

# Peace Letter



January 2005

Published by the Washington Peace Center

Vol. 41, No. 1

## Depleted Uranium Poisoning

### Deep Wounds of Iraq Wars (Part II)

By Ellen Thomas

*[In the previous Peace Letter, the author provided statistics about deaths, injuries, suicides, and homelessness among service members in the current Iraq war. The article ended with the following paragraph: "The casualties will continue to mount, not only from skirmishes with Iraqis or despair at home, but more insidiously from a slow, hidden killer which the US has used twice in Iraq: depleted uranium (DU), a radioactive and toxic waste now mixed forever in the blowing desert winds, and in the lungs, brains, kidneys, and reproductive organs of those who breathe or swallow the ubiquitous sands."]*

#### Iraq, 1991

The Pentagon admits to having used at least 300 tons of depleted uranium in the First Gulf War in 1991. US and UK soldiers' urine still tested radioactive in 1999. (Toronto Star, 2/19/99) In "Undiagnosed Illnesses and Radioactive Warfare", Dr. Asaf Durakovic of Uranium Medical

Research Center, Washington DC, wrote: "Internal contamination with DU isotopes was detected in British, Canadian, and United States Gulf War veterans as late as nine years after inhalational exposure to radioactive dust in the Persian Gulf War I. DU isotopes were also identified in a Canadian veteran's autopsy samples of lung, liver, kidney, and bone."

Dennis Kyne, an Army medic during Gulf War I, recounts watching soldiers become sick with unexplainable symptoms after entering an area in Iraq that had been bombed for forty-five days with rounds of depleted uranium. Kyne says the military targets the "bottom third of America" to act as frontline recruits in areas contaminated with low level nuclear materials. <http://www.denniskyne.com/>

Remarkably, American and allied soldiers were not told they had radioactive bullets and artillery shells in their arsenal in 1991, and moreover, were not aware of the hazards and precautions required when dealing with DU and DU-contaminated vehicles. (National Gulf War Resource Center, September 22, 1997) NBC's Dateline News reported in a remarkable 1994 documentary, "Deadly Fire," that a memo was issued warning soldiers to be careful handling depleted uranium, but according to one general, the memo wasn't circulated in the field.

*[Story continues on page 3]*



On October 2nd, 500 people held a memorial procession from Arlington National Cemetery to the White House to call for an end to the illegal U.S. occupation of Iraq. (Story on page 18.)

## Congress Takes Aim At District's Gun Ban

By Roger Newell

In a direct assault on home rule in the District, the U.S. House of Representatives voted (250-171) to dismantle the city's 28-year old ban on handgun ownership. Despite objections from District residents, elected officials, police officials, and educators, among others, the House passed a measure that invalidates the city's firearm restrictions. Under the measure, gun registration requirements and bans on semi-automatic assault weapons, as well as armor-piercing ammunition, would be illegal.

The District's non-voting Delegate to Congress, Eleanor Holmes Norton, pointed out that "Congress...has not known how to give up on guns or to respect the home rule prerogatives of local government."

Northern Virginia Congressman Tom Davis (R-VA), who took issue with the

Republican-led effort to strip the city's gun ban, supported Norton's position.

"This is clearly a home rule fight," noted Davis, rejecting the argument that the move to dismantle the District's ban was being carried out in defense of the Constitution's Second Amendment right of citizens to bear arms. "Otherwise, why wouldn't Chicago or Evanston [IL] or other cities with handgun bans be included in this bill?"

The House's action comes at a time when, despite a declining overall homicide rate, a record number of young people have been killed this year in the District, with most of the deaths due to gunshots. The House passed measure would allow children to purchase and own weapons.

While passing in the House, the National Rifle Association-supported measure failed to make it through the United States Senate.

## Judge Strikes Down Part of Patriot Act

A Federal judge has ruled that the government's duty to respond to national security threats doesn't give it the right to override personal security. The ruling blocks the government from conducting secret searches of Internet and telephone records in a so-called effort to root out terrorism.

Federal Judge Victor Marrero struck down the part of the Patriot Act allowing the FBI to force Internet service providers and phone companies to turn over some customer records. Marrero ruled: while the government "must be empowered to respond promptly and effectively" to threats, personal security is equally important.



Depleted uranium "penetrators" are equipped with super-hard piercing points which punch through steel, and combustible ceramic coatings which burst into flames on contact. Tiny radioactive particles drift downwind.

Washington Peace Center  
1426 9th Street NW, Suite 306  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 234-2000  
*address correction requested*

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Washington,  
D.C.  
Permit No. 9613

Our Fifth Decade  
Working for Peace  
& Justice

## In This Issue

Peace Center Update	2
Depleted Uranium Poisoning	1, 3
Homeland Security in the Neighborhood; Immigrants	4
Activist Guide	5-14
Media Guide	15
Costs of War In Iraq - DC, MD, VA, Housing	16
Youth Voices - DC Guerilla Poets	17
Piscataway Indian Nations; Social Forum; 40th Anniversary	18
Faith and Resistance	19
Winter 2004 Calendar	20

# Washington Peace Center



1426 9th Street NW, Suite 306  
 Washington, DC 20001  
 202.234.2000  
 washingtonpeacecenter.org  
 wpc@igc.org

The Washington Peace Center is a non-profit, anti-racist, multi-issue peace and justice organization committed to nonviolent social change. The Peace Center serves as a clearinghouse and resource center and has provided peace education and action in the Metropolitan area since 1963. We are supported by the generous contributions of our readers.

