



## **ABOUT WISCOMP**

WISCOMP (Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace) was set up in 1999 as part of the efforts of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to build a culture of coexistence and nonviolence through **gender-sensitive and inclusive** research and training. A not-for-profit, non-sectarian, non-denominational organization, the Foundation was established in 1990 with the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Since its founding in 1999, **WISCOMP focuses on women's agency in the public and policy space and works to facilitate women's informed articulation on issues of democracy, foreign policy, representation, gender equity and peacebuilding.** WISCOMP is a **pioneer in the region** facilitating the leadership of **women in the South Asian region** and being the only organization that works at the intersection of security studies, gender studies, conflict transformation, and peacebuilding in South Asia. The central focus of WISCOMP's research programs has been the development of an inclusive, people oriented discourse on issues of security which **expands the 'state-centred' notions of security to encompass everyday safety issues of women and the hitherto marginalized.** The knowledge generated through research is disseminated by WISCOMP to educational institutions (at K-12 and college and university levels from the private and public sector) across the South Asian region using diverse methodologies that include the organization of training workshops, symposia, roundtables, film festivals, installations, exhibitions, public lectures and development of curricula and innovative pedagogy.

Over the last 19 years, WISCOMP has successfully built a vast network of individuals (particularly those between the ages of 14-35 years), organizations, and institutions across the South Asian region, which are connected to and through WISCOMP's work. The inclusive and low key approach of WISCOMP in all its programs—addressing Violence against Women; Educating for Peace; Peace and Security; and Conflict Transformation trainings—has enabled it to work with diverse constituencies that are often sequestered into segments. Its **reach extends to the government and non-government sector and within the NGO sector to women's organizations, human rights organizations, youth networks, think tanks, and grassroots groups.**