

ALWAYS DISOBEDIENT, AND STILL IN THE STREETS...

always disobedient

Women in Black – 30 years of resistance

9th October 1991 we took to the streets of Belgrade for the first time - that is when we began non-violent resistance to the war and the policies of the Serbian regime. So far, we have organized about **2,500** street actions. We are still in the streets ...

Women in Black / WiB is an activist group and network of feminist-anti-militarist orientation, consisting of women, but also men of different generational and ethnic backgrounds, educational levels, social status, lifestyles and sexual choices.

For 30 years, we have been building an active policy of peace - a policy of solidarity, mutual support, trust, above all with the victims of crimes committed in our name; we will not stop harassing the government and the public with questions about the accountability for crimes committed in the past ...

For 30 years, we have been creating spaces for the voices of women, as well as all the marginalized, excluded from economic, political and social power, both in our environment and around the world...

For 30 years, we have been trying to surmount the walls of hatred and evil, rejecting all forms of nationalist-militaristic policies, violating the consensus of nation states, armies, churches...

For 30 years, we have been actively building networks of solidarity outside state, national borders and divisions, both in the entire area of the former Yugoslavia and on all continents...

For 30 years, we have been organizing non-violent actions against militarism - regional and global, denouncing the interdependence and interconnection of local, regional and global patriarchal militaristic power, advocating anti-militarist-feminist alternatives ...

For 30 years, we have been revealing the connections between war and poverty, between war and the daily increase in violence in the so-called peacetime, between war and the unlimited enrichment of groups close to the regime; we have been exposing the links between war and the destruction of the education and health systems, guided by the principle of 'Everything for peace, health and knowledge - nothing for weapons'

For 30 years, we have been producing knowledge, creating an alternative history, through equal evaluation of academic knowledge and activist experience; we have nurtured common learning, reflection and exchange, in our environment and around the world ...

For 30 years, together with artists and art collectives (Škart, Dah Theater, MMC Art Clinic...), we have insisted on the aesthetic shaping of anti-war, anti-patriarchal resistance ...

not in our name

Basic ethical principles of Women in Black peace policy

Not in our name: public, clear and loud non-violent resistance to the regime that carried out aggressions and waged wars in our name, and in the aftermath of the wars, to all those who deny, diminish, relativize or glorify crimes committed in our name. We will not stop harassing the government and the public with questions about accountability for past crimes. We will not stop having a critical attitude towards every government, first towards the government of the country in which we live, and then towards every other.

Always disobedient: to war and all other forms of patriarchy. We are disobedient because we are responsible citizens, autonomous women, free-thinking beings. We reject obedience to patriarchal power because it is lack of freedom and slavery for women, as well as irresponsibility towards the country and the world in which we live. Our feminist ethics is to take responsibility and care for a certain time, context and space, but also for the whole world in which we live.

Let us not be cheated, first by our own and then by others: the feminist ethic of responsibility always dictates that we first oppose nationalists, militarists, all the proponents of patriarchy primarily in the country in which we live, and then everyone else.

feminism is our choice

Feminist engagement of Women in Black:

Radically anti-patriarchal: because patriarchy is not just a system of supremacy (of one sex over the other, of one class / race / nation over another), but rather, the main cause of war and therefore our feminist engagement is necessarily anti-war.

Anti-nationalistic: because nationalism is one of the most visible and destructive manifestations of patriarchy - by reducing women to the roles of mothers and wives, to birth machines, it deprives women of the right to a choice and self-determination, as basic values of feminist thought and practice.

Anti-militaristic: because militarism is armed patriarchy; the costs of war, the army, armaments affect women the most; militarism relies on force and violence in resolving all problems and conflicts, while feminist antimilitarism is nonviolent female resistance to all armies, military force, violence. We demand the redirection of military expenditures for civilian purposes under the motto "*everything for peace, health and knowledge - nothing for weapons*".

Internationalistic: solidarity and connection above all racial, ethnic, religious, state affiliations. WiB participates in global anti-war actions against the war, is a member of numerous international anti-war networks.

Anti-clerical / anti-fundamentalistic: for the strict separation of church and state, against the abuse of religion by religious communities in order to gain political power, expand social control, endanger basic women's human rights, integrity and dignity of women.

Alter-globalist: instead of unjust neoliberal globalization, Women in Black advocates the globalization of peace, incrimination of all war crimes, solidarity with all the oppressed (on gender, racial, class, ethnic grounds).

Anti-homophobic: we pledge for the equality of sexual choices as a basic human right.

Aesthetics of resistance – symbols of Women in Black

The basis of Women in Black's aesthetics is the reversal of traditional, patriarchal oppressive symbols and forms, into anti-patriarchal, alternative, 'subversive', rebellious symbols and forms.

Mourning: we wear black because of the deaths of all victims of war and violence, and above all the victims of crimes committed in our name; during the wars in the former Yugoslavia, wearing black was a public act of rebellion against the politics of war, nationalism and militarism. After the war, we have been demonstrating that we are against the denial and forgetting of crimes; with black clothes we remind of the crimes committed in our name, we demand responsibility for them. We use black in all street manifestations related to wars, commemorations on the occasion of crimes, primarily those committed in our name, but also all other crimes.

Silence: takes place in public space as an act of condemnation of all who generate war and violence, first of all in the state and community in which we live and then of everyone else. We chose silence because we have no words to express the tragedies, sufferings, pain caused by wars and violence. We have opted for silence because we lack words to express our indignation against the state of organized crime during the regime of S. Milošević and after the fall of that regime against the institutionally organized denial of the criminal past.

The body: exposure in public places is an act of civil disobedience and anti-patriarchal rebellion. Mourning, silence and the body through the aesthetics of Women in Black are public, clear and visible acts of anti-patriarchal rebellion.

In addition to a simple ritual in mourning and silence, in our feminist / anti-militarist / anti-fascist actions (performances, marches...) we have introduced many other elements: bright colors, strong sounds, most often drums and shouting slogans with a megaphone; various visual effects, etc.

Here are some more motifs, signs, colors, drawings, compositions and artifacts:

Symbol of peace – an olive branch: the design of the art collective Škart (1991) combines an olive branch with a stylized sign of a woman, on a black field; this unique sign was adopted by the International Network of Women in Black as its emblem.

