

Wellington Branch Report for WILPF Aotearoa 2023 AGM

Over the past year Wellington Branch members have been involved in a range of activities, keeping in touch with each other and in phone contact with our older members.

Protecting Civilians From Harm
the Dublin Conference and EWIPA Declaration



- Phil Twyford, NZ Minister for Disarmament
- Rebecca Dudley and Judy Owen, NZ Red Cross
- Harris Ashton, UN Youth New Zealand
- Edwina Hughes, Peace Movement Aotearoa

Online forum, 12.30pm, 23 November 2022
Register: <https://bit.ly/ewipa-nov22>

Peace Movement Aotearoa @PeaceMovementA



Our public event this year was a very well attended joint online forum with Peace Movement Aotearoa, NZ Red Cross, and UN Youth to mark the new International Declaration on the Protection of Civilians from the Use of Explosive Weapons (EWIPA), which was officially launched in Dublin in November 2022 after almost three years of EWIPA negotiations lead by the Irish government.

One of our Branch members started a vigil for Ukraine at the Russian embassy in Wellington which has been held every Wednesday over the past year; and members have joined in other vigils too, such as the annual ANZAC Day peace vigils.



Branch members have supported a range of activities and online events organised by other peace and women's groups based in Wellington, including the annual West Papua solidarity gathering at parliament, UN Day events, and online forums with the Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control.



At the 2022 section AGM Wellington branch offered to put together the section newsletters, but we only ever received two reports from the last AGM for it. We are happy to put together the section newsletters in the year ahead, but we will need to be sent reports and article for it.

Joy Davies-Payne and Edwina Hughes, May 2023