<b>Board</b>	<b>Peace Letter Crew</b>
Mark Andersen	Brian Anders
Kit Bonson	Kit Bonson
Jane Henderson	Rachele Huennekens
John Judge	Jane Henderson
Paul Magno	Roger Newell
Roger Newell	Ellen Thomas
Polly Stamatopoulos	
John Steinbach	<b>Recent Interns</b>
Ellen Thomas	Christine Carofiglio
Mike Zmolek	Christina Coallizzo
	Adam Frankel
<b>Tech Support</b>	Rachele Huennekens
Troy Kovacs	Danielle Serratore

The *Washington Peace Letter* (ISSN 1050-2823) is published for the social justice community of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. Its purpose is to support local, national and international struggles against oppression. It seeks to present a radical analysis of current events, covering information not readily available in the corporate media.

The *Peace Letter* welcomes submissions of articles, announcements, letters-to-the-editor and artwork from the progressive community. Articles may be from 300 to 1,200 words, but may be edited for space considerations. Preference is given to coverage of actions or campaigns being organized in the D.C. area. We reserve the right to select or reject all submissions.

Except as noted, *Peace Letter* items are copyright-free and may be reproduced. Please give credit and send us a copy if you do use something!

# Peace Center Update

By Brian Anders, Coordinator

The last few months have been a busy and exciting time for the Peace Center. I've been happy to welcome several new interns, as well as attend a variety of progressive events sponsored by activist groups in the area.

\* **Danielle Serratore**, one of our new interns, is a political science major from Roanoke, Virginia. She was involved with tabling for the Peace Center at the Green Festival, a national convention focusing on promoting environmentally-safe products. Danielle's current project is researching the tactics of armed-service recruiters who target economically vulnerable young adults.

\* **Christine Carofiglio** is a human rights/conflict management scholar from Italy also interning at the Peace Center. She is working with some of our sister agencies for the purposes of networking and community-building. She's also currently researching female-oriented organizations such as Women in Black and CODE PINK for an article on the new women leaders in the peace and justice movement.

Three students from the George Washington University have also joined the Peace Center staff as part-time interns.

\* **Adam Frankel** is currently working on an article that traces the history of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and its implications for the possibility of peace in the Middle East. As part of his research, he and I attended a 'Stop The Wall' demonstration on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

\* **Christina Coallizzo**, another GW intern, is working with new volunteer Anne Trinquet on a policy paper detailing the fiscal costs of the "war on terror" and the subsequent impact that the diversion of federal funds has had on the quality of life in the US and the global community.

\* **Rachele Huennekens**, our third intern from GW, has been working with board members on the Peace Letter.

Peace Center interns and staff have also attended a variety of local activist trainings and events recently; most notably the first annual Peace Parade, the 'Cancel the Debt' protest at the World Bank, and the National Memorial March, where protesters

carried 1,000 caskets from the Mall to Arlington National Cemetery. We also viewed the documentary film 'Occupation 101', hosted by the activist group Imagine Life.

The Peace Center bustled with activity in preparation for the 40th Anniversary Celebration, held on November 13, 2004, at our original home, the Friends Meeting House on Florida Avenue NW. We at the Peace Center view the anniversary as a time for us to reflect on the many years of service and to plan for our organization's future. We were delighted to greet several dozen friends. (More information p. 18.)



The Peace Center banner, Coordinator, and Interns show up all over town: (top) 10/2/04 Peace March; (bottom) 9/18/04 Green Festival.



## Support the Peace Center!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_



Enclosed is my check for  \$25  \$40  \$50  other

Send your contribution to the  
 Washington Peace Center, 1426 9th Street, NW, Suite 306, Washington, DC 20001 or call (202) 234-2000.

The Washington Peace Center is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible.

CFC # 7856  
 (Combined Federal Campaign)

# Depleted Uranium Poisoning... (Pg. 1)

"We have uncovered dozens of reports which show the Department of Defense was well aware of the significant potential of DU as an environmental health hazard" before 1991, said Chris Kornkven, President of the National Gulf War Resources Center and a veteran of the Gulf War who tested positive in 1995 for DU contamination. "Under the Freedom of Information Act, we have obtained documents that show the Department was aware of the exposure of soldiers from DU when it burns, aware of the downwind spreading and incidental contamination hazard, and aware of the large number of military personnel that were exposed."

One such report, published by U.S. Army Mobility Equipment, Research & Development Command in March 7, 1979 — more than a decade before Desert Storm — concludes: "Not only the people in the immediate vicinity (emergency and fire fighting personnel) but also people at distances downwind from the fire are faced with potential over exposure to airborne uranium dust."

"Wind-blown particles readily lodge in lung tissue, exposing the host to a growing, toxic dose of alpha radiation and capable of inducing cancer and other deadly illnesses. A single, microscopic particle of DU lodged in the respiratory system is the radiological equivalent of fifty (50) x-rays, and can subject lung tissue to 8,000 times the annual radiation dose permitted by federal regulations for whole-body exposure," said Laura Olah, board member of the Military Toxics Project, a national coalition of veterans and community activist fighting for an international ban on DU, in 1997.

## IRAQ, 2003-04

During the first year of the second Iraq War, "Operation Iraqi Freedom", the US Army and Air Force fired 127 tons of DU munitions, says Michael Kilpatrick, the Pentagon's director of the Deployment Health Support Directorate. (In *Times*, 5/14/04)

Other experts, however, estimate the amount that was used in the Second Gulf War was between 800 and 2000 tons, with much of it dropped directly on Baghdad. That's three to six times the amount used in 1991, and the exposure period has been ten times as long for many soldiers. The longer people stay in a contaminated area, the more exposure they will receive.