Protest messages: canvases and messages in our protest stands are usually handmade - printed, on paper, textile, drawn on clothes, asphalt, wall, wood, textile and acrylic paints, tempera, chalk,

salt, felt-tip pens and embroidery, in the Latin and in Cyrillic alphabets, in different languages, different types of letters on a black, or colored background and in different formats (from the size of a sticker, to a canvas held by one, two or even ten people), sometimes artistically imperfect, sometimes - silver, shiny ...

The rainbow flag: a symbol of peace, otherness and diversity, which we introduced in 1995 and since then we have used it in a large number of actions.

Fatima's hand: a symbol of peace, global women's solidarity, perseverance, which we took from Women in Black from Israel; this motif is combined with messages of anti-war content.

Circle (*standing in a circle, circular compositions in a performance*): in the aesthetics of WiB, the circle is a symbol of human connection and togetherness in feelings of empathy and solidarity with all victims of war and violence.

Broken rifle - a symbol of anti-war / anti-militarist resistance, support for protesters, deserters.

Inverted helmet: with flowers, it symbolizes the transformation of war industry into civilian industry - instead of producing weapons, we demand the production of socially useful goods, etc.

On the activities of Women in Black – a short survey

expel war out of history.

Antiwar street actions – against the war in the former Yugoslavia, the war policies of the Serbian regime; *from 1991 to 1996*, we held protests against the war in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina every Wednesday, always in mourning and silence. We also organized actions against constant violent and illegal mobilizations of men for war, taking them to the battlefield, persecution of deserters in Serbia; against the abduction of Bosniak passengers in Serbia (in Sjeverin and Štrpci), against the persecution and discrimination of others in Serbia (on ethnic, ideological, religious or sexual grounds), against the exodus of civilians from Krajina (Croatia) after the military operations of the Croatian army 'Flash' (May 95') and 'Storm' (August 95'). During the winter of 1996/97, we participated daily and actively in mass civil protests in Serbia.

Between 1997 and 1999, we protested against the low-intensity war in Kosovo, apartheid against the Albanian population in Kosovo, expressing solidarity with the non-violent people's and women's movement in Kosovo; we supported the peace talks between the Serbian and Albanian sides in Rambouillet under the slogan 'A pact is than better war'; after the NATO military intervention (1999), we organized actions against the persecution of the non-Albanian population in Kosovo; *In 1999 and 2000*, actions were directed against the growing political repression of the Serbian regime against political dissidents in Serbia.

After the fall of the regime, in October 2000, most of the actions of Women in Black were related to the wars in the former Yugoslavia and were dedicated to demands for the accountability of the Serbian regime and against the denial of the criminal past.

Street actions of global solidarity against violence and war:

From the very beginning of their activities, Women in Black, as part of the global anti-war movement, participated in almost all actions against war violence, or initiated such actions independently: against the conflict in the Middle East (Israel / Palestine, Lebanon) terrorist attacks on New York and Washington; war and violence in Afghanistan, Congo, Iraq, Colombia, Libya, Syria, Ukraine, Myanmar, Yemen, Belarus, Nagorno Karabakh, etc. During the meeting of the *Network of Women's Solidarity against War / International Network of Women in Black* 1992-2000, WiB organized many street actions: Let's banish militarism from our lives, Women's solidarity against violence and war, Always disobedient - these are just some of the names of performances we organized in Novi Sad, Subotica, Ulcinj and Podgorica during the meeting of the International Network, with the participation of activists from all over the former Yugoslavia, as well as from all continents. We also organized actions of solidarity with peace movements in the mentioned and other war areas. WiB is a member of a number of international anti-war networks, including: War Resister's International; Nonviolent Peace Forces.

Street actions – confronting the past:

covers the largest number of street actions of WiB, refers to the marking / commemoration of important dates of crimes committed in our name, as well as other crimes against civilians, during and after the wars, in the former Yugoslavia.

Srebrenica – marking the genocide in Srebrenica is one of the most important political, moral and emotional acts. We have been marking the genocide in Srebrenica in Republic Square in Belgrade every year since 1996. Actions were also held to mark the genocide in Srebrenica outside Belgrade, in Leskovac, Loznica, Šabac, Novi Sad, Zrenjanin, Valjevo ...

We also continuously mark the anniversaries of crimes: *Štrpci* (March 27, 1993); *the beginning of the war in BH* (April 6, 1992); crimes in *Kosovo* (March 26, 1999); *Death of RTS workers* in the 1999 bombing, April 23, 1999; *Orahovac* in Kosovo (July 18, 1998); *Topčider* (October 5, 2004); *Sjeverin* (October 22, 1992); *Vukovar* (November 18).

Feminist/antimilitaristic/antifascist/antiracist/antihomophobic actions:

Resistance to militarism, sexism, nationalism, racism, neoliberal economic globalization, homophobia, as well as all forms of violence and discrimination. Actions often have a 'traveling' decentralized character because we have performed and are performing them all over Serbia, and sometimes in the region.

Feminist street actions (protests, performances, marches...) – we organize them on the occasion of *March 8* - International Women's Day, *May 28* - International Day of Women's Actions for Women's Health and Reproductive Rights, *June 19* - International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, *December 6* - International Day for the elimination of Femicide, etc.

Antimilitaristic/antifascist/antiracist/antihomophobic actions...

"Everything for peace, health and knowledge - nothing for weapons", "Food not weapons", "Stop cluster munitions" - feminist-anti-militarist actions against militarization and its devastating effect on women's daily lives, standards, health, education. We have been organizing these actions regularly since 1996, on the occasion of important international dates. These are: *May 24* - International Day of Women's Action for Peace and Disarmament; *September 21* - World Peace Day, *June 7* - International Action Network against SALW Campaign; *June 20* - World Refugee Day; *December 10* - International Human Rights Day, etc.

Confronting the past/transitional justice – a feminist approach

This is one of the most important activities of Women in Black. It consists of many segments: street actions, workshops, lectures, creating different models of transitional justice from a feminist point of view, cooperation with related organizations in the form of joint actions (campaigns and consultative meetings).

Street actions: protests, commemorations, performances, campaigns, both during and after the war, by developing a model of justice from a feminist perspective:

Commemorations of important crimes committed in our name, as well as other crimes against civilians during the wars in the former Yugoslavia: most of our street actions are dedicated to dealing with the past - primarily our demands for accountability for the crimes committed in our name, as well as responsibility for all other crimes in the wars in the former Yugoslavia.

