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The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom was founded in 1915 during World War I. On April 28, 1915, a group of women met in an International Congress in The Hague, Netherlands to protest against World War I. The organizers were prominent women in the International Suffrage Alliance, who rejected the theory that war was inevitable. They assembled over 1,000 women from both warring and neutral nations to devise a plan to end World War I and work toward a permanent peace.

The first president of the WILPF was Jane Adams, founder of Hull House and the first U.S. woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. The organization believed that all the problems that lead countries to domestic and international violence are all connected and all need to be solved in order to achieve sustainable peace. The WILPF has remained active since 1915 and their modern goals include equality of all people free of sexism, racism, classism, and homophobia, the guarantee of fundamental human rights, ending all forms of violence, and world disarmament and peaceful resolution of international conflicts via the United Nations.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom includes: Peace & Freedom a publication of the U.S. Section of the WILPF; The Monthly Bulletin of the St. Louis Branch of the WILPF; other WILPF publications; Member and organization information; and information on WILPF sponsored events in the St. Louis area.

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