The Army's training manual acknowledges the hazards of DU, requiring that anyone who comes within 25 meters of DU-contaminated equipment or terrain wear respiratory and skin protection. The manual warns: "Contamination will make food and water unsafe for consumption." Yet the returning men of the National Guard 442nd Company (NY), whose urine tested radioactive, said they had never heard of depleted uranium and they weren't issued dust masks or other protective gear.

At the request of Representatives Ciro Rodriguez (D-Texas) and Robert Filner (D-Calif.), the General Accountability Office (GAO) now is investigating whether the Pentagon has ignored the medical consequences of depleted uranium armaments. Based on the GAO's findings, Filner and Rodriguez are considering the introduction of legislation to extend service benefits to veterans who develop health conditions that can plausibly be caused by depleted uranium exposure.

These are steps in the right direction. But the men of the 442nd and the 131,000 U.S. and 24,000 Coalition soldiers serving in Iraq deserve more. They deserve a ban on depleted uranium.

And they need to come home.

Bring Them Home Now, a part of Military Families Speak Out has issued this information for troops who fear DU exposure:

## Symptoms of D.U. Exposure

Depleted uranium has two different effects on the body, chemical poisoning and radiation poisoning. Symptoms are similar to those described as Gulf War Syndrome.

Scientists believe respiratory irritation caused by sandstorms, oil fires, and concentrated vehicle fumes weaken the blood/brain barrier and allow DU to enter the central nervous system of soldiers in the field, resulting in slowly developing neurotoxic responses. Their brains, in effect, are slowly poisoned. The brain is a 'target organ' for dissolved uranium. Tests on some Desert Storm vets show lowered ability to think and solve problems, as well as lowered motor skills in subjects with above average uranium levels.

DU is also toxic to the kidneys, and is known to cause lung cancer and leukemia. According to a 1998 report by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the inhalation of DU particles can lead to symptoms such as fatigue, shortness of breath, lymphatic problems, bronchial complaints, weight loss and an unsteady gait.

A four-year study released last year by the Defense Department and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also found "significantly higher prevalences" of heart and kidney birth defects in the children of Gulf War veterans, though it did not mention DU specifically.

Doctors in Basra, Iraq, found that the rate of birth defects tripled between 1989 and 1999.

## What If These Symptoms Appear?

-- Report them to a physician and get them on record. If they persist, do not be discouraged by military doctors who seem to brush them off. Return again and again if necessary as long as the symptoms persist.

-- Those who are still on active duty should immediately register with DOD by calling 1-800-796-9699. Those who have left active military service should call the Veterans Administration at 1-800-PGW-VETS.

-- Increase the frequency of screening for lung cancer and leukemia.

-- Consider heavy metal detoxification. See <http://www.healingdaily.com>

## What Can We Do to Limit Exposure to D.U. and Other Causative Agents?

Get out of Iraq. Until then ... Cover the face to prevent inhalation of dust, and keep dust out of food and water. Avoid exhaust fumes and other respiratory irritants. Inform the chain of command when there is a way to reduce exposure to dust and respiratory irritants, and explain to them why.

## US Veteran's Child



(Photo from Dr. Siegwart Horst-Gunther, President of Yellow Cross International in Austria: "This child was born to a US Gulf veteran.")

## Iraqi Child



A baby born with anencephaly. His shocked mother disappeared from the hospital. On the same day, a baby with hydrocephaly was born. Some 3 percent of the newborn babies have congenital disorders. During one hour at the hospital that day, two babies with such disorders were born. (At Alwia Maternity Hospital, Baghdad, Dec. 2001)

(Photo by Takashi Morizumi, photojournalist from Japan)

## Resources:

**Campaign Against Depleted Uranium** — UK-based organization devoted to achieving a ban on DU weapons. Much info including an introduction to DU online at <http://www.cadu.org.uk/> and available by phone (in England) at +44(0)161 273 8293/8283.

**Department of Energy DU Information Network** — DOE's page on depleted uranium hexafluoride can be found at <http://web.ead.anl.gov/uranium/index.cfm>

**Department of Veterans Affairs Depleted Uranium Focus Area** — DVA's response to DU — [http://www.gulfink.osd.mil/medsearch/FocusAreas/depleted\\_uranium.shtml](http://www.gulfink.osd.mil/medsearch/FocusAreas/depleted_uranium.shtml)

**Depleted Uranium Lists and Links** — <http://www.energyjustice.net/nuclear/du/> -- part of the Energy Justice Network site.

**Depleted Uranium Education Project** <http://www.iacenter.org/depleted/du.htm>

**DU Link** — Extensive information on DU and the Gulf War originally compiled by Gulf War veteran Chris Kornkven, online at [http://www.ngwrc.org/DULink/du\\_link.htm](http://www.ngwrc.org/DULink/du_link.htm)

**EPA** - official site - <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/radionuclides/uranium.htm>

**Fire This Time** - <http://www.firethistime.org/du.htm>; <http://www.firethistime.org/extreme/deformitiesintro.htm>

**Human Cost of Depleted Uranium** - [http://www.chugoku-np.co.jp/abom/uran/index\\_e.html](http://www.chugoku-np.co.jp/abom/uran/index_e.html)

**Institute for Energy and Environmental Research** - Online technical training classroom and many fact sheets covering uranium and nuclear issues are available at <http://www.ieer.org> and (301) 270-5500.