Visiting crime scenes committed in our name: we started this practice during the wars and intensified after them; it is a policy of respecting the dignity of victims, solidarity with them. Activists of the Network from all parts of Serbia go organized and collectively to commemorations of the genocide in Srebrenica, crimes in Vukovar, Višegrad, Kozarac, Foča, Zvornik, Prijedor... as well as other crime scenes in BH, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia.

Educational activities: workshops on dealing with the past, cycles of seminars on ethics of responsibility, public debates, feminist roundtable discussion circles, conferences, trainings, international meetings / conferences on alternative models of justice, feminist concept of justice; Memory and Responsibility - a school of transitional justice for young people, etc.

Women's solidarity for the punishability of war crimes: actions of women's solidarity - feminist ethics of care and responsibility, exchange and cooperation in the region in order to build a just peace. This is primarily about exchanges and support for victims of crimes committed in our name (BH, Croatia, Kosovo) as well as victims / survivors of crimes against Serb civilians. As part of this activity, we launched an informal network of *Mothers for Peace in Solidarity* - meetings of women's solidarity and mutual support of women - mothers from Srebrenica, Vukovar, Bela Reka, Belgrade, mothers who turned their tragedy and pain into a common struggle for peace and justice.

Campaigns, legislative initiatives: against war, forced mobilization, for amnesty of conscientious objectors, for recognition of the right to conscientious objection, for punishability of war crimes (requiring discontinuity with the criminal past), for extradition of all war criminals to the Hague Tribunal, against Act on Assistance to the Hague indictees and their families; campaigns related to the Srebrenica genocide, campaigns to recognize the war crime of rape, etc.

Symbolic reparations – campaigns, of which we list only a few:

Declaration on Srebrenica: initiated by eight Serbian NGOs (G8 coalition) in June 2005, on the tenth anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide. The institutions did not fulfil our requests.

July 11 - Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica Genocide – Proclaim it! - The campaign started in February 2009 after the European Parliament adopted the Resolution on July 11 - the Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica Genocide on January 15, 2009. The campaign was launched by the following organizations: Women in Black, Humanitarian Law Center, Committee of Lawyers for Human Rights, Center for the Advancement of Legal Studies, Youth Initiative for

Human Rights. A protest demanding that July 11 be declared Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day in Belgrade, took place in front of the Presidency of Serbia, every 11th of the month from February 2009 to July 2010. *The request of the mentioned organizations was supported by 100 non-governmental organizations from all over Serbia. Unfortunately, the competent institutions did not comply with these requests.* Every year, on the anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, Women in Black and related organizations repeat the request that July 11 be declared the Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica genocide and that the denial of genocide be qualified as a crime.

Symbolic monuments – we will list some of them:

In Memory of the Deserter - a symbolic monument, an act of giving recognition to and honoring men - deserters and conscientious objectors who refused to go to war, or fled the battlefield (1991-1999). The monument is a recognition for the expressed civic courage and violation of the patriarchal roles of heroes and warriors.

The Women in Black Initiative from Belgrade, Multimedia Center / MMC Led Art / Art Clinic from Novi Sad to erect a memorial plaque to Croatian prisoners of war in Begejci and Stajičevo: Women in Black and the Art Clinic sent to the Municipal Assemblies of Zrenjanin and Žitište (where the concentration camps were located) requests to mark in an appropriate manner the Begejci and Stajičevo concentration camps, in which civilians and prisoners of war of Croatian nationality were killed in the early 1990s. We sent the initiative for the first time in 2011 and the last in November 2021, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Vukovar crime. The competent authorities have never responded to this request.

Symbolic monuments related to the genocide in Srebrenica: “A pair of shoes - one life”; “Srebrenica - a stumbling block for Serbia!”; *The Srebrenica threshold*; requests for the construction of a permanent monument to the victims of the Srebrenica genocide in Belgrade, etc.

Demands for renaming streets and public spaces: instead of the dominant nationalist-militarist marking, we have asked, and are asking, for the names of pacifist and feminist activists to be given:

Initiative for naming a street in Belgrade after Dejan Nebrigić - (1970 -1999), gay activist, pacifist and anti-fascist. Dejan was killed on December 29, 1999. As a declared anti-fascist, anti-nationalist and anti-militarist, he refused military service and publicly declared himself as a homosexual.

“We remember the brave resistance of women!” and “The Square of the courageous women of the Rasina county”: in memory of the resistance of the women of Rasina county, who in May 1999 rebelled against the forced mobilization of men for the war in Kosovo, the women’s association ‘*Peščanik*’ from Kruševac and *Women in Black* have been organizing street actions in Kruševac every year since 2014 with the request that May 24, the International Day of Women’s Actions for Peace and Disarmament, be declared the Day of Remembrance of the Women’s Rebellion in 1999. So far, the request has not even been considered.

Remembering and marking important acts and dates in the history of anti-war resistance in Serbia: a reminder of numerous civic anti-war actions and women’s anti-war initiatives - *Map of Anti-War Resistance (1991-2021)* published by WiB.

Public testimonies: on war crimes, on the suffering of victims, their commitment to the criminality of crimes and the building of a just peace. WiB organized the testimony of Srebrenica women for the first time in Serbia (2002), followed by numerous other testimonies.

Women's Court – a feminist approach to justice

The Women's Court is: a space for women to testify about violence in the private and public spheres; space for testifying about organized resistance of women; W'sC makes visible the continuity of injustice and violence against women, both in war and in peace, in both the private and public spheres; discloses the intertwining and interconnectedness of all forms of violence (gender, ethnic, socio-economic, militaristic, political, etc.) and its impact on women; makes visible the continuous resistance of women to war, sexism, militarism, nationalism. W'sC does not determine criminal responsibility, but expresses public condemnation of the political and moral responsibility of the perpetrator, W'sC demands (collective political) responsibility of state institutions for war, violence, injustice; W'sC deals with violence committed in the 1990s, as well as post-war violence in the 1990s.

The first Women's Court in Europe was held in Sarajevo, from 7 to 10 May 2015, organized by 10 women's groups from the former Yugoslavia (Mothers' Movement of the Srebrenica and Žepa enclaves, Cure Foundation, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Center for Women Victims of War, Center for Women's Studies, Zagreb, Croatia, Center for Women's and Peace Education Anima, Kotor, Montenegro, Council for Gender Equality, Skopje, Macedonia, Women's Lobby, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Center for Women's Studies and Women in Black, Belgrade, Serbia). Women in Black was the bearer of program activities during the five-year process of organizing the Women's Court.

