



Nobel Women's Initiative Laureates and staff with University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work interns at the Nobel Women's Initiative's First International Conference: "Women Redefining Peace in The Middle East & Beyond." Galway, Ireland. Photo by J. Rand Images, Inc.

ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

Expanding the global movement to advance nonviolence, peace, justice and equality.

In light of the Nobel Women's Initiative's potential for strengthening women's rights and peace on the global stage, its program is both proactive — with planned activities around core areas of work — and responsive to partners' efforts, campaigns and timely rights-driven issues that arise, instances where an ethical stand should be demonstrated and a global voice will make a difference.

PROACTIVE INITIATIVES

WOMEN REDEFINING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST & BEYOND

The Nobel Women's Initiative's First International Conference, *Women Redefining Peace in The Middle East & Beyond*, held in Galway, Ireland, 29–31 May 2007, brought together 80 women from more than 30 countries to share lessons learned and examine ways the international community can play a greater role in strengthening women's approaches to peace and security.

Five NWI Nobel Laureates were joined by some of the most prolific women's rights activists in the world — including ex-political prisoners, human rights and disarmament experts, award-winning journalists and promising emerging activists — to offer their perspectives on issues ranging from gender inequality and women's human rights, to disarmament and questions about what really defines and hinders peace and security in today's world, particularly in the Middle East.

Participants' ideas as to where the Initiative's visibility and access to power could best be used to advance the issues addressed at the conference were critical in informing NWI's 2007–2008 work plan. ■



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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVENT

The strategies and suggested actions that emerged from the conference were published in a conference report available on NWI's website at www.nobelwomensinitiative.org

To order a copy of the report, email your request: info@nobelwomensinitiative.org

OpenDemocracy covered *Women Redefining Peace* in a series of podcasts, blogs and articles by participants, published on www.opendemocracy.net

Award-winning documentary filmmakers Gerry Rogers and Peg Norman filmed parts of the event and are creating a CD-ROM and video clips from the footage.