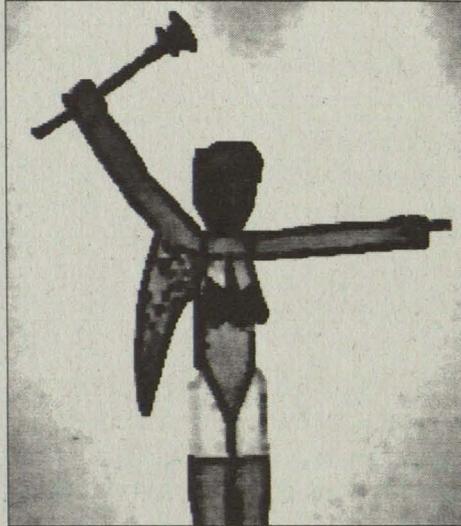


GMPR and the WRC Compiled

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The Great Millennium Peace Ride (GMPR) is a world-wide bicycle trek involving at least one man and one woman from every country on the planet, crossing almost 80 borders and biking 40,000 km from Vancouver Canada to Sydney Australia. Nearly 500 individuals will live, work and tour together. Relying on each other for support and working through cultural and personal diversity at every turn. Coexisting peacefully as an example of international cooperation, the Peace Ride will last almost 2 years: from August 1998 until January 2000. Those interested are welcome to participate in the festivities along the Peace



Mobile Centre based on the concept of self-help for women at a time when the direct result of war has been to destabilize women's communities. In collaboration with women's groups throughout the world, WRC has identified the needs and problems facing many women. Heavy reliance on humanitarian aid, coupled with the high unemployment rate, has deprived women of the means of self sufficiency. Dependent on outside sources for even basic needs, these women often have little sense of control over their lives. The WRC will help fill the need for a place where women can gather with other women in a safe nurturing supportive environment that helps them begin to rebuild

their lives. The WRC is also intended to be a safe women's only moving space to encourage, celebrate and preserve all forms of women's creative expression and exchange of information. It will give women a mobile 'room of their own' for arts, writing, group discussion, educational workshops and skills development. The WRC focuses on developing programs for women of all nationalities, social backgrounds and sexual orientation. The goal is to provide a wide range of psycho-cultural services and programs designed to empower all women. Because of the mobility of the centre, the wealth of knowledge within the center will grow continually. The WRC is actively seeking input from any interested individuals groups or organizations. Please phone 0664 / 3031 652, fax at 43 / 316 / 833 633 or email to GMPR-TTW@htu.tu-graz.ac.at for more information about either the WRC or the Peace Ride itself.

Route and can organize interaction with the Peace Riders in their cities or towns. Grassroots gatherings, artistic performances and other peace oriented special events will involve communities along the way. Individuals wishing to engage this multicultural community in a specific event or action are invited to contact the GMPR. One of the important areas the Ride addresses are women's issues. The Women's Resource Centre (WRC) will be housed in a large truck divided among an art gallery, a library and archives, meeting room, and an office. The WRC, conceived by Natasa Jovicic and the NONA Multimedia Women's Center in Zagreb, Croatia will host and exchange with women's groups all over the world. The original concept was developed first as a response to urgent requests by women for a place where their ideas and experiences could be discussed, represented and respected. Secondly, to establish a

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