More than **200** civil society organizations were involved in the process; women from more than **100** cities participated in W'sC-related activities; the process of organizing the W'sC included about **5,000** participants; over **250** activists / who directly participated in the design and implementation of activities for the organization of the W'sC.

At the Women's Court in Sarajevo, **36** witnesses from all countries of the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Slovenia and Serbia) testified about all types of violence, injustice, crimes, both in the war and post-war period: *ethnic / militaristic / gender-based violence; sexual crimes in war; militaristic violence and women's resistance; persecution of others both in war and in peace - ethnic violence; socio-economic crimes against women and resistance*. On the basis of women's testimonies, W'sC associates interpreted the broader political, temporal and spatial context of the commission of crimes and violence: *Rada Iveković, Vjolca Krasnići, Renata Jambrešić Kirin, Miroslava Malešević, Snježana Milivojević, Marijana Senjak, Gabi Miškovski, Snežana Obrenović, Bojan Aleksov, Tanja Đurić Kuzmanović and Senka Rastoder*. The International Judicial Council, composed of **7** eminent regional legal experts, historians, peace activists (*Vesna Rakić Vodinelić, Gorana Mlinarević, Latinka Perović, Vesna Teršelič*) and international (*Charlotte Bunch, Diana Otto, Kirsten Campbell*) issued recommendations and decisions based on testimonies of women in accordance with the feminist model of justice.

The women's court was attended by more than **500** people from all countries of the former Yugoslavia, but also from: Argentina, Algeria, Palestine, Israel, USA, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, etc.

The following activities of the W'sC process - brief overview: Women in Black, Belgrade coordinates the continuation of the Women's Court process (program and other activities) with the support of organizations: Anima, Kotor (Montenegro), Center for Women Victims of

War, Zagreb (Croatia), Foundation 'CURE' from Sarajevo. The process of the Women's Court that followed included a multitude of working methods, including:

Regional meetings of women, witnesses at the W'sC: fourteen (14) regional meetings were held, attended by about 450 people; in addition to the witnesses, the organizers of the W'sC also participated, as well as activists, local, regional and international, who actively took part in the process of organizing the W'sC.

Public presentations / promotions of the Women's Court: at the regional level from October 2015 to November 2020, 36 public presentations were held in the countries of the former Yugoslavia in seven countries of the former Yugoslavia; about 1,300 people took part in these events.

Feminist team of therapists: provides continuous support to witnesses in the continuation of the W'sC process (group and individual work with witnesses), psychological and legal support to witnesses who conduct various legal proceedings.

Feminist ethics of care and responsibility: monitoring war crimes trials involving female witnesses in W'sC; creating safe spaces in which women speak publicly about silent crimes, unpunished crimes, repressed traumas. Since May 2017, six meetings have been held in Ljubljana with *The Erased* - women and children, victims of ethnic cleansing in Slovenia (1992), as well as Slovenian activists who have supported and continue to support them. *In Pljevlja / Montenegro* - seven meetings were held with members of the Bosniak ethnic group, where fear of public speaking about the crimes of ethnic cleansing committed during the war (1991-1999) still prevails.

Solidarity network of witnesses: community of women victims / survivors of atrocities and injustices both in war and in peace; women of various ethnicities, lifestyles, educational levels, generational affiliations have become actors of justice, have been involved in various activities of women's groups and civil society organizations; Witnesses created various forms of mutual support and solidarity (mutual visits, meetings).

Support for legal proceedings conducted by witnesses: misdemeanor and criminal proceedings, war crimes trials before national courts, appeal proceedings before the International Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, violations of labor rights; property disputes, etc. For some witnesses, legal proceedings relate to elements of testifying before the W'sC (war crime of rape, enforced disappearances, murder). Of these proceedings, we cite *the trial in Sarajevo for the war crime of rape - before the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina*. A witness at the Women's Court in Sarajevo, encouraged by the support of W'sC, decided to initiate court proceedings after almost 25 years. The trial began in July 2017 before the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and all 11 hearings were attended by witnesses and organizers of the W'sC. The sentence of 12 years in prison for the perpetrator was handed down on March 25, 2019.

Material reparations - a witness from Croatia who testified at the Women's Court in Sarajevo about a surviving war crime of rape, received material compensation, i.e., she received a monthly allowance, as well as a one-time arrears, and also some other participants in the process of organizing the W'sC from Croatia received material compensation.

Alternative history (publications on W'sC and feminist approach to justice, engaged art - documentaries on W'sC; documentary on W'sC in Sarajevo in BCS languages (52 min.) Translated into: Albanian, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Russian and the Slovenian language.

(More information can be found at www.zenskisud.org)

let us not get fooled by ours

Punishability of the crimes – a way to peace with justice

The monitoring of the trials can be divided into the period before the fall and after the fall of the criminal regime.

- *Show trials of members of Albanian nationality* from Kosovo and Serbia, trials were held in Belgrade and Niš (Flora Brovina, Albin Kurti, the Gjakova group, etc.)

- *Farcical / political trials of members of Serbian nationality* - political dissidents (members of the movement Otpor / Resistance, etc.)

Trials before the Special Court for War Crimes in Belgrade: monitoring the trial is also an act of solidarity with the relatives / victims of the crimes of BH, Croatia and Kosovo, who are monitoring the trials and with whom we have organized numerous meetings. As part of this activity, we regularly write trial reports, organized roundtable discussions in groups within the Network, as well as in public.

In total, we spent over **1,000** days in the trials from December 2005 to October 2021, as we monitored the following trials, in chronological order: *Trnovo* the 'Scorpions' (BH); *Suva Reka* (Kosovo), *Lovas* (Croatia), *Podujevo* (Kosovo), *Zvornik* (BH), *Čuška* (Kosovo), *Sotin* (Croatia), *Trnje* (Kosovo), *Kravica* (BH), *Štrpci* (Serbia and BH); *Brčko*, *Kalinovik* (BH). The Court of Appeals often overturns verdicts, repeated trials take a long time, which represents the exhaustion of victims and the obstruction/destruction of justice.

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Women's Peace Networks

International Network of Women in Black – a network of women's solidarity against war

Women in Black from Belgrade founded the mentioned network and from 1992 to 2001 organized ten gatherings of the International Network of WiB in: in Novi Sad, Totovo selo, Subotica and Ulcinj. These rallies were attended by about **1,800** activists from all countries of the former Yugoslavia, 13 European countries (Austria, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Belgium, Great Britain, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Chechnya), 10 countries from Africa, Asia, Latin America, as well as from the US, Canada and Australia. After that, the gatherings were organized once in two years, and so far, they have been organized in: Italy (2003), Israel (2005), Spain

(2007), Colombia (2011), Uruguay (2013) and India (2015), South Africa (2017), and in 2021 an online conference was held organized by Women in Black from Armenia.

