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Advocating for peace, justice and equality
Supporting our work for peace

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All of the Nobel Peace Laureates of the Nobel Women’s Initiative in 2014:
Shirin Ebadi
Mairead Maguire
Rigoberta Menchú Tum
Leymah Gbowee
Tawakkol Karman
Jody Williams

Financial summary

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2014 revenues: 63%
2014 expenses: 63%

Grants 47%
Donations 39%
Foundations 14%
Public Policy Engagement 18%
Administration & Program Support 19%
Communications 19%

*Registered in Canada as a not-for-profit corporation.
*These excerpts are summarized from an independent 2014 audit report by the firm Welch LLP, dated March 25, 2015.
2014 Highlights at a Glance

February
Laureate Leymah Gbowee leads our Women of Congo Speak Out delegation to the Democratic Republic of Congo

March
Nobel Women’s Initiative co-hosts “Protect Women Human Rights Defenders: From Resolutions to Solutions”, a high-impact event at the United Nation’s Commission for Status of Women in New York City

Laureates Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi and Leymah Gbowee launch the Platform for Women’s Rights in Europe promoting women’s rights in the European Union (Paris)

April
The Nobel peace laureates urge American President Barack Obama to reject the Keystone pipeline in an open letter

Laureates Leymah Gbowee & Tawakkol Karman launch the Beauty in the Middle: Women of Congo Speak Out multi-media exhibit (London)

May
Nobel Women’s Initiative supports the launch of the International Campaign to Stop Killer Robots in Canada and the laureates issue a global joint statement with 14 other Nobel peace laureates calling for a ban on killer robots

June
Nobel Women’s Initiative releases statement denouncing en masse use of the death penalty in Egypt

Laureates Leymah Gbowee & Tawakkol Karman lead a delegation to India to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Dalai Lama’s Nobel Peace Prize and do extensive media outreach around preventing sexual violence

July
Nobel Women’s Initiative releases statement calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza

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August
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Nobel Women’s Initiative publishes Moving Beyond Militarism: Women-Driven Solutions for a Nonviolent World

Nobel laureate Jody Williams and Sister-to-Sister Mentorship program participants meet with the UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict (New York City)

September
Nobel Women’s Initiative staff deliver media training for women activists at the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) “Challenging Extremism and Militarism” forum (Istanbul) and for the Task Force for the Engagement of Women in Sudan and South Sudan (South Africa)

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October
Nobel Women’s Initiative sends representative to Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons

Laureates attend World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates (Rome)

November
Jody Williams joins activists in Mexico to demand justice for 43 missing students from Ayotzinapa and speaks publicly to 150,000 Mexicans bringing messages of international solidarity

December
Nobel Women’s Initiative brings the stories of women activists to a global audience during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign

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You can never leave footprints that last if you are always walking on tiptoe...

Leymah Gbowee

Our challenge is no less than saying NO to war and saying YES to human dignity. Together we can achieve peace.

Rigoberta Menchú Tum

The world is not going to change unless we are willing to change ourselves.

Jody Williams

What we need today is people getting up and taking action to reclaim the meaning of peace. It’s hard work every single day.

Shirin Ebadi

Ideologies cannot be fought with bombs. If books had been thrown at the Taliban instead of bombs, and if schools been built in Afghanistan – then we would have truly fought terrorism.

Leymah Gbowee

It is high time that we all begin to raise our voices and say those things that make very powerful people uncomfortable.

Tawakkol Karman

We are now struggling for a new world which is based on love, which is based on justice, which is based on accountability, based on human rights.
Sister to Sister Mentorship Program

Three powerful young women activists from Sudan, South Sudan and Guatemala joined us in Ottawa for the 2014 Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program. These young women use creative and innovative approaches to promote women’s rights, peace, and equality in their communities.

Maha Babeker, Sudan
Maha Babeker works alongside the Salmmah Women’s Resource Center in Sudan to reverse oppressive gender policies and promote societal change, and support survivors of sexual violence.

Alice Vilmaro, South Sudan
Alice Vilmaro builds peace between communities in South Sudan through engaging community members in interactive dialogue and empowering women to take the lead in sustaining peace.

Andrea Ixchiu, Guatemala
As an independent journalist, Andrea Ixchiu harnesses the power of independent and national media to amplify the voices of indigenous communities—particularly women—in the highlands of Guatemala.

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