

History

In 1933, the Women's Co-operative Guild in England chose to wear white poppies to symbolize their commitment to work for peace and to end their acquiescence to militarism. The tradition continues and is being adopted in many other communities.

Many people are choosing to wear red poppies to remember veterans and white poppies to remember civilian casualties. Both symbols serve to remember the horrors of war and the terrible damage inflicted on every aspect of life, inspiring a renewed commitment to work for peace.

On the White Poppy

“...we grieve for the women and men who gave their lives as combatants in World War II and wars past and present. We grieve also for the countless millions of women and men and young people who have perished in the collateral destruction of human life in war, and in the violence of terrorism, whether initiated by a state, or a group or an individual... **Let not this grieving be seized on and made a reason to pursue wars without end.**”

“The white poppy reflects the many ongoing initiatives to break the cycle of violence, and gives an opportunity to rededicate ourselves in the fight for world peace, common security and social justice. As a symbol of resistance it can help take us down the path that can rid us of war forever.”

Marion Frank, WWII veteran and member of Veterans Against Nuclear Arms (VANA)

Our call to conscience:
Invest in peaceful solutions to conflict



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Work for peace. Stop paying for war!
Travaillons pour la paix. Cessons de payer pour la guerre !

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