**International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons** — Founded in October, 2003 by grassroots organizations and experts. Can be found on the web at <http://www.bandepleteduranium.org>

**International Depleted Uranium Study Team** — Researchers, activists, and scientists dedicated to stopping the use of DU in military weapons by 2010. <http://idust.net/> on the web and [info@idust.net](mailto:info@idust.net) by email.

**Laka Foundation** — Extensive information on nuclear issues including DU online at <http://www.laka.org/> and by phone (in Holland) at +31 20-616-8294.

**Low Level Radiation Campaign** — Includes information on DU and health effects of low level radiation, found online at <http://www.llrc.org/> and by phone (in England) at +44(0)1597824771.

**Military Toxics Project** - An excellent resource - <http://www.milttoxproj.org/> 207-783-5091

**Military Toxics Project DU List Serve** — Email discussion list about DU from over a dozen countries. To join the list, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/du-list/> or email [du-list-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:du-list-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Nuclear Policy Research Institute** — Uses mass media to educate the public about dangers from nuclear weapons, power, and waste (including DU); at <http://www.nuclearpolicy.org/> or (202) 822-9800.

**NucNews DU List** - Articles and reports, chronologically listed, since 1990's -- <http://nucnews.net/2000/du/dulv.htm>

**Trail of a Bullet** — Series of articles about DU published in the Christian Science Monitor newspaper, available online at <http://www.csmonitor.com/atcsmonitor/specials/uranium/index.html>

**United Nations Environment Programme Post-Conflict Assessment Unit** — Includes reports and statements about DU in the former Yugoslavia and Iraq at <http://postconflict.unep.ch/>

## U.S. Department of Defense

Deployment Health Support Directorate DU Library - <http://deploymentlink.osd.mil/library/ulflink> (Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses) - <http://www.gulfink.osd.mil/>

(Note: GulfBLINK at <http://www.gulfink.org/> rebuts misinformation on the above site)

**WISE Uranium Project** — Tremendous amount of information about DU, radiation, and related issues online at <http://www.antenna.nl/wise/uranium/> and by phone (in Germany) at +49-35200-20737.

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Australia)** — Great basic information on DU and its impacts available online at <http://www.wilpf.org.au/>

**World Health Organization (WHO)** [http://www.who.int/ionizing\\_radiation/env/du/en/](http://www.who.int/ionizing_radiation/env/du/en/)

## Homeland Security in the Neighborhood: Raid Underscores Unfair Immigration Policy

J. Kirby

In the middle of the afternoon on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, law enforcement officers took over an area of Columbia Road, NW and turned the street into a surreal scene of fear and panic. According to witnesses, heavily armed agents from several different law enforcement agencies suddenly piled out of a large truck which was parked in the median of Columbia Road near Adams Morgan. Swarming the block, they began to detain at random young Latino men shopping, working, and walking on that part of the street. Witnesses say that officers were detaining only Latino men in the blocked off area and that people of other backgrounds were not stopped. Law enforcement agents also reportedly forced some of these men to kneel on the sidewalk for a long period of time in the hot sun. A section of the normally busy street was reportedly blocked off by the Metropolitan Police Department during the raid.

Behind the raid was the US Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), purportedly acting on behalf of an ongoing federal initiative directed at a fraudulent document ring, known as "Operation Card Shark." In a press release following the raid, DHS acknowledged MPD involvement in the operation, which has spawned a controversy over the legality of such an alliance. According to the Washington Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, "MPD officers may... have violated the prohibition of local involvement in immigration enforcement." Witnesses claimed to recognize MPD officers, in plain clothes, accompanying the federal officers and directing them to specific businesses, locations, and certain individuals. Officer Fletcher of the Washington MPD's Public Information Department

contests this accusation. "The only thing MPD did was shut down traffic," he claims. Community members, however, have formally charged that four Third District police officers in plain clothes made arrests along with federal officials; two of them have even been identified by name: Officer Salas and Officer Ragabani.

The Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs is calling for an investigation of the raid. The Committee sent letters sent to MPD and DHS's Officer of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, calling for their full participation in the investigation and a thorough examination of MPD's involvement. DHS and MPD have not responded. Denise Gilman of the Committee points out that perhaps as many as ten people arrested during the raid were being held solely on immigration charges, not criminal charges, and have subsequently been placed into deportation proceedings. The Committee is focused on two major legal concerns: the possibly illegal involvement of the Third District MPD in an immigration raid, and the use of racial profiling during the raid. More civil rights law organizations are now joining the Committee's efforts around this case.

Many in the local Latino community are upset by the raid, especially the role of the DHS in an immigration-enforcement operation. Theresa Lopez, owner of a pool hall named 'Lorenzo's Corner' on Columbia Road and a member of the Latino Merchants Association, described her experience of the raid. "They [the Latino men being arrested] were entirely surrounded... it looked like we were in a war," she says. She also describes agents spreading out across the street

and into alleys, while terrified people on the street tried to run away. The operation was not a new experience for Lopez, who says that the number of "immigration enforcement" raids taking place in DC have dramatically increased under the Bush administration, putting the community on edge and wearing her patience thin.

Lopez voices a concern shared by many, namely that the creation of DHS and the provisions of the PATRIOT Act have eliminated many checks on the power of law enforcement agencies, allowing them to routinely violate the due-process rights of minority citizens and illegal immigrants. Lopez says that law enforcement agents walked into her pool hall, arrested two of her Latino patrons, and thoroughly searched the place. When she protested and asked for their warrant, the agents told her to "calm down." She managed to convince them to release a third patron, a friend whom she knew to be a permanent resident. She has not since seen the other two patrons.

