



## ETHICS POLICY for WILPF FUNDRAISING

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Any fundraising activity has to incorporate an ethical responsibility to our donors and to our mission. Therefore, we need to be guided by a sense of integrity in our relationships with our donors. WILPF's ethical foundation is built on the reassurance that the trust of the donor and our organization is not violated, which requires openness, transparency and respect. The following ethical policy is designed to this end.

### **Code of Ethical Fundraising**

#### **A. Donor's Rights**

1. All fundraising solicitations by or on behalf of WILPF will disclose our name and purpose for which the funds are requested. Printed solicitations (however transmitted) will also include our address or other contact information.
2. Donors and prospective donors are entitled to the following, promptly upon request:
  - the most recent annual report and financial statements;
  - confirmation of the 501 (c) 3 of Jane Addams Peace Organization (if choosing to use the donation as a tax deduction) or the 501 (c) 4 status of WILPF;
  - a copy of this ethics code.
3. Donors and prospective donors are entitled to know, upon request, whether an individual soliciting funds on behalf of WILPF is a volunteer, staff, or a hired solicitor.
4. Donors will be encouraged to seek independent advice if WILPF has any reason to believe that a proposed gift might significantly affect the donor's financial position, taxable income, or relationship with other family members.
5. Donor's requests to remain anonymous will be respected.
6. The privacy of donors will be respected. Any donor records that are maintained by

WILPF will be kept confidential to the greatest extent possible. Donors have the right to see their own donor record and to challenge its accuracy.

7. Donors and prospective donors will be treated with respect. Every effort will be made to honor their requests to:

- limit the frequency of solicitations;
- not to be solicited by telephone or other technology;
- receive printed material concerning WILPF.

8. WILPF will respond promptly to a complaint by a donor or prospective donor about any matter that is addressed in this ethics policy. A designated member of the Development Committee will attempt to satisfy the complainant's concerns in the first instance.

## **B. Fundraising Practices**

1. Fundraising solicitations on behalf of WILPF will: be truthful; accurately describe WILPF's activities and the intended use of donated funds.

2. In developing fundraising solicitations to foundations and/or corporations, WILPF will: follow strict processes for determining whether we want to engage with a corporation, especially if there is a funding opportunity (see below).

3. The National Director will work closely with the Development Chair and External Development Subcommittee, in consultation with a member of the Corporations vs. Democracy issue committee, to identify external funding sources that fit within the ethical fundraising guidelines described herein. She will keep the WILPF National Board informed, when possible, of all sources being considered and of all proposals that have been submitted.

4. Volunteers, staff and hired solicitors who solicit or receive funds on behalf of WILPF will:

- adhere to the provisions of this code; act with fairness, integrity, and in accordance with all applicable laws;
- adhere to the provisions of applicable professional codes of ethics, standards of practice, etc.;
- cease solicitation of a prospective donor who identifies solicitation as harassment or undue pressure;

- disclose immediately to the U.S. WILPF Board any actual or apparent conflict of interest;
- and not accept donations for purposes that are inconsistent with U.S. WILPF's objectives or mission.

5. Paid fundraisers, whether staff or consultants, will be compensated by a salary, retainer or fee, and will not be paid finders' fees, commissions or other payments based on either the number of gifts received or the value of funds raised.

6. WILPF will not sell its donor list.

7. The WILPF Board will be informed at least annually of the number, type and disposition of complaints received from donors or prospective donors about matters that are addressed in this code.

### **C. WILPF Funding Acceptance Guidelines**

The US Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF, US) accepts donations from corporations, foundations, and other organizations, within a strict ethical framework. While WILPF, US is glad to have the assistance of organizations that support its goals, it will not accept donations that will impair its ability to freely address social justice issues around the world or create the perception of a conflict of interest.

WILPF, US does not accept funding from organizations whose practices conflict with its national goals or those of its subcommittees. This includes corporations and foundations whose revenues are substantially derived from weapons and related products, military goods and services, tobacco, alcohol, bottled water, chemical products, mineral extraction, petroleum extraction and production, or other products and services inconsistent with WILPF's purpose. This also includes corporations and foundations that are currently or have been recently associated with human rights abuses, unfair labor practices, apartheid, environmental abuses, discrimination, or violence.

WILPF, US reserves the right to screen all potential sources of funding, and to decline any donations that would damage its reputation or its ability to function as a strong advocate for social justice.

### **D. Financial Accountability**

1. WILPF's financial affairs will be conducted in a responsible manner, consistent with the ethical obligations of stewardship and the legal requirements of national regulators.
2. All donations will be used to support WILPF's mission.
3. All restricted or designated donations will be used for the purposes for which they are

given. If necessary due to program or organizational changes, alternative uses will be discussed, where possible, with the donor or the donor's legal designate. If the donor is deceased or legally incompetent, and WILPF is unable to contact a legal designate, the donation will be used in a manner that is as consistent as possible with the donor's original intent.

4. Annual financial reports will:

- be factual and accurate in all material respects;
- disclose the total amount of fundraising revenues;
- the total amount of fundraising expenses;
- identify government grants and contributions separately from other donations;
- be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and standards.

5. The cost effectiveness of WILPF's fundraising program will be reviewed regularly by the WILPF Board.