

SPEAKERS AT THE NGO TPNW CONFERENCE

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Rebecca Johnson (GB)



Rebecca Johnson is a British peace activist and expert on nuclear disarmament. She is the director and founder of Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy as well as a co-founding strategist and organiser of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

Klaus Renoldner (Austria)



Klaus Renoldner is a Medical Doctor and President of IPPNW Austria (OMEGA).

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) is the most important international medical organization dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons. Founded in 1980, IPPNW is credited with raising public awareness about the devastating effects of nuclear weapons.. IPPNW received the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of this accomplishment.

Vanessa Griffen (Fiji Islands)



Vanessa Griffen is active against nuclear testing in the Pacific Islands, founding member of early Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific movement; Pacific feminist, gender equality and women's rights advocate. Associate of Pacific Network on Globalisation (PANG) on TPNW.

In 2018, was a Pacific team member (3) and the report writer for the World Association of Christian Communications(WACC) Project Consultation visit - Maohi Nui - victims of nuclear tests, held in Tahiti, French Polynesia, 52 years after first tests began.

Michael Müller (Germany)



Michael Müller has been Federal Chairman of the NaturFreunde of Germany since 1995. From 1983 to 2009 he was a member of the Bundestag for the SPD and from 2005 to 2009 he was State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment. Michael Müller is committed to the socio-ecological transformation: "There will be no good life for all if social and ecological justice are not combined. That is my goal and that of NaturFreunde, that is what we are working for." Müller is author of numerous books.

Philip Jennings (GB)



Philip Jennings is Co-President of the International Peace Bureau (IPB) since 2019 and has been a leading figure in the Trade Union movement, holding the position of General Secretary at Uni Global Union and the FIET (International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, Technical and Professional Employees) for a combined 30 years. He has also played a leading role in the broader international trade union movement with the ITUC, TUAC taking the union message to the UN, IMF, OECD, World Bank, World Economic Forum, EU and the G20.

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Helga Kromp-Kolb (Austria)



Prof. Helga Kromp-Kolb is one of the best known Austrian climate activists. She is Head of the Institute of Meteorology and of the Center for Global Change and Sustainability at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), where she has also been a full professor since 1995. Her expertise in environmental meteorology, air pollution, and climate change has seen her play key advisory roles in government, academia and civil society.

Phill Gittins (GB)



Phill Gittins, PhD, is World BEYOND War's Education Director. He is from the UK and based in Bolivia. Gittins has over 20 years of leadership, programming, and analysis experience in the areas of peace, education, youth and community development, and psychotherapy. He has lived, worked, and travelled in over 50 countries across 6 continents; taught in schools, colleges, and universities around the world; and trained thousands on peace and social change-related issues. Phill has received multiple awards for his work.

Heidi Meinzolt (Germany)



Heidi Meinzolt is a member of WILPF Germany for more than 30 years and Europe Regional Representative of WILPF. . She has been a member of the International Board for many years and served as a European coordinator in this period. Heidi was also the coordinator of WILPF's Middle East Working Group and a member of the Standing Committee on Organisational Development.

While being involved in multiple ways in structural and governance issues, Heidi has been working in the past years to intensify WILPF's political impact bridging theory with practice. Her major concern is raising awareness among the general public about the importance of a feminist analysis of conflicts, highlighting aspects of justice, human security and freedom. Apart from her work with WILPF, she is also involved with the Civic Solidarity Platform (CSP) as the coordinator of the WG on "women and gender realities in the OSCE region" and she cooperated with the Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF) on issues of climate justice and SDGs.

Alessandro Capuzzo (Italy)



Alessandro Capuzzo is a peace activist from Trieste, Italy. He is one of the founders of the “movimento Trieste Libera” and is fighting for a nuclear-free port of Trieste. The free territory of Trieste should be a “demilitarised and neutral” state under the control of an International Commission consisting in representatives from more than 20 States.

<https://www.movimentotriestelibera.net/wp/archives/4171>

Heinz Gärtner (Austria)



Univ. Prof. Dr. Heinz Gärtner is lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna and at Danube University. He was academic director of the Austrian Institute for International Affairs. He has held various Fulbright Fellowships and the Austrian Chair at Stanford University. He was Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC. Among other things, he chairs the Strategy and Security advisory board of the Austrian Armed Forces and the Advisory Board of the International Institute for Peace (IIP) in Vienna. Heinz Gärtner published widely on international security, nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, US-Foreign Policy, geopolitics, Iran and the Middle East.

Alex Praça (Brazil)



Alex Praça (Brazil), is a Human and Trade Union Rights adviser for the Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). Before joining the ITUC in 2012, he was the communication's director of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas. Alex has several years' experience as a journalist both in Europe and in Latin America.