

# WRI eCouncil schedule: 14 – 24 October 2016



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	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Live events</b>		International antimilitarist responses to Syria Time: 12:30 UTC		Stopping the cycle of violence in Turkey Time: 16.00 UTC		Constructive programmes; 'New worlds in old shells' Time: 12:30 UTC		Countering the Militarisation of Youth: Examples of Resistance Time: 16.00 UTC				
		International antimilitarist responses to Syria										
		Right to Refuse to Kill forum										
				Police militarisation forum								
							Nonviolence Programme: Constructive programme forum					
<b>Forum discussions</b>							Countering the Militarisation of Youth forum					
		Next international assembly					Pre-proposal for 2021 international assembly					
		Finances and fundraising					2017 budget					
			Applications for affiliation									
		Approve the 2015 council minutes										
			Bylaw changes, Chair discussion									
							Responses to crisis document					
									Evaluation			
		Cafe space										
		Affiliate reports										
	Technical issues forum											

## Agenda items

## Facilitator

### International responses to Syria

Live webinar/panel (with recording available afterwards), Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, 12.30 UTC

A webinar and forum discussion on how the antimilitarist movement has responded to the conflict in Syria, and how we respond in the future.

Register here: <https://www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EC57D886894E3B&rslt=0c23dfe4-259d-4899-9e87-44a11adad819>

*Carlos*

Ongoing discussion forum, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Stopping the cycle of violence in Turkey

Live webinar/panel (with recording available afterwards), Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, 16:00 UTC

In this webinar War Resisters' International's Turkey Working Group will present on WRI's ongoing campaign Stop the Cycle of Violence in Turkey.

In Spring 2016 War Resisters' International launched a new campaign focusing on the escalating cycle of violence in Turkey. The campaign, initiated in response to demands from WRI activists in Turkey, so far included [a delegation visit to Southeast Turkey](#), [an advocacy trip by human rights defenders from Turkey to Europe](#), [a number publications on the situation](#) and a petition addressing the EU. Join us in this webinar to discuss our future plans and strategies to stop the cycle of violence in Turkey.

Register here: <https://www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EC57D88980493F&rslt=f9b73968-c0f3-4029-9ad0-ff65f87deec5>

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### Constructive programmes (Nonviolence programme)

Live webinar/panel, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 UTC

The Nonviolence Programme has begun work on a new publication, called "New Worlds in Old Shells". It will look at all the ways that groups and communities are trying to create the world they want to live in, here and now. The Loomio thread will be preceded by a webinar. Stellan Vinthagen will explain some of the theory behind our work, and Joanne Sheehan will explain how community land trusts in the USA are a good example.

Register for the webinar here: <https://www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EC57D886894B3F>

*Jungmin and Andrew*

Nonviolence Programme discussion forum topic (focusing on constructive programmes), Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

### Countering the militarisation of youth programme: examples of resistance

Live webinar/panel, Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, 16.00 UTC; Discussion forum, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Young peoples' experiences of the military, and exposure to militarist values, differ around the world. In this discussion thread we will gather examples from different countries and discuss their similarities, as well as the differences, together with our strategies to counter youth militarisation. Please bring examples of militarisation and resistance from your own contexts, and join us in this online conversation.

*Semih*

In the webinar we will focus particularly on two cases, Germany and Israel, and discuss with activists from these countries about their campaigns to counter youth militarisation. Register for the webinar here: <https://www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EC57D889804A3C&rslt=f6e38fd5-8206-4752-b129-f2d5f709b2d3>

### Right to Refuse to Kill programme

Ongoing discussion forum, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Reporting news from the Right to Refuse to Kill programme's work over the past year, and how to get involved in work supporting conscientious objectors and movements against conscription.

*Igor*

It will also be a chance to think about new ideas for the programme, and what future directions we might go in.

## Police militarisation

Ongoing discussion forum, Sarah, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

*Sarah*

WRI are lucky to be hosting a Quaker Peacemaker. Sarah Robinson will be developing resources looking at the militarisation of police forces around the world. Here we will collect examples and discuss what it means for police forces to be militarised.

## Business items

- **Next international assembly: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

WRI's next International Assembly will take place at the end of 2017, or in early 2018. Here we will discuss proposals about where and when this meeting will take place.

*Sergeiy*

- **Pre-proposal for 2021 international assembly: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

There's been a proposal from Dutch WRI affiliate PAIS to hold the 2021 International Assembly (which is also WRI's centenary event) in the Netherlands, where WRI was founded. We'll discuss this proposal further.

*Christine*

- **Finances and fundraising: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

A more general discussion about WRI's financial situation and fundraising plans for the coming years.

*Cattis*

- **2017 budget: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Here we will see and discuss a proposed 2017 budget for WRI 2017.

*Christine*

- **By-law changes and Chair: Sunday 16 - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Several changes to WRI by-laws have been suggested. They will be discussed here, so that a recommendation can be sent to the next International Assembly, which has the power to change the constitution. This will include a discussion of whether WRI needs the position of Chair in the future, and therefore whether we should hold an election for the next Chair at the next International Conference.

*Hannah*

- **Applications for affiliation (AVP Nigeria, CAAT, WIB Serbia, VD AMOK, Nesahuti) Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Applications to affiliate to WRI. Some are applications from groups new to WRI, some are groups that already are affiliated as Associates, that want to become Sections.

*Cattis*

- **Approving the 2015 council minutes**

A chance to suggest necessary changes, and then approve the minutes.

*Staff*

- **Responses to crisis document**

WRI staff and exec have been working on a document, outlining when and how WRI might respond to a crisis.

*Hulya*

## Cafe space

Catch up with non-WRI news! Socialise online. You'll need to bring your own coffee.

*Staff*

## Affiliate reports

A space for affiliates to share a report or summary of their work and actions in the past 12 months. It will be a time to find out what others have been doing, see connections and overlap, and maybe get ideas for work in your own contexts! Maybe you already produce an annual report that you can upload, but if not a short summary (with text photos, or maybe a video) would be really welcome.

*Staff*

## Technical issues forum

If you have any technical issues or questions using loomio or the webinars, then please ask them here. A member of staff or the organising group will do our best to get an answer to you!

*Staff*

## Evaluation

We will use this space to evaluate our meeting.

*Jungmin*