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PEACE ACTION NEW YORK STATE ANNOUNCES
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMILY RUBINO

Peace Action New York State and Peace Action Fund of New York State (PANYS/PAFNYS), representing one of the largest peace groups in New York State, are proud to announce that, effective March 1, 2021, Emily Rubino, a leader in the rising generation of young peace activists, will be taking on the position of their Executive Director.

Emily Rubino has been involved with PANYS/PAFNYS in various capacities for over four years. She is stepping into her new role as Executive Director after serving as Director of Policy and Outreach for the last two years. Her background in helping build the organization’s student organizing program to over twenty campus chapters, planning several student conferences, building new international youth networks, holding numerous policy briefings for activists, organizing advocacy campaigns and setting up myriad Congressional meetings, has prepared her well for her new job.

Peace Action leaders around New York State are expressing their support for the new Executive Director.

Historian and author Professor Lawrence Wittner, a leader with Upper Hudson Peace Action, says "It's a great advance for the peace movement to have Emily Rubino -- brilliant, knowledgeable, and dynamic -- appointed Executive Director of Peace Action of New York State."

According to Vicki Ross, Director of the Western New York Peace Center in Buffalo, “Emily is so insightful, visionary, poised, and devoted to the real change we need. We’re grateful for the leadership she’s already offered. This change could not be more fitting and exciting!”
“I’ve been impressed with Emily since the first time I became acquainted with her. So smart and self-possessed,” affirms Joanna Fredericks who is on the board of Peace Action of Staten Island.

Tara Currie, a longtime activist with Brooklyn For Peace, notes that “it is gratifying that so bright, competent, and knowledgeable a young woman as Emily is willing to take on leadership of PANYS. It is a sign that the peace movement is once again resonating with youth.”

“Emily’s grasp of the issues, people skills, and steady leadership has already been obvious. I, along with people all across the state, am extremely excited to see all her skills taken to the top of the organization, and I look forward to being on her team,” confirms Diane Swords of the Syracuse Peace Council.

In addition to Emily Rubino’s solid work with PANYS/PAFNYS, she has gained broad experience. She is co-chair of the World Conference Youth Assembly planning committee, a Ploughshares Women’s Initiative spring 2019 grantee, an International Peace Bureau Council Member, and serves on the board of Campaign For Peace, Disarmament & Common Security. She was a 2018 Japan Peace March International Youth Relay Marcher, and an attendee of the 2018 and 2019 World Conference Against A&H Bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a guest of the Japan Women’s Peace Fund (Shinfujin). Emily is dedicated to intersectional activism that recognizes the connections between domestic social justice struggles and international human rights struggles, and looks forward to continuing to advocate for a more peaceful and just world. She is a Fordham graduate with a BA in International Humanitarian Affairs and Sociology.

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*Peace Action New York State (PANYS) is the New York affiliate of national Peace Action, along with Peace Action Fund of New York State (PAFNYS). Founded in 1957, national Peace Action (formerly SANE/Freeze), the United States’ largest grassroots peace and disarmament organization, with over 100,000 paid members and nearly 100 chapters in 36 states, works to abolish nuclear weapons, promote government spending priorities that support human needs, encourage real security through international cooperation and human rights and support nonmilitary solutions to international conflicts. For more information about PANYS/PAFNYS, go to [www.panys.org](http://www.panys.org) or email info@panys.org.*