

# Emily Greene Balch: The Long Road to Internationalism

## A Pioneering Advocate for Peace and Justice

Emily Greene Balch was a trailblazing social reformer, pacifist, and internationalist who dedicated her life to promoting peace and justice. Born in 1867 in Boston, Massachusetts, Balch's upbringing instilled in her a strong sense of social responsibility and a deep commitment to ending war and poverty.

After graduating from Bryn Mawr College in 1889, Balch spent several years as a social worker in Boston's slums. Witnessing firsthand the devastating effects of poverty and inequality, she became convinced that systemic change was necessary to create a more just and equitable society. Her experiences during this time laid the foundation for her lifelong advocacy for economic and social reform.



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In 1904, Balch published her influential book, "Our Slavic Fellow Citizens," which examined the challenges faced by Slavic immigrants in the United States. The book's groundbreaking study of ethnic relations earned Balch wide recognition as a leading expert on immigration and social welfare.

Balch's growing interest in international affairs led her to join the American Peace Society in 1907. She quickly became a prominent voice within the peace movement, arguing that war was not only immoral but also a threat to the progress of civilization. Her passionate speeches and writings on the subject gained her a reputation as one of the most articulate and influential proponents of pacifism in the early 20th century.

In 1915, Balch helped found the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), an organization dedicated to fostering international cooperation and preventing war. As the league's secretary, Balch played a central role in organizing peace conferences and promoting disarmament initiatives. Her unwavering commitment to pacifism during World War I earned her the respect and admiration of many, but also brought her into conflict with the U.S. government, which viewed pacifists with suspicion and hostility.

After the war, Balch continued her tireless work for peace and international cooperation. She served as a delegate to the League of Nations and advocated for the establishment of a permanent international court to resolve conflicts peacefully. She also worked with the WILPF to provide aid to war-torn populations and promote reconciliation between former enemies.

In recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the cause of peace, Balch was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946. The award acknowledged her decades-long advocacy for peace, international cooperation, and economic justice. In her acceptance speech, Balch eloquently stated, "War is not a necessary evil. It is an outmoded way of settling disputes between nations." She urged the world to embrace dialogue, diplomacy, and international law as the path to resolving conflicts peacefully.

Emily Greene Balch's legacy as a pioneering advocate for peace and justice continues to inspire and guide activists around the world. Her unwavering commitment to ending war, promoting international cooperation, and fighting for economic and social equality remains a beacon of hope in an often troubled world. Her writings, speeches, and life example serve as a testament to the power of one person to make a difference.

### **Additional Resources:**

\* [Emily Greene Balch on Wikipedia](#) \* [Nobel Peace Prize biography of Emily Greene Balch](#) \* [Women's International League for Peace and Freedom](#)



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