

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women, Peace and Security

Annual Report 2024-2025

About us:

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women, Peace and Security (APPG-WPS) is a forum for the discussion and analysis of issues relating to Women, Peace and Security. It brings together Parliamentarians, policy makers and civil society. Among other issues, the APPG-WPS is primarily focused on the UK Government's implementation of Women, Peace and Security commitments and work on Women and Girls rights. It promotes the vital role that women and girls play in peacebuilding, conflict resolution and post conflict reconstruction around the world and highlights the impact of violence and conflict on women and girls.

The group is Chaired by Alicia Kearns, MP and Baroness Fiona Hodgson of Abinger CBE. The Secretariat is provided by Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS).

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Secretariat:

2024-2025:

- Eva Tabbasam, GAPS Director
- Lottie Aql – GAPS Policy, Advocacy and Communications Officer (left June 2025)
- Alice Copland, GAPS Women, Peace and Security Manager (joined July 2025)

Parliamentary Activity:

The APPG-WPS hosted a series of events in 2024-2025. They are listed below. Short reports from events can be found on the APPG-WPS [website](#).

- 29th October 2024 - Roundtable with Malala Yousafzai on Countering Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan.
- 13th November 2024 - Roundtable with The Foreign Policy Centre and University of Birmingham on Promoting Inclusive Peace.
- 19th November 2024 – Roundtable with ABColombia & APPG on Human Rights on Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta.
- 28th November 2024 – Human Security in Defence: Policy and Practice.
- 9th December 2024 – Roundtable on WPS leads in Embassies & High Commissions in collaboration with the Canadian High commission.

- 14th January 2025 – Medicin Sans Frontier event on maternal and child health in South Darfur.
- 10th February 2025 - Briefing to MPs on WPS.
- 6th March 2025 – Conflict-Related Sexual and Reproductive Violence in Tigray with New Lines Institute.
- 1st April 2025 - ‘Devi’ Documentary Screening and Panel on conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in Nepal.
- 23rd April 2025 – Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Sudan.
- 13 May 2025 – Roundtable with NATO Secretary General’s Special Representative on Women, Peace and Security, Irene Fellin.
- 17th June 2025 - Event with the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) on funding women’s organisations and networks.
- 3rd July 2025 - Report to Parliament.
- 9th July 2025 – Film screening and discussion with Leslie Thomas – The Sharp Edge of Peace.
- 1st September 2025 – Genocide in Afghanistan: The Situation of the Hazaras with New Lines, APPG on International Law, Justice & Accountability Globally and Bolaq Analyst Network.
- 16th September 2025 - Roundtable with the APPG on Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding with Naglaa Elhag, Search for Common Ground.
- 17th September 2025 - Visit to the Imperial War Museum to see ‘Unsilenced: Sexual Violence in Conflict’ Exhibition.
- 29th October 2025 - Women Peacemakers with the APPG on HR and the UN Association
- 12th November 2025- Event to mark 25th Anniversary of the WPS Agenda with APPG on Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution & Peace-making with Asst. UN Sec Gen.

APPG-WPS Membership:

Officers for the APPG were:

- Co-Chair & Registered Contact: Alicia Kearns, MP (Con)
- Co-Chair: Baroness Hodgson of Abinger (Con)
- Vice-chair: Rebecca Paul, MP (Con)
- Vice-chair: Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale (Lab)

Members of the APPG from the House of Commons were:

- Abtissam Mohamed MP (Lab)
- Aphra Brandreth MP (Con)
- Chris Laws MP (SNP)
- Dame Caroline Dineage MP (Con)
- Dawn Butler MP (Lab)
- Ellie Chowns MP (Green)
- Helen Maguire MP (Lib)
- Jessica Toale MP (Lab)
- John Slinger MP (Lab)
- Rt. Hon. Dame Karen Bradley MP (Con)
- Kim Johnson MP (Lab)
- Mike Martin MP (Lib)
- Preet Gill MP (Lab)
- Rachel Maskell MP (Lab)
- Sarah Champion MP (Lab)
- Wendy Morton MP (Con)
- Wendy Chamberlain, MP (Lib)

Members of the APPG from the House of Lords were:

- Baroness Anelay of St Johns (Con)
- Baroness Coussins (CB)
- Baroness Crawley (Lab)
- Baroness Blower (Lab)
- Baroness D'Souza (CB)
- Baroness Finlay (CB)
- Baroness Goudie (Lab)
- Baroness Hamwee (LD)
- Baroness Healy (Lab)
- Baroness Helic (Con)
- Baroness Hussein-Ece (LD)
- Baroness Jenkin of Kennington (Con)
- Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Lab)
- Baroness Northover (LD)
- Baroness Stern (CB)
- Baroness Sugg (Con)
- Baroness Uddin (Lab)
- Lord Browne of Ladyton (Lab)
- Lord Hannay of Chiswick (CB)
- The Rt Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester (Spiritual)