Network of Women in Black of Serbia – Not in our name!

Women in Black Network of Serbia was started by Women in Black from Belgrade in 1997. The *Network* consists of activist groups and individuals in more than thirty cities from all parts of Serbia. Since 2002, organizations and activists from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Slovenia, as well as activists of the International Network of Women in Black have been participating in the *Network's* activities.

The *Network* operates on the principles of feminism, pacifism / anti-militarism, non-violence, solidarity, civil disobedience to nationalism, militarism, all forms of ethnic homogenization, fundamentalisms, homophobia, all forms of injustice and discrimination.

The *Network* holds two plenary meetings a year, as well as many working meetings where joint decisions are made, joint actions are agreed, experiences, knowledge, information are exchanged, while horizontal networking between groups within the *Network* is a constant practice.

Women's Peace Coalition / Ženska mirovna koalicija / Koalicioni paqesor i grave

It consists of the Kosovo Women's Network and the Network of Women in Black from Serbia. It is the fruit of decades of solidary support and cooperation among activists of autonomous women's groups from Kosovo and Serbia. The Women's Peace Coalition / WPC was launched in May 2006, advocating for: a just and sustainable peace; for the implementation of Resolution 1325 'Women, Peace, Security', the inclusion of women in the peace-building process, the participation of women in peace processes and negotiations. WPC monitored negotiations between Serbia and Kosovo from a gender perspective; held two major conferences in Struga (2006 and 2007), and also holds other meetings and contacts.

The Regional Women's Lobby for Peace, Security and Justice in Southeast Europe: launched in July 2006 and made up of civil society activists and democratic political parties from the region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia); advocates for peace-building, security, and stability, as well as for the implementation of Resolution 1325 in the countries of Southeast Europe. WiB activists also participate in this network.

*everything for peace, health, and education,
nothing for armament*

Antimilitaristic/antifascist/internationalist antiwar networks and coalitions

Conscientious Objection Network in Serbia: established in 1991 to support deserters and objectors; six meetings have been held since 1994; ten issues of the magazine *Prigovor* (dedicated to conscientious objection and anti-militarism) were published; a number of conscientious objection and anti-militarism campaigns were launched; during 2001, an action was organized to collect signatures for the right to conscientious objection in thirty cities in Serbia. It was

not until 2003 that the right to civil service was recognized; since then, the Network has been operating by organizing educational programs on militarism and alternatives, demilitarization, deconstruction of patriarchy, etc. *Everything for peace, health and knowledge - nothing for weapons* - street actions and conferences, which we have been holding since 1996.

Campaign against the reintroduction of military service – at the beginning of 2021, the regime started a militaristic campaign, despite the fact that *the Constitution of Serbia in Article 45 provides for the right to conscientious objection*. Women in Black reacted against campaigns for the reintroduction of compulsory military service through appeals, announcements and public protests based on the following arguments: In early 2011, the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia adopted a Decision to suspend compulsory military service; The Constitution guarantees the right to conscientious objection, so that there is no possibility of introducing military service for those who do not want it, and those who want can do so even now by voluntary military service; reintroducing military service would cost the state enormous resources – instead, it is necessary to invest money in human security - health, education, environmental protection, protection of women from violence and more.

The campaign “Stop cluster munitions!”: Serbia is the only country in the region that has not yet acceded to the Convention on the Prohibition of Cluster Munitions, even though it is itself a victim of that type of weapon. During the NATO bombing in 1999, cluster munitions caused significant human and material losses. Due to the refusal to sign the Convention on the Prohibition of Cluster Munitions, the victims of cluster bombs in Serbia were denied the right to international assistance, as well as donations for cleaning the areas where cluster munition remains. Since 2010 (since the entry into force of the Convention) Women in Black has demanded that the competent institutions sign the Convention on the Prohibition of Cluster Munitions.

Here are some of the actions:

Collection of signatures for the adoption of the Convention on the Prohibition of Cluster Munitions: In 2012, a collection of signatures was organized throughout Serbia, which began in Belgrade on June 13, 2012 with the anti-militarist action “*Stop Cluster Bombs*”.

21st September 2012: The Women in Black Network organized the collection of signatures for a petition for the adoption of the Convention on the Prohibition of Cluster Munitions throughout Serbia. Thousands of signatures were collected.

25th October 2012: continuation of the action of collecting petitions in Belgrade and in 13 other cities within the network of WiB (Kruševac, Dimitrovgrad, Novi Bečej, Pančevo, Leskovac, Novi Sad, Sombor, Pirot, Kragujevac, Vlasotince, Niš and Kraljevo).

31st October 2012: on the anniversary of the adoption of Resolution 1325, the signatures of the citizens were delivered to the then Minister of Defense, *Aleksandar Vučić*. Women in Black has never received a response from the former Defense Minister. The government ignored all our demands, including the demand that the state of Serbia stop producing cluster munitions and sell them to “warring states, various dictatorial regimes, thus directly contributing to the torture and killing of civilians in those countries.”

Street actions: Since 2010, WiB has organized dozens of public anti-militarist actions demanding the signing of the Convention on the Prohibition of Cluster Munitions. The actions were held in Belgrade, but also in other cities. We single out the action in Niš on June 7, 2014, in which about 150 people participated. We also organized an anti-militaristic march in Leskovac on May 24, 2016, with a request that the Convention be signed.

Documentaries of the Women in Black Video Activism Group – several documentaries on cluster munitions actions have been made. (More information is available on our website in the publication 'Stop cluster munitions' in Serbian and English).