While law enforcement agencies have called "Card Shark" an anti-crime operation, to those who did not commit any crimes and yet ended up facing deportation proceedings, the June 23<sup>rd</sup> operation looked like a blatant example of racially-targeted immigration enforcement. Some of the many immigrants who live in DC without legal documents were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time that day. Behind the surface rationale given for the raid there seems to be a larger issue that is unaddressed by government and law enforcement officials. What is the root of this problem? Why is it that a false-document trade flourishes in the District?

A brief examination of the US' immigration policy towards people from El Salvador, (who make up DC's largest

percentage of Latino immigrants), may provide the answer. Most immigrants fleeing El Salvador during the Reagan administration found grants of asylum denied to them, since the US government at the time supported the repressive Salvadoran government. Changes in immigration laws throughout the '80's and '90's did little to ensure permanent status for Salvadorans.

Sentiments that were driving more immigrant-friendly legislative proposals in early 2001 were lost in the xenophobic aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup>. To make matters worse, a series of natural disasters have recently wreaked havoc on El Salvador's infra-structure and economy, exacerbating existing poverty and unemployment. These factors, combined with a desire to reunite with family members already in the US, now drive many Salvadorans to immigrate. Unfortunately for them, their legal immigration status is still largely unattainable. Since the US government has not granted permanent resident status to earlier waves of immigrants, Salvadorans who want to immigrate now are unable to legally reunite with their families. Instead, many are forced to live without legal documents.

Salvadorans are only one of many immigrant groups that today are faced with unfair US immigration policies. In light of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> raid on Columbia Road, the question facing us becomes whether or not we can protect these vulnerable immigrant communities from being targeted in unfair law-enforcement operations. We should ask ourselves whether or not law-enforcement agencies such as the DHS are masking racial-profiling behind the banner of "fighting terrorism", and if so, if this is the right way to 'fix' the immigration problem in America.

## ADC Update: Know Your Rights Information

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) has confirmed reports that FBI agents are contacting Arab and Muslim Americans, including citizens, for what has again been described as voluntary interviews. The FBI has communicated information about the latest initiative directly to ADC.

ADC would like to remind members of the Arab, Muslim, and Arab-American communities that equal protection and due process rights are afforded to everyone, including non-citizens, in the United States. ADC urges anyone who is contacted by the FBI to contact the ADC Legal Department and provide details of the incident by calling (202) 244-2990, sending a fax to (202) 244-3196, or via email to legal@adc.org.

ADC offers the following guidelines to anyone who is contacted by the FBI or other law enforcement agencies. Please see other valuable information included below.

1) Make sure an attorney is present at all times during any voluntary interview the person may choose to attend. It is important to note that everything you say to an FBI agent or other law enforcement representative is recorded,

nothing is 'off the record,' including immigration status.

2) The interviewee may determine the date, time, location of the interview, and who may attend the interview, including an interpreter if needed. The FBI is required to provide an interpreter if requested.

3) Bear in mind that all such interviews are completely voluntary and that no one is obligated to volunteer to speak with an FBI agent or other law enforcement representative or answer any questions without a court-approved document.

4) The interviewee has absolute discretion as to what questions to answer in such a voluntary interview. For example, one may choose to answer questions about their neighborhood and yet refuse to answer any questions regarding their immigration status. However, anything and everything you say during these voluntary interviews is 'on the record.'

Upon request, ADC will do its best to provide third party observers, in cases where potential interviewees would want such additional safeguards. Additional useful "Know Your Rights" information can be found on the ADC

website at: <http://www.adc.org/index.php?id=275>

For helpful information from the ACLU, please click the link below: <http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=16216&c=272>

The National Lawyers Guild has also created Know Your Rights information in a number of languages, for English see: [http://www.nlg.org/resources/kyr/kyr\\_English2004.pdf](http://www.nlg.org/resources/kyr/kyr_English2004.pdf)

For an Arabic version, please see: <http://www.nlg.org/resources/kyr/KYRArabinationallow.pdf>

### Immigration Advocates:

The Washington Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs urges individuals who witnessed or were otherwise impacted by the June 23, 2004 Columbia Road operation to call their Spanish/English hotline at (202) 319-1000 x222.

\*The National Lawyer's Guild has created an online 'Know Your Rights' resource which is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Farsi, Punjabi, and Portuguese. This information can be obtained by calling (212) 679-5100 or at [http://www.nlg.org/resources/know\\_your\\_rights.htm](http://www.nlg.org/resources/know_your_rights.htm)





# Activist Guide 2005



**20/20 Vision, DC Chapter**  
 Contact: Tracy DiMambro  
 www.2020vision.org  
 1828 Jefferson Place N.W.  
 Washington, D.C., 20036  
 (202) 833-2020  
 (202) 833-5307  
 vision@2020vision.org  
 www.2020vision.org  
 National grassroots nonprofit organization that works to increase citizen participation in public policy related to peace and the environment. Produces national and local monthly action alert postcard so that members can quickly and easily contact policymakers and weigh in on timely issues.

**50 Years Is Enough: U.S. Network for Global Economic Justice**  
 Contact: Njoki Njehu  
 3628 12th Street NE, #200  
 Washington, DC 20017  
 (202) IMF-BANK (463-2265)  
 (202) 636-4238  
 njoki@50years.org  
 www.50years.org  
 Coalition of over 200 U.S. organization and 180 international partners working in environmental, labor, development, peace and social justice and gender issues. Works to profoundly reform the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1994.

