



Robin Collins has been active in many civil society organizations as a board or committee member since the early 1990s — Including National Capital branch of the UN Association in Canada; Mines Action Canada; World Federalist Movement Canada; Group of 78; Canadian Pugwash Group; and Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

Robin was a steering committee member, then board Chair, of Mines Action Canada (MAC) ~1996-2003, Canada's anti-personnel mine ban coalition. While there he was the initiator of a humanitarian demining technology competition for post-secondary engineering students. He was lead author of MAC's position paper on cluster bombs (2001) and helped develop MAC coalition's leadership within the new cluster munitions campaign. (He was also involved in the development of the "legal letter" developed primarily by the World Federalists to oppose Canada's flawed cluster munition treaty (CCM) legislation.) He has published articles on cluster munitions in the Journal of Mine Action and Ploughshares Monitor.

He is a past Chair of the working group on peace and security of the Group of 78, and was co-lead author (with Peggy Mason) of the Shift to Common Security and Sustainable Peace, a contribution to Canada's defence policy review in 2016. It was supported by many of Canada's leading civil society peace and disarmament groups. He helped organize G78 policy conferences, "Getting to Nuclear Zero: Building Common Security for a Post-MAD World" (2018) and "The Future of Peacekeeping in the Transition to a More Peaceful World" (2020).

While on the Board of the World Federalist Movement - Canada, he advocated in particular for a UN Emergency Peace Service. A defence of UNEPS was published in Global Policy Journal (2013), "Shouldn't UNEPS Advocacy Be Front and Centre?" He published several articles in the world federalist journal Mondial, including on fissile material, nuclear weapons issues, and on the Libya intervention, among other topics. He published a defence of UN Peacekeeping, coauthored with then-WFMC President Walter Dorn, in International Journal (2020), "Peacekeeping Works: The UN Can Help End Civil Wars"

Currently he is Co-Chair of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, a grouping of 17 civil society organizations focussed on nuclear weapons abolition and non-proliferation policy. He has co-authored articles on nuclear disarmament and the Ukraine conflict, published as Co-chair of the network, in The Hill Times.

He is Secretary, and a past Vice-Chair of Canadian Pugwash Group. CPG is devoted to nuclear weapons abolition and broader foreign policy and global existential threats, including war, and climate change. Robin has written essays on NATO and tree planting policy for CPG roundtables. He has supported the Save the World project as an occasional committee member, podcast participant and project evaluator.

He has been writing a quarterly "Controversies" column for Peace Magazine on a variety of topics, exploring contentious topics to clarify core questions and political disagreements.

He has published two book reviews for The Canadian Field-Naturalist, with three more currently in the queue. Robin has been an advocate for environmentalism and biodiversity since he was about ten years old and when a member of the youth naturalist club, the Macoun Field Club. (He subsequently led the MFC for two years in the 1980s.) He has a continuing interest in biology, natural history, science and birdwatching.

Robin was employed in Ottawa-based technology companies for 40 years (Nabu Networks, Nortel/Bell Northern Research, STMicroelectronics, Fibics Inc.) and is recently retired. He has a BA in political science from Carleton University.