We won't

*give birth for church, nation,
state, army*

Coalition for a secular state – democratic and feminist responses to clericalization/fundamentalism

The Coalition for a Secular State / CSS was launched by Women in Black in October 2007 with the support of numerous organizations from all over Serbia. The activities of this Coalition were primarily directed against the Law on Churches and Religious Communities (2006); In 2008, a proposal was sent to the Constitutional Court to assess the constitutionality of the mentioned law, but unfortunately, it was rejected. The *Manifesto on Secularism* (2007) was signed by over 100 organizations from all over Serbia. WiB organizes educational activities against religious fundamentalism and conservatism throughout Serbia and the region; regional and international seminars 'Threatening signs of fundamentalism - feminist responses'; street actions against clericalization, abuse of religion for political purposes, abuse of reproductive and sexual rights, and research programs on these issues. WiB and Protagora (Croatia) hold regular meetings, exchange of information, joint reflection and launch initiatives against clericalization. Since 1991, WiB has been an active member of international feminist networks against fundamentalism: *Women Living Under Muslim Laws; Women against fundamentalism; SIAWI / Secularism is a Women's Issue; One law for All.*

*- antifascism
is our choice*

Anti-fascist solidarity – with the Alliance of Anti-Fascists of Serbia and the anti-fascist choir "Our Song" we regularly organize anti-fascist street actions (November 9 - International Day against Fascism and Anti-Semitism, May 9 - Victory Day over Fascism). Together with related organizations, we oppose historical revisionism, the rehabilitation of the Chetnik movement (the Law on Equalization of Chetniks and Partisans from 2006 and the Law on Rehabilitation of

Chetniks from 2008). We also monitor the trials of clerical-fascist organizations and their leaders; We followed the process of rehabilitation of Draža Mihailović, a war criminal convicted of crimes against humanity (1946), from the beginning (2010) to the shameful decision on rehabilitation (May 2015). WiB organizes public debates with antifa organizations, launches appeals and campaigns against fascist tendencies. WiB continuously advocates the affirmation of the values of anti-fascism and respect for the anti-fascist heritage.

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Women, peace, security - Resolution 1325 – feminist-anti-militarist approach to security

Women in Black has been dealing with security issues since the very beginning of its work (1991) by promoting all forms of demilitarization, conscientious objection, through education (conferences, seminars, workshops), street actions, research projects, launching legislative campaigns and initiatives, publishing activities, etc. Here are just a few of these activities:

Research activities: *“Reproductive Rights and Security”* (2002) *Women, Peace, Security”* (2007); *“Women, Security, Reproductive Rights and Transitional Justice”* (2007); *Reproductive Rights and Re-traditionalization* (2008); *Research on the gender dimension of security-Monitoring the process of drafting the NAP for the implementation of Resolution 1325* (2010); *Women, economic migrants from Serbia in EU countries* (2010); *Independent monitoring for the implementation of the National Action Plan / NAP Resolution 1325* (2011, 2013 and 2017); *Research on reproductive and labor rights of women in Serbia: on the impact of growing tendencies of clericalization on women’s attitudes about reproductive rights and the connection between labor legislation (labor rights) and reproductive rights* (2020).

Educational activities: international and regional conferences on the gender dimension of security, regional and international gatherings on human rights defenders; dozens of seminars, series of workshops, lectures in Serbia, BH, Croatia: *“Gendering human security - towards feminist security”*, etc.

Lobbying / advocacy: we have launched a number of campaigns and legislative initiatives, to name but a few: *“Resolution 1325: Women, Peace, Security: Resolution Women in Black”*, *“Platform on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Serbia”* (2005); *‘Women Ask’ Campaign* (2006-2016); *Campaign for the Prohibition of Cluster Munitions, 2010-2020, Women’s Charter of Security / Network of Women in Black Network - Feminist-Antimilitarist Concept of Security;* Files on attacks on WiB, etc.

Publishing activities: twenty publications - from critique of the militaristic concept of security to the feminist-antimilitaristic concept of security, research: *Independent monitoring of Resolution 1325, Stop cluster munitions;* in addition to the editions being in BCS languages, numerous publications have been translated into English.

solidarity is our strength

Solidarity is our strength – actions of solidarity – with members of endangered and disenfranchised minority communities (ethnic-racial, sexual), citizens whose human rights (labor, educational, cultural) are endangered, as well as with human rights defenders.

Support to victims of war – support to refugees and displaced persons: from 1993 onwards, we have intensely provided organized support and assistance to Serb refugees living in refugee camps in Belgrade and the interior of Serbia:

Humanitarian aid to refugees and displaced persons, owing to the solidarity support of international peace and women's networks; *Assistance to the disabled - civilian victims of war* originating from Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and accommodated in the hospital Rudo in Belgrade; *"Let's be creative together"*, a program of help and self-help for refugee women; *"Let's adopt peace - godparents at distance"* - help for dozens of refugee families by families from Italy and Switzerland; *artistic-activist programs* with the support of the art collective 'Škart' and international volunteers (theater workshops and photo sections for girls and boys; *"I remember ..."*; a collection of women's memories, etc.).

After the ethnic cleansing ('Storm') of the Serb population from Krajina (August 1995), we continuously provided humanitarian aid and support to the displaced, both at the border and in the refugee camps. Since 1997, we have been providing assistance to refugees and displaced persons from Krajina and Kosovo in Belgrade and throughout Serbia. During 2001, we provided assistance and support to displaced persons from Kosovo, sheltered in the Pinki Hall in Zemun, together with the Association for Single Mothers in Zemun. We also organized street actions of solidarity with refugees, commemorations / commemoration of victims, launched appeals / statements against the forced mobilization of refugees, etc.

Solidarity for Roma women and men: actions of solidarity against institutionalized violence against the Roma population in the form of demolition of Roma settlements (due to the Universiade sports event, 2009) against forced evictions, brutal racist attacks on Roma; WiB, together with related organizations, organized campaigns, appeals, peace protests, marches in Belgrade and Novi Bečej, educational activities with Roma women, artistic-activist actions of solidarity and mutual support for fellow citizens of Roma ethnicity, etc.

Solidarity with people during the catastrophic floods in Serbia: from May 2014 and throughout 2015, we provided assistance to multiple vulnerable groups / families / persons (displaced from Kosovo, refugees, Roma families and single parents, in the form of direct intervention in the field, solidarity aid, visiting flooded areas and solidarity collection of humanitarian aid. All these activities were organized together with the Reconstruction Women's Fund.

Solidarity with war refugees from the Middle East: solidarity actions against racist attacks that culminated in late 2013. Since then, we have organized: *direct actions* (visits to places where there are refugees - asylum centers, parks in Belgrade; border crossings, self-organized refugee camps, reception centers for refugees in Serbia, as well as in Tuzla (BH) and Pljevlja (Montenegro); *peace actions* with war refugees, artistic-activist actions with art collectives, reports for domestic and

international networks, etc. We organized these actions with the WiB Network, - the Autonomous Women's Center, Bona Fide (Pljevlja), Women's Fund Reconstruction, by the art collective Škart, Art Clinic and others.

Solidarity with sexual minorities: WiB has advocated for equality of sexual choice from the beginning: Declaration on Equality of Sexual Choices WiB (2005). Peace marches "Hate Free Zone" (2013-2017) on the occasion of June 27 - International Pride Day LGBTIQ, were organized with the aim of pointing out the widespread intolerance in Serbia towards the LGBT community. Every year, the "Zone" showed solidarity with other minority and vulnerable groups - the Roma population, refugees, workers.

Solidarity with workers in the struggle for labor rights - against fraudulent privatization: WiB organized March 8 women's protests and marches dedicated to women's labor rights, every year from 2003 to 2020 in Belgrade, but also in Leskovac and Novi Pazar; we participate in marches on the occasion of May 1 - International Labor Day. As part of the support for trade union activists in this period, we participated as a solidary support to trade union activists persecuted for advocating labor rights. We single out the trials of women workers in Prokuplje from February to May 2018. We have also organized educational programs on violations of women's labor rights (2017, 2018, 2019) throughout Serbia: over thirty programs (workshops, conferences, seminars, as well as workers' testimonies).

Solidarity with Covid 19 pandemic activists: since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic (March 2020), we have established various forms of mutual support and solidarity within the WiB Network, of which we state the following: solidarity support to WiB Network activists - distribution of humanitarian aid the most vulnerable activists (of modest scale, in accordance with the possibilities); solidarity visits to activists of the WiB Network in Serbia and Eastern Bosnia.

Justice for Marija Lukić - Marija Lukić is a victim of sexual harassment committed by Milutin Jeličić Jutka, former mayor of Brus. Marija Lukić filed a criminal complaint against him in 2018 because in the course of two years, while she was employed as his secretary, he sent her about 15,000 indecent text messages. The trial began on May 27, 2019 in the Basic Court in Brus, and at the request of M. Lukić and her lawyer, the trial was moved to the Basic Court in Kruševac. Milutin Jeličić Jutka was sentenced on July 10, 2020 to three months of unconditional imprisonment for sexually harassing Marija Lukic. Eight hearings were held, attended by WiB activists; At all hearings, M. Lukić was supported in front of the court in Kruševac by the following organizations: Peščanik, Women in Black, the Let's Not Drown Belgrade Initiative, etc.

Solidarity for victims of sexual abuse: throughout 2021, WiB, together with feminist groups, participated in actions against sexual abuse and exploitation (bribery, prostitution, pedophilia, trafficking in girls and women, etc.) with demands to the state to investigate sexual crimes against women in Jagodina, Petnica, etc.).

The trial in Ivanjica - solidarity with the Milivojević family from Lučani: criminal proceedings against the general manager of the weapons factory "Milan Blagojević-Namenska" from Lučani - Radoš Milovanović and two managers from the same factory, who are accused of "committing a serious crime against the general security 'because on July 14, 2017, after the gunpowder explosion, workers Milomir Milojević and Miloško Ignjatović were killed. The trial began on October 3, 2019, and since then, WiB has been continuously monitoring the trial.

Solidarity with the journalists – we monitored (in 2021) two trials in Belgrade courts:

The trial for setting fire to the house of journalist Milan Jovanović – journalist (portal Žig info). On December 12, 2018 a fire was set in which his house burned down. Former President of the Municipality of Grocka, Dragoljub Simonović, has been accused of inciting the burning of a journalist's house.

The trial for the murder of journalist Slavko Ćuruvija - Slavko Ćuruvija, owner and editor-in-chief of the daily "Dnevni Telegraf", was killed on April 11, 1999. The trial of four former members of the State Security Department has resumed, after five years, in 2020; the trial is ongoing.

Alternative history (on publishing activities)

Ever since the beginning of the group's work, we have been advocating for the plurality of history, for inscribing otherness and diversity in history. We can divide our publishing activity as follows:

- *Anthologies Women for Peace*: so far, we have published 13 anthologies in Serbian; in English (12), Italian (3) and Spanish (4) anthologies;
- *Magazines - Women Against War* in English, Italian, Spanish (3); *Conscientious Objection and Antimilitarism* (9 issues)
- *Monographs and photomographs* - on feminism - women's movement, philosophical, sociological essays, dealing with the past, aesthetics of feminist-pacifist resistance of Women in Black (14)
- *Testimonies*: on war, war crimes, resistance to war, forced mobilization (11)
- *Compilations, notebooks, manuals, brochures for educational activities*: on feminism, feminist approach to dealing with the past / transitional justice, Resolution 1325 'Women, peace, security', on alter / globalization, abuse of religion, cultural heritage, women and power, reproductive rights, labor rights; *Women's Court - Feminist Approach to Justice* (47)
- *Women's Peace Agendas* (20) and *Peace Calendars* (11)
- *Edition: Feminism, pacifism, nonviolence* (10); *Feminist city mapping* (8)
- *Edition: What should every citizen know?* - editions of Women in Black and the Coalition for a Secular State (5)
- *Feminist textbooks*: on genocide, feminist antimilitarism, feminist ethics of care and responsibility, on the war crime of rape, alternative models of justice (8)
- *They have left a mark on us* (dedicated to deceased activists) (20)
- *Edition: We remember anti-war resistance - 30 years (1991-2021)*: Vera Vebel Tatić and the Center for Anti-War Action Ada; Map of anti-war resistance in Serbian and English
- *Translations of literary works* (from Feministička /Feminist 94') and other translations for educational activities (10)
- *Transcripts, reports, info notebooks* - about a hundred

So far, we have published about **300** publishing units / publications.

WiB group for video activism

In order to improve the visibility of the effects of various models of transitional justice, especially the one from the feminist point of view, which promote Women in Black, a group of video activists was created in 2010, trained to record, edit, digitize and upload video and audio material collected during the regular activities of the WiB, so that it, in the form of short films, it could become available to the general public.

From November 2009 to October 2021, over **300** various video and audio materials were produced within the Video Activism Group. These are documentaries about the street actions of WiB - dealing with the past, as well as feminist / anti-militarist / anti-war / anti-fascist / anti-racist actions.

Women's Court – a Feminist Approach to Justice - films about W'sC produced by WiB; documentaries made by international women's networks - women's tribunals / courts; documentaries on actions of solidarity with refugees in the former Yugoslavia, the Middle East; translation and subtitling of documentaries of international groups and networks for educational activities; documentaries on WiB (on history, ethical principles, aesthetics of resistance, etc.), both produced by the Video Activism Group and other authors; They left a mark on us - a tribute to activists, etc. A large number of documentaries have been translated into numerous languages: Albanian, English, Italian, Spanish, as well as Slovenian, Polish, French, Russian ... *(more information can be found on the WiB website 'Video Library / ŽUCoteka')*.

changing ourselves

changing the world

Educational programs – seminars, conferences, feminist roundtable discussions, panel discussions, workshops, debates on education for peace, feminism, pacifism / anti-militarism, non-violence, women's peace policy, women's peace activism, women's human rights, feminist-anti-militarist concept of security, transitional justice from a feminist perspective, alter globalism, secularism, anti-fascism, solidarity, etc. We have organized more than **6,500** various educational activities in **50** places in Serbia, as well as in dozens of places throughout the region.

Wednesdays at WiB – roundtable discussions, lectures, debates...

The practice of regular roundtable discussions (every Wednesday) lectures and joint reflection on important social and political issues in the country and the world, book promotion, film screenings, etc. has been taking place continuously since the beginning of our work, gathering a large number of activists, academic personalities, artists ... So far, over a thousand such events have been held.

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Prizes and awards

Of the numerous prizes and awards, we single out the following:

- *Honorary Presidency 1993:* The Gandhi Association / ML King / B. Khan of Brescia, Italy awarded Women in Black from Belgrade an honorary presidency in 1993 for anti-war resistance.
- *1994 Peace Prize:* Women in Black from Israel awarded the Peace Prize in December 1994 to Women in Black from Belgrade for 'persistent opposition to the militaristic regime of Serbia and active solidarity with women from the former Yugoslavia'.
- *Alternative Nobel Prize nomination, 1994:* In the same year, we were nominated for an alternative Nobel Peace Prize by WRI / War Resisters International. We were nominated for the same award in 2019.
- *Millennium Peace Prize:* awarded in 2001 for the first time by Unifem, the UN's specialized agency for women. On behalf of the International Network of Women in Black, the award was received by Staša Zajović on March 8, 2001 at the UN Palace in New York. The award was given for "anti-war resistance, for building networks of women's solidarity against war over all state, ethnic, religious divisions and barriers, borders, affiliations, for non-violent politics, for constant commitment to building and creating peace, for creating women's peace alliances and coalitions".
- *Nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001:* Members of the Norwegian, Finnish and Danish parliaments nominated Women in Black from Belgrade and Women in Black from Israel in May 2001 for this award, in recognition of 'nonviolent resistance to war, female solidarity above all divisions and boundaries', etc. We were also nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 by alternative networks and organizations.
- *Honorary Citizen of Tutin, 2004:* The Municipality of Tutin / Sandžak awarded Staša Zajović the title of Honorary Citizen for 'resistance to war, spreading the spirit of tolerance, helping victims of war', etc.
- *Honorary Citizen of Granada, 2004:* The Municipal Assembly of Granada / Spain awarded Staša Zajović this honorary title in recognition of 'ethical values and constant efforts to build space for exchange and peaceful collaboration between citizens of all ethnicities in conflict resolution'.
- *Nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 - 1000 women for peace:* Staša Zajović, Women in Black activist from Belgrade was one of the nominees.
- *'Konstantin Obradović' Award for 2005:* The award was given by the Belgrade Center for Human Rights in Belgrade to Women in Black for the promotion of human rights and a culture of peace.
- *Nomination for the Sakharov Prize, 2005:* by the European Parliament, for the promotion of peace and human rights.

- *Anti-Discrimination Award 2008*: The Anti-Discrimination Coalition, made up of a number of NGOs and networks from all over Serbia, conferred this award to “solidarity activist advocacy against all forms of discrimination”.
- *Charlotte Bunch Award for Women’s Human Rights (2013)* - Staša Zajović, one of the founders, coordinator and activist of the feminist-anti-militarist group Women in Black from Serbia, is the winner of the Charlotte Bunch Award for Women’s Human Rights, awarded by the Global Fund for Women.
- *The title of female gay icon for 2013*: Gay Echo portal awarded Staša Zajović, activist Women in Black ‘for her many years of commitment to LGBT rights, for her support of the LGBT community in Serbia and the region’.
- *International Award for Combating Genocide Denial 2013*: awarded by the association “Izvor” from Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina; The award was presented on August 5, 2013, at the site of the former Trnopolje concentration camp.
- *Peace Prize “Krunoslav Sukić” for 2014*: awarded to Staša Zajović and Women in Black from Belgrade for “long-term, persistent, public and consistent anti-war and peacekeeping activities. From the first war events (1991) until today, Women in Black have become a symbol of resistance to wars in Serbia and beyond.
- *“Sarajevo Days, 2015”*: The Youth Initiative for Human Rights conferred the award to WiB in recognition of ‘individuals and groups working on mutual cooperation between Sarajevo and Belgrade’.
- *Charter of Kulin Ban for Courage and High Morality, 2018*: The Archives of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina awarded the prize to Staša Zajović for ‘exceptionally important contribution to the search for the truth about Bosnia and Herzegovina in connection with the aggression against its sovereignty and territorial integrity, which incurred enormous casualties among its population’ etc.
- *International Award, 2018: the network “One Law for All”* conferred the award to Staša Zajović “for outstanding contribution to the fight for women’s rights and secularism.” The award was presented in London on November 25, 2018.
- *Peace Prize by the Government of Navarra conferred to Staša Zajović, 2019* - The Government of the Spanish province of Navarra (Gobierno de Navarra / Nafarroako Gobernua) based in Pamplona presented, on the occasion of World Peace Day on September 21, 2019, the Peace Prize to Staša Zajović, for “advocating for peace and peace activism, non-violent anti-war engagement, organizing protests against war, militarism, hatred, discrimination, for advocating for justice and human rights, especially women’s human rights ”.
- *FRIEND OF BOSNIA Charter for 2020*: “In gratitude for the friendship and exceptional contribution to the preservation and affirmation of multicultural, democratic, sovereign Bosnia and Herzegovina” the Bosphorus Association awarded the Charter to Women in Black, Belgrade.
- *Recognition of Women in Black by the Festival of Public History for a responsible attitude towards the past and contribution to the culture of peace, 2021*: That is why today, in a symbolic way, with this modest recognition, we want to pay tribute to these brave women”, was said in the explanation of the recognition, on June 12, 2021.

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