**Action for Animals Network**  
 Contact: Mary Zoester  
 P.O. Box 9039  
 Alexandria, VA 22034  
 (703) 461-3283 voice/fax  
 amintwk@erols.com  
 www.enviroweb.org/aan  
 Works for animals who suffer in the fur, entertainment, meat, and dairy industries. Works to educate people through educational booths at community festivals and fairs, leafleting, and peaceful direct action. AAN seeks common ground with environmental and other progressive movements.

**ACT-UP Washington DC**  
 (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power)  
 409 H Street NE  
 Washington, DC 20002  
 (202) 547-9404  
 (202) 547-9458 fax  
 actupdc@aol.com  
 www.actup.org

Nonpartisan group of individuals united in anger and committed to ending the AIDS pandemic. Special projects include DC's medical marijuana initiative 59, global access to medication, clean needle availability, single-payer universal health care, bringing accountability and patient protection to HIV/AIDS programs and promoting an all-out research effort to find a cure for AIDS.

**Advocates for Justice and Education**  
 Contact: Patsy Corumia  
 2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Suite 205  
 Washington, DC 20020  
 (202) 678-8060  
 (202) 678-8062 fax  
 justice@verizon.net  
 www.aje.ppg.com  
 Works to increase parents' knowledge of their children's rights within the Local Education Agency and the obligations of that Agency to both parent and child, to encourage and help empower parents to become better educational advocates on behalf of their children in the Public Schools and in the Juvenile Justice System, and to increase parental involvement in the educational and judicial aspects of their child's life.

**African-American Holiday Association**  
 Contact: Ayo-Handy Kendi  
 P.O. Box 43255  
 Washington, DC 20010  
 (202) 667-2577  
 aaha@aaha-info.org  
 www.aaha-info.org  
 Nonprofit organization that perpetuates and preserves culture through traditional and nontraditional holidays, rituals, and celebrations.

**All-African People's Revolutionary Party (AAPRP)**  
 Contact: John Trimble  
 P.O. Box 43793  
 Washington, DC 20010  
 (202) 452-5924  
 bshango@juno.com  
 Permanent, independent, revolutionary, Pan-African political party based in Africa, the homeland of African people all over the world. Seeks to organize, unite, and politically educate all people of African descent. Builds alliances and working relationships with all progressive and revolutionary forces.

**Alliance for Global Justice**  
 Contact: Chuck Kaufman  
 1247 E Street SE  
 Washington, DC 20003  
 (202) 544-9355  
 (202) 544-9359 fax  
 Consortium of several progressive activist groups: Campaign for Labor Rights, Nicaragua Network, Mexico Solidarity Network, STITCH.

**Alliance for Justice, CO/Motion Youth Advocacy Program**  
 Contact: Kelley McIntosh  
 Youth Organizing Manager  
 11 Dupont Circle NW, 2nd Floor  
 Washington, DC 20036  
 (202) 822-6070  
 (202) 822-6068 fax  
 alliance@afj.org  
 www.comotionmakers.org  
 Provides training in advocacy and direct action organizing, and ongoing technical assistance, to youth groups ages 15-25, to strengthen their ability to engage in effective organizing for social change. Works with young people locally and around the country to develop youth-led advocacy campaigns around social justice issues like school

reform, the environment, housing and other issues.

**Alliance for Nuclear Accountability**  
 Contact: Jim Bridgman  
 322 4th St. NE  
 Washington, DC 20002  
 (202) 544-0217  
 (202) 544-6143 fax  
 jebbridgman@earthlink.net  
 www.ananuclear.org  
 A national network of 33 organizations working in the shadow of the U.S. nuclear weapons complex to address issues of nuclear weapons production and waste cleanup.

**African-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee**  
 Contact: Marvin Wingfield  
 4201 Connecticut Ave NW, #300  
 Washington, DC 20008  
 (202) 244-2990  
 (202) 244-3196 fax  
 adc@adc.org  
 www.adc.org  
 Arab-American civil rights organization. Defends Americans of Arab descent against discrimination, stereotyping and hate crimes. Promotes Arab cultural heritage. Provides a voice for the Arab-American community on issues of foreign and domestic policy. Supports self-determination for Palestinians and calls for an end to US sanctions and bombing of Iraq.

**American Task Force on Palestine**  
 Contact: Rafi DeJani  
 815 Connecticut Ave, NW #200  
 Washington, DC 20006  
 (202) 887-0177  
 (202) 887-1920 fax  
 atfp@atfp.net  
 ATFP advocates the establishment of a democratic state of Palestine living in peace and security alongside Israel in the territories occupied in 1967 in accordance with international law and the relevant United Nations Resolutions.

**American Friends Service Committee**  
 DC Peace Eco Justice Program  
 Contact: Peta Ikambana  
 2211 - 14th St. NW  
 Washington, DC 20009  
 (202) 265-7997  
 (202) 265-0369 fax

www.afsc.org  
 Trains and organizes using the HIP (Help Increase the Peace) model for conflict transformation and social change, and the Listening Project for community organizing. Offers conflict resolution training for students, teachers, and the community; the Listening Project as a community organizing tool; government fundraising workshops; and computer training for all grades.

