geneva and New York

WILPF stands for

- **dialogue** on the causes of war and the facilitation of peace.
- **total and universal disarmament**
- **non-violent** social transformation
- **support for the United Nations** and its specialise agencies for the prevention of war
- **sustaining the integrity of the environment** and life support systems of the planet
- the institution of **international human rights law**
- the **political, social and economic cooperation** of all peoples.
- social, economic and political **equity for all** without discrimination on grounds of sex, race, religion or other grounds.
- an **international economy** meeting the needs of all peoples based on need and not on profit or privilege

How can you get involved?

- Become informed about Resolution 1325 and its implementation
 - in Australia via www.1325australia.org.au
 - worldwide via www.peacewomen.org
- Subscribe to 1325 E-newsletter via www.peacewomen.org
- Contact your nearest WILPF branch via WILPF Australia website: www.dragon-amazon.net/wilpfaustralia
- develop activities relating to Resolution 1325 with members of other organisations

For more information about this website

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**“Peace is inextricably linked to equality
between women and men”**

Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General



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What is United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325?

Resolution 1325, "Women, Peace and Security", passed on October 31, 2000 is the first UN Resolution that specifically highlights the impact of war and conflict on women and girls, and the importance of women's involvement in peacebuilding processes.

It is a commitment made by the United Nations and a platform from which individuals, non-government organizations, governments and international institutions can advocate for the inclusion of women in all aspects of conflict, peace and security.

Resolution 1325 calls for

- participation of women in peace processes
- gender training in peacekeeping operations
- protection of women and girls and respect for their rights
- gender mainstreaming in the reporting and implementation systems of the United Nations relating to conflict, peace and security

How can we advocate for the implementation of Resolution 1325?

We can use 1325 as a framework for activities such as workshops, seminars and talks. Here in Australia we can ask our politicians what they are doing and will do in relation to Resolution 1325 and we can monitor the way in which the Australian government is fulfilling its commitments. The *1325australia* website provides ideas and information to assist in all these activities.

Welcome to the *1325australia* website

1325australia is an action site designed to promote the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, "Women, Peace and Security" within the Australian context.

This site contains:

- background information about Resolution 1325
- material for Members of Parliament, government departments, community organizations, educators and students
- links to other useful sites and resources

As it is developed the website will

- provide current and updated materials on topics such as
 - progress in implementing 1325
 - Australian government policy statements and achievements
 - women's peacebuilding initiatives
- facilitate dialogue among users and between website developers & users
- enable up-to-date materials to be downloaded and used for education and advocacy

Why does a gender perspective matter?

War lays bare the gender dynamics of a society, in particular the inequalities facing women and girls.

It is now readily acknowledged that women and girls pay an especially heavy toll in armed conflict. Less well known has been the vital role that women play in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

During conflict and reconstruction, the needs and capacities of women and girls are often overlooked even though they are so vital to peacebuilding and reconstruction efforts.

What are some of the key issues in gender, and conflict, peace and security?

- Protection of women's rights as human rights during conflict
- Developing post-conflict construction programs that reflect and address the needs and capacities of women and girls
- Violence against women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations
- Participation of women, girls and women's groups in peacebuilding processes