

INTERNATIONAL PEACE NETWORKS



These are four large international peace networks; they have varying bases to some extent but overlapping concerns. They have different categories of members but they are all listed on their websites so it is easy to see who may be near you. All welcome contact and use of their online resources and information even when groups doing so are not members.

They are listed below in the order they were formed (respectively 1891, 1914, 1921, and 1945).

International Peace Bureau (IPB)



The IPB is dedicated to the vision of a World Without War. We are a Nobel Peace Laureate (1910). Our 300 member organisations in 70 countries, and individual members, form a global network bringing together expertise and campaigning experience. Our main programme centres on Disarmament for Sustainable Development, of which the Global Day of Action on Military Spending is a key part. www.ipb.org

International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR)



Founded in 1914 in response to the horrors of war in Europe, IFOR works for reconciliation in all the 5 continents. While coming from diverse religious backgrounds, IFOR members share a common belief in the transforming power of nonviolence. Today IFOR counts 72 active members in 48 different countries. For more information, www.ifor-mir.org

War Resisters International (WRI)



War Resisters' International works for a world without war. We are a global antimilitarist network, with over eighty affiliated groups in fifty countries. Since 1921 we have been supporting and connecting people around the world who refuse to take part in war, and who use nonviolent action to tackle war's causes. We remain committed to our founding principle that all war is a crime against humanity. <http://wri-irg.org>

Pax Christi International (PCI)



Pax Christi, the International Catholic Peace Movement, works for peace, reconciliation and justice. It researches root causes of war and violent conflict; speaks up for disarmament and human dignity through its consultative status with international governmental bodies and is committed to nonviolent means of resolving conflict. It works to create a culture of peace and believes that religion should be an unequivocal force for peace and social justice. Pax Christi International is committed to non-violence and to demilitarisation and disarmament, human security, human rights and the rule of law as the basis of peaceful societies. <http://www.paxchristi.net>

●A great resource for wider networking and checking out of other international networks, plus groups and organisations in your country, is the World Peace Directory at <http://www.housmans.info/wpd/> (an edited version of this appears in *Housmans Peace Diary*).