**American Indian Movement**  
 Contact: Christine Rice  
 P.O. Box 7422  
 Silver Spring, MD 20907  
 (202) 756-4101 phone/fax  
 smallboy75@hotmail.com  
 www.aimovement.org  
 Deals with American Indian, human and indigenous rights. Works on sovereignty and other issues related to the rights of indigenous nations.

**Americans for Democratic Action**  
 Contact: Darryl Fagin  
 1625 K Street NW #210  
 Washington, DC 20006  
 (202) 785-5980  
 adaction@ix.netcom.com  
 www.adaction.org  
 ADA is the nation's oldest independent liberal political organization, dedicated to individual liberty and building economic and social justice at home and abroad. Since 1947, we have led public opinion and coalitions by taking early, principled stands on a broad range of domestic, foreign, economic, military, social and environmental issues.

**Americans for Peace Now**  
 Contact: Mark Bilsky  
 1101 - 14th St, NW 6th Fl  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 (202) 728-1893  
 (202) 728-1895 fax  
 apndc@peacenow.org  
 www.peacenow.org  
 Educates Americans about the Middle East peace process to create a more informed and empowered propeace American public. Provides crucial funding and support for Israel's largest and most influential grassroots peace movement, Peace Now. Promotes its mission, Security





through Peace, using dialogue groups, outreach to target communities, media and demonstrations.

**American-Kurdish Information Network (AKIN)**

Contact: Kani Xulam  
2722 Connecticut Ave NW #42

Washington, DC 200081588  
(202) 483-6444  
(202) 483-6476 fax  
akin@Kurdistan.org  
Seeks to foster friendship and understanding between Americans and Kurds. Provides a public service by informing scholars, journalists, and general public about Kurdistan.

**Amnesty International**

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office  
Contact: Joyce Howard  
600 Pennsylvania Ave SE, 5th Fl  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 544-0200  
(202) 546-7142 fax  
aiusama@aiusa.org  
www.amnesty-usa.org

Works to release prisoners of conscience, to obtain fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, and to abolish torture and the death penalty in all classes.

**Anacostia Watershed Society**

Contact: Robert Boone  
George Washington House  
4302 Baltimore Avenue  
Bladensburg, MD 20710-1031  
(301) 699-6204  
(202) 699-3317 fax  
robert@anacostiaws.org  
www.anacostiaws.org  
Nonprofit environmental organization whose purpose is to restore and protect the urban Anacostia River for the health and enjoyment of everyone in its watershed. Mobilizes volunteers for tree planting and clean up, and pressures polluters to clean up their act.

**Association for Conflict Resolution** (a merged organization of AFM, CRE-net and SPIDR)  
Contact: Jennifer K. Druliner

1015 18th St. NW Suite 1150  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 464-9700  
(202) 464-9720 fax  
acr@acrnet.org  
www.acrnet.org  
A professional organization dedicated to enhancing the practice and public understanding of conflict resolution.

**Bank Information Center**

Contact: Abigail Parrish  
733 15th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 737-7752  
(202) 737-1155 fax  
info@bicusa.org  
www.bicusa.org  
Independent, nonprofit organization that provides information and strategic support to NGOs and social movement throughout the world on the projects, policies and practices of the World Bank and other Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs). BIC advocates for greater transparency, accountability and citizen participation at the MDBs.

**Black Radical Congress, DC Chapter**

Contact: Cameron Barron  
P.O. Box 65814  
Washington, DC 20035  
(703) 548-1109

cameronbarron@hotmail.com  
www.blackradicalcongress.org  
Focuses on the condition of Black working and poor people. United in opposition to all forms of oppression, including class exploitation, racism, patriarchy, homophobia, anti-immigration prejudice and imperialism. Contributes to mobilizing unaffiliated individuals, as well as organizations, around common concerns.

**Call to Renewal- People of Faith Overcoming Poverty**

Contact: Duane Shank  
2401 15th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
1-800-523-2773  
(202) 328-6797 fax  
ctr@calltorenewal.com  
www.calltorenewal.com  
Rooted in four primary values (overcoming poverty, dismantling racism, affirming

life, and rebuilding family and community). Call to Renewal's current mission focus is its Covenant and Campaign to Overcome Poverty, which emphasizes the necessity of dismantling racism in conjunction with overcoming poverty.

**Campaign to End the Death Penalty**

P.O. Box 5218  
Takoma Park, MD 20913  
(202) 726-1151; 271-8014  
cedp\_dc@hotmail.com  
www.nodeathpenalty.org  
Seeks through petitions, signature ads, forums, demonstrations and other events to build a grassroots campaign both to save individuals on death row and to abolish the death penalty in the U.S. altogether. The Campaign has active chapters across the DC/MD area.

**Campaign for Labor Rights**

Contact: Daisy Pitkin  
1247 E Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 544-9355  
(202) 544-9359 fax  
clrde@afgj.org  
clr@clrlabor.org  
Mobilizes grassroots activism throughout the U.S. in support of the major campaigns to end sweatshop abuses around the world and here at home. CLR posts 10 email alerts on sweatshop issues each month including a 'Monthly Index' of all the information we receive on international and US domestic labor issues.

**Center for Community Change**

Contact: Elisa Luna  
1000 Wisconsin Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20007  
(202) 342-0519  
(202) 333-5462 fax  
info@communitychange.org  
www.communitychange.org  
Committed to reducing poverty and rebuilding low-income communities with the belief that poor people themselves (through organizations they control) need to lead efforts to eliminate poverty. Helps people to develop the skills and resources they need to improve their communities as well as change policies and institutions that adversely affect their lives.

**Center of Concern**

Contact: Teri Warren  
1225 Otis Street NE  
Washington, DC 20017

(202) 635-2757  
(202) 832-9494 fax  
coc@coc.org  
Works with international networks prompting social analysis, theological reflection, policy analysis, political advocacy, and research and public education on issues of global development, peace and social justice.

**Center on Conscience and War**

Contact: J.E. McNeil  
1830 Connecticut Ave NW  
4th Fl  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 483-2220  
1-800-379-2679  
(202) 483-1246 fax  
nisbco@nisbco.org  
www.nisbco.org  
Works to defend and extend the rights of conscientious objectors. Provides counseling and legal services to conscientious objectors, military personnel, political asylum seekers and conscientious objectors seeking naturalization as U.S. citizens.

**Center for Defense Information**

Contact: Lynn Schuster  
1500 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 332-0600  
or (800) CDI-3344  
(202) 462-4559 fax  
info@cdi.org  
www.cdi.org  
Independent research organization. Believes that strong social, economic, political, and military components and a healthy environment contribute equally to the nation's security. Opposes excessive expenditures for weapons and policies that increase the danger of war.

**Center for Economic Justice**

Contact: Neil Watkins  
PO Box 40711  
Washington, DC, 20016  
(703) 243-5155  
(703) 243-5935 fax  
thirdway@cej.org  
www.econjustice.net  
The Center for Economic Justice provides education,

advocacy and global/local linking for citizens' movements in poor communities in the Global South and the U.S. Besides the World Bank Bonds Boycott, CEJ helps coordinate the Convergence of Peoples of the Americas (COMPA), the Haitian Economic Justice Project, and other Capacit-Building for Southern Economic Justice Movements.

**Center for Economic and Policy Research**

Contact: Mark Weisbrot  
1621 Connecticut Ave NW #500  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 293-5380  
(202) 822-1199 fax  
cepr@cepr.net or  
weisbrotm@cepr.net  
www.cepr.net  
Established to promote democratic debate on the most important economic and social issues that affect peoples lives. Works to ensure that the citizenry has the information and analysis that allows it to act effectively in the public interest.

**Center for Health, Environment and Justice**

Contact: Lois Gibbs  
P.O. Box 6806  
Falls Church, VA 22040  
(703) 237-2249  
(703) 237-8389 fax  
info@chej.org  
www.chej.org  
Provides science and technical assistance, organizing and leadership training, and information service to concerned citizens and grassroots group organizing for environmental justice.

**Center for International Policy**

Contact: William Goodfellow  
1717 Massachusetts Ave NW, #801  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 232-3317  
(202) 232-3440 fax  
cip@ciponline.org  
www.ciponline.org  
Promotes a U.S. foreign policy that reflects democratic values. Through research,





education, and direct public advocacy, works to define and put into practice a more sympathetic, farsighted, and non-militaristic approach to the developing world.

#### **Center for the Support of Native Lands**

Contact: Mac Chapin  
1616 P Street, NW, #200  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 939-3800  
(202) 939-3868 fax  
mail@nativeland.org  
www.nativeland.org  
Works to create the conditions whereby indigenous peoples can more fully participate in the conservation and management of land and natural resources in the Americas, with an emphasis on Central America. Links indigenous peoples with technical, legal, and financial resources.

#### **Coalition for Smarter Growth**

Contact: Stewart Schwartz  
1777 Church Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 588-5570  
(202) 588-5676 fax  
email@smartergrowth.net  
www.smartergrowth.net  
Dedicated to preserving quality of life in the Washington region for current and future generations. Opposes public spending for an outer beltway and suburban sprawl. Aims to protect drinking water and air quality, improve existing investments in schools, roads, and transit, and protect the economic and social vitality of DC.

#### **Columban Fathers Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office**

Contact: Amy Echevarria  
P.O. Box 29151  
Washington, DC 20017  
(202) 529-5115  
(202) 832-5195 fax  
mission@columban.org  
www.st.columban.org  
Arm of the Columban Fathers/U.S.A.

Addresses issues of social concern in some countries of Asia and Latin America. Collaborates with groups and organizations sharing similar concerns.

#### **Committee for High School Options and Information on Careers, Education and Self-Improvement (CHOICES)**

Contact: John Judge  
P.O. Box 7147  
Washington, DC 20044  
(202) 583-5347  
(202) 584-1021 fax  
copa@starpower.net  
Community-based organization that provides information and options to DC young about civilian job training, job placement, and educational funding alternatives to the false promises made by military recruiters. Provides an open critique of recruitment promises, racism, homophobia and sexism in the ranks, and the dangers of military life, as well as opposes further funding of the Junior ROTC program in the DC school system.

#### **Committee of Correspondence, Metro/DC**

Contact: Glenn Morrison  
P.O. Box 11109  
Washington, DC 20008-0309  
(202) 362-3748  
morriss3@erols.com  
www.redandgreen.org  
Local activists of all races and national backgrounds who believe in radical democratization of our economic and political system.

#### **Community Alliance For Youth Action**

Contact: Michael Atkins  
2008 10th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 986-0206  
(202) 986-0208 fax  
thinkcaya@aol.com  
www.empoweryouth.org  
Empower people to work for positive social change through community action tours and teacher training.

#### **Community Harvest**

Contact: John Freidrich  
2437 15th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 667-8875  
(202) 667-9669 fax  
info@communityharvestdc.org  
www.communityharvestdc.org  
Nonprofit organization working to build a more local, sustainable, and just economy in the DC area. Runs an urban mini-farm ('Urban Oasis') