

WILPF Nuclear-Free Future Tour April 2 – September 24, 2017

July 27-31 - Chicago IL

Ellen Thomas filmed much of the [WILPF-US 33rd Triennial Congress](#) – [program](#) – [news](#)

* (*Italicized links lead to videos*)



[[Mary Hanson Harrison](#), WILPF-US President; [Chris Wilbeck](#), Congress Coordinator]

Thursday, July 27, 7-9 pm – Plenary, Chicago IL - “Peace, Protest and Policy: Women Waging Peace”

[Phyllis Bennis](#)– Director, New Internationalism Project, Institute for Policy Studies

[Leah Bolger](#)– Coordinating Committee Chair, World Beyond War

[Kathy Kelly](#)– Co-Coordinator, Voices for Creative Nonviolence

[Ellen Thomas](#)– Co-Chair, WILPF US Disarm/End Wars Committee

[Nancy Price](#) moderated. See [Speakers](#) for bios



- Friday, July 28, 2017

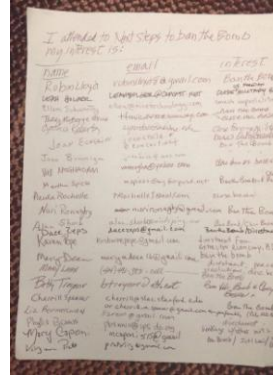
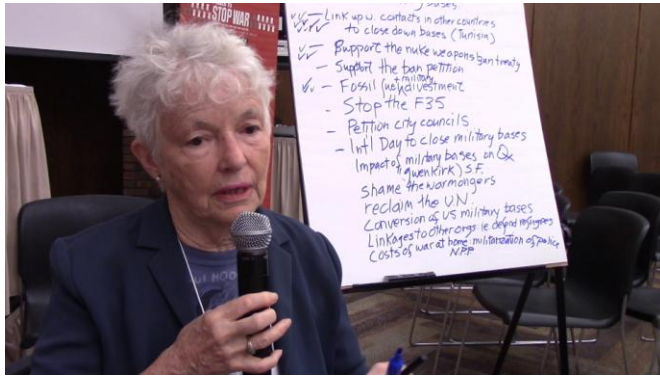
– a.m. – “[*Next Steps after Ban the Bomb*](#)” Workshop

Leah Bolger proposed that WILPF-US endorse and attend the [Base Closure Coalition conference](#) January 12-14, 2018 in Baltimore



- p.m. -Disarm/End Wars Program Committee had a second planning meeting, led by Robin Lloyd, where we agreed to support the [Campaign to Divest from the War Machine Summit](#) on October 21-22 in DC, and the [No Foreign Bases Campaign](#) January 12-14 in Baltimore.

At this workshop we approved the language of the new [WILPF-US petition to the US President and Senate](#) supporting the UN Nuclear Weapons Ban [Treaty](#) – which is linked [online](#) and in [paper](#) format at the top of [prop1.org](#)



Robin Lloyd





Friday Night Chicago Activist Panel: (too busy filming to photograph, sorry!)

[Mary Dean](#)

[Olga Bautista](#)

[Jeanette Hernandez](#)

[Pam Smith](#)

The pace of the conference was very intense, but we found a bit of time for sun!

The NC contingent:

Along the way each a.m.:



- July 29 – [Mary Hanson Harrison](#) led the march to Hull House and dinner ...



July 30 – Closing ceremonies



We collected signatures during the weekend on the petition supporting the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act –

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