

WORLD BEYOND WAR - KATHY KELLY

German peace activists have, for many years, bolstered worldwide solidarity among people and groups seeking to abolish war.

What is the cost of militarism? When people try to settle disputes by resorting to military force, the balance of military power has no relationship to the rights and interests of the people involved.

A colossal, cruel waste of resources ensues, as expenditures on weapons and military exploits far outweigh investments for food, shelter, and health care.

Disarmament represents an indispensable step toward planetary survival and peacemaking. “You can’t be a vegetarian between meals,” quipped Ammon Hennacy, “and you can’t be a pacifist between wars.” Thank you for manifesting, on July 2nd, 2022, our collective determination to build a better world, a World BEYOND War.

Kathy Kelly, board President, World BEYOND War
Co-coordinator, BanKillerDrones.org

BAN KILLER DRONES - NICK MOTTERN

We at Ban Killer Drones enthusiastically send our greetings and thanks for your stand against war and the extremely dangerous military spending in Germany and Europe, spending that is being outrageously encouraged by the United States.

We want to thank you especially for making Germany the only country in the world in which a national legislature, for more than 10 years, not only debated whether to arm drones but also has, until the Ukraine war, prevented the arming of drones and is still debating about the rules under which the Bundeswehr might use them. Your resistance to drone killing gave us hope that other people in other countries might take a position against arming drones too. Therefore, in early 2021, we created Ban Killer Drones, an organization devoted to promoting a campaign for an international ban on weaponized drones.

Because of this kind of solidarity, we peace organizers will win, and in the process, we will achieve greater justice and equity, the only basis for peace.

Nick Mottern, Co-coordinator of Ban Killer Drones
Veterans for Peace, National Board Member

UNITED NATIONAL ANTIWAR COALITION (UNAC) - JOE LOMBARDO

The United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) from the United States sends its greetings to this important mobilization in Berlin. As we saw from the recent NATO Summit in Madrid, NATO is pushing to expand throughout the entire world and to continue its aggression. You are saying No to German remilitarization and Yes to support for people's needs. We support you in that effort and hope to build with you a world-wide movement that can end NATO and end war.

Joe Lombardo

Coordinator of UNAC

CODEPINK: WOMEN FOR PEACE - MEDEA BENJAMIN

We are delighted to send our heartfelt greetings of solidarity to you as you gather today to challenge the rising militarism in Germany and to demand that resources instead be redirected to meet human needs such as health care, education and culture, green jobs, and other life-affirming activities. Your grassroots movement is showing the way to fight back effectively against the undemocratic attempts in Germany and in other NATO countries to build up the military and the forces of destruction at this crucial moment in the history of our planet. You are bringing hope not only to the people of Germany but also to us in the US and potentially to people around the world. Thank you.

Medea Benjamin

Co-founder of CODEPINK