**President’s and Section Co-ordinators’ report**

**WILPF Aotearoa AGM**

30 April 2022

Launched the Feminist Budget on International Women’s Day, 8 March

Launched the new version of the WILPF Aotearoa website [www.wilpf.nz](http://www.wilpf.nz)

Nominated Edwina Hughes, Ema Tagicakibau, Lucy Stewart and Angela Woodward for Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament & Arms Control

Nominated Celine Kearney as alternate representative from WILPF Asia-Pacific region to the WILPF International Board

Attended National Council of Women NZ meetings re new structure and new constitution

Marked the 107th birthday of WILPF iNTERNTAIONAL

**Correspondence**

* Correspondence with government ministers re granting visas to Afghan women who have been working in the area of human rights for women in Afghanistan
* Signed on to open letter re to Prime Minister asking that the patent on the Covid vaccine being removed at the WTO is a condition of our trade negotiations with the United Kingdom and European Union.
* Signed on to open letter calling for the United Nations General Assembly to institute an investigation into Israel’s apartheid policies towards Palestinians.
* Signed on to open letter re shifting government expenditure from the military to the addressing climate change.
* Signed on to an appeal for GDAMS (Global Days Against Military Spending) that governments around the world reduce their military expenditures and dedicate those funds to truly defending people and the planet.
* Signed on behalf of Aotearoa WlLPF, an international online petition to oppose seabed mining.

**Submissions**

* Submission on proposals for new Regulations under the Arms Act
* Submission on draft New Zealand Histories curriculum
* Submission on government proposals against the incitement of hatred and hostilities.

**Newsletters and other communications**

* 2021: July 2021, November 2021
* 2022: April 2022
* 816 ‘likes’ and 902 people following the Facebook page