WILPF Section/Group Report

## Reporting period: 2019

Please submit your Section/Group Report to membership@wilpf.org by **19 January 2020**

*This* ***Section (\*)******Report template*** *is designed to provide a space for reflection on your Section’s progress in reaching its aims, implementing the* [*WILPF International Programme 2018-2021*](https://web.tresorit.com/l#sX23ofZKTuUKDA1L-f_gDw) *and adopt the WILPF Constitution and By-Laws. The Section Reports will help the IB and the WILPF Secretariat to have a clear understanding of the progress in achieving work plans and other issues of concern, and taken together, will present a picture of the work* *and achievements of the movement as a whole.*

*If your Section completed the “Questionnaire, Follow-up Actions from Congress” in late 2018 – early 2019, some of your answers have already been recorded in this template. Please confirm or amend the information accordingly.*

\*Hereunder “Section” refers to both WILPF Sections and Groups.

**WILPF Netherlands**

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| **CONTACT PERSON**: *please confirm the name of your Section/Group liaison officer who is working with and support the Regional Representatives* |
| Ite van Dijk  |

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| 1. **SECTION AREAS OF WORK**
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**1.1. Referencing the Areas of Work of the** [**WILPF International Programme**](https://web.tresorit.com/l#sX23ofZKTuUKDA1L-f_gDw)**, which areas did your Section focus on in the reporting period 2019?**

☐ Work Area 1: Building the Movement

☐ Work Area 2: Redefining Security

☐ Work Area 3: Leveraging Feminist Perspectives on Peace

☐ Work Area 4: Promoting Socio-Economic Justice

All of them!

**1.2. What have been your Section’s major activities?** Please provide details on what was done, and the results of the activities. Please include any relevant links or other information. (If an area is not relevant, please leave blank.)

**Work Area 1: Building the Movement**

**Work Area 2: Redefining Security**

**Work Area 3: Leveraging Feminist Perspectives on Peace**

**Work Area 4: Promoting Socio-Economic Justice**

1&3: - Participating actively in the making of the Zürich movie and in the conference May 2019

 - Organizing a public viewing of the movie in collaboration with Atria Institute in Amsterdam

- Actively participation in meeting in Boedapest and Vienna November 2019, in the framework of the project Women Vote Peace

2: - Preparing a public document for the EU-elections with an inventarisation of the security paragraphs

 of the Dutch political parties, used for lobbying members of parliaments and the EP members; publication in Peace Magazine.

 - Expert meeting with representative of PAX about ‘Liever killer robots’ and the recent international Artificial Intelligence developments

4: - Participating in Dutch NGO-platforms with actions/statements to influence EU policy, Dutch

 government and political parties regarding actual EU trade-policies/deals, Stop ISDS Alliance, the UN

 Binding Treaty on Accountability of Transnational Corporations and Human Rights,

 Climate change and agriculture/food sovereignty

2: - Participating in the International Meeting: Nuclear Security in Europe, Brussels

**Please list any other activities (if any) that you have conducted and that do not fit under one of the Work Areas listed above.**

- publicizing a WILPF NL Newsletter 4 times a year

- Also we have four times a year small seminars whereby we invite experts on matters relating to WILPF’s aims and principles.

1: inventarisation of points for the European elections especially about militarisation and weapon industry; later on used for influencing members of the EP. Publication of the results in Peace Magazine.

2: consultation of WILPF members about organization transition and possible cooperation with other NGO ‘s in Holland with about the same goals.

3: lecture of one of our WILPF members about European history as European identity and how extreme right wing parties are profiting of that.

4: PAX NGO; Power of weapon industry in the production of autonomous weapons and the function of Artificial Intelligence by that.

**1.3 What was your biggest impact in 2019?**

Work in progress.........

**1.4 What has your Section learned during the implementation?**

Lots of different complex developments, nationally and internationally

*Please attach your current annual/multi-year plan when you send your replies. If you do not have an existing plan, you can download a template* [*here*](https://web.tresorit.com/l#00x6QfFPeukw2vt3scD8LQ)*.*

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| 1. **ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
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**MEMBERSHIP**

2.1. What is the current membership of your Section?

WILPF Netherlands membership is relatively senior and also mostly original Dutch citizens, middle class.

2.2. What efforts does your Section make to create a more diverse and inclusive membership?

None specifically but we are engaging with those who are interested.

2.3. What obstacles does your Section face in trying to be more diverse and inclusive?

Just working hard......small number of active members, WILF is not a known entity in the Netherlands.

2.4. What efforts are made to address disputes within your Section and is there a process for so doing?

Just discussing different points of view, no major disputes.

2.5. How are or would allegations of discrimination be dealt with? Is there a policy or structure set in place in case of discrimination?

No procedure , we have seen no cases of discrimination.

GOVERNANCE

2.6. What is the structure of the national governance and executive board? What are the positions?

WILPF NL is an Association of Members, with a Constitution and Bylaws since 1996.

The members, i.c. the General Assembly, choose a president, treasurer and secretary. Other general board members represent a working group or significant WILPF activity. The Liaison is a board member also.

Tasks and responsibilities of the Executive Board and Board members are in the Constitution and the Bylaws.

2.7. Who currently serves on the national executive board? What are the terms of service? Who elects the board?

President: Aynur Tekin

Treasurer: Rosan Huizenga

Liaison: Ite van Dijk

General Board Member: Anke Kuiper

Times of service are embedded in the Bylaws, see 2.6.

2.8. Who is the current President of your Section? How long has the President held office? If more than two terms please indicate how this has occurred and if there are plans to ensure greater opportunities for others.

Aynur Tekin, since mid 2015.

Actually, we are in the process to transform into another entity we will give a written update to WILPF’s headquarters because WILPF in this form in the Netherlands is not sustainable due to lack of HR capacity and more senior members. There is no lack of budget though.

2.9. Does your Section have a written constitution? If yes how was it adopted, (e.g. by the board)? Is it accessible for members? How are decisions made?

See answer 2.6, adopted by the General Assembly of Members.

Is available for all members.

Decisions are made through proposals from members or the Executive Board to the General Assembly which is held twice a year, no exception.

2.10. What changes have been made following the changes to Constitution and By-Laws in WILPF at the 32nd Congress?

None

2.11. Has your Section adopted the Constitution and By-Laws (2018), (see By-Laws section F.2)?

WILPF Netherlands will follow up on the result of this discussion with choices aligning with the Constitution.

**OPERATIONS**

2.12.Does your Section have paid staff? If yes, how many? What roles? Do you have personnel policies and fair human resource procedures? If yes, please provide any relevant employer-employment policy details.

No

2.13. Has your Section completed the WILPF Security Protocol

No, we have adopted a privacy declaration in accordance with the new European laws on Privacy protection.

2.14. Who in your Section is responsible for risk and protection management?

Board.

2.15. What risks do members of your Section face in being members of WILPF?

Not that we are aware of.

2.16. What risks do you manage as the executive of WILPF in your Section?

Netherlands is quite safe.

**FINANCES**

Who is your current Treasurer?

Rosan Huizenga, huiz.klopp@planet.nl

* 1. How does your Section manage its finances?

Financial management is a general policy responsibility of the executive board.

The treasurer who gives oversight and insight each 6 months at the General Assembly.

The proposed budget and the final budget is a proposal of the executive board and is decided upon every year by General Assembly.

2.17.1. Do you have a list of the roles and responsibilities of your treasurer? Have you written instructions for preparing your Section budget that the outgoing treasurer passes to the incoming treasurer? Do you have written instructions for preparing annual financial statements that are passed to the incoming treasurer? With whom do you lodge your fi

- WILPF Netherlands has a regular yearly practice of proposing a budget, reporting on the financial state of affairs and every year an independent accountant examines the books and reports on the finances.

In addition two members (non board members) check this report and the books and send their findings to the General Assembly.

The treasurer is responsible for managing the finances, as is recorded in the bylaws.

2.17.2. Does the Section maintain full financial records? (For example: a cash book detailing all cash transactions and cash in hand, a bank book or bank statement detailing all bank deposits, payments and receipts). Are your accounts up to date? Does the Section owe anyone money that you are unable to pay this year? For what? Does an independent auditor audit your financial statements?

Yes.

WILPF Netherlands gives a financial report progress to the members at the General Assembly every six months, together with a (proposed) budget. The internal auditing is done by two members. Also we have an external auditing by an independent accountant.

2.17.3. Who are the current signatories to your Section’s bank account/s?

The treasurer.

2.17.4 What fundraising campaign has your Section run over the past year? How much did you raise? What did it cost you?

None

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| **III. PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION**  |

In this reporting period, who has your Section collaborated with?

☐ Other WILPF Sections (please list here)

☐ WILPF Secretariat

☒ Other partners (Please list here)

WILPF NL is a member of some NGO coöperatives:

- (Former TTIP) Alliance on fair and sustainable trade in Europe,

- Platform Earth-Farmer-Consumer: various alternative trade-unions and actiongroups in agriculture for alternative foodproduction systems.

WILPF participates with input from Lois Herman at the WUNRN and Anita Fisicaro at the FAO

- We are currently exploring working together with PvdV (Platform Vrouwen Duurzame Vrede), a women’s alliance working primarily in the Netherlands on UN SC 1325.

If yes, please give details on whom and what activities were done together.

See answers 1.2.

If no, what would help to facilitate collaboration?

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| **IV. CHALLENGES** |

What are the major challenges your Section is facing at present? How do you plan to address them?

We are currently in the process of discussing with our members the need to transform our organizational structure as a section.

The decreasing number of members, and the relatively small number of active members means that the management of our organisation is too burdensome and the board has been incomplete for years now, for example no secretary. So we are exploring other organisation-models more suited to a smaller, but committed and motivated membership.

We are lucky in that our section has benefitted from some big legates, the last 25 years .

That means we are looking for a structure that makes it possible with sound budgetting and ‘frugal’ household expenses to maintain the financial support for members (who are all volunteers) to participate in national and international activities on behalf of WILPF NL.

We are aiming for a proposal and a decision at the General Assembly in the spring of 2020.

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| **V. FUTURE PLANNING** |

What are your Section’s priorities for the future period (2020-2021)?Has anything changed from the Section Plan you submitted in 2018/9?

See Challenges!

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| **VI. UNADDRESSED ITEMS** |

What else would you like to share with the International Board? (Questions, challenges, support etc.).

We as the Dutch WILPF will inform you regarding our possible new entity and seek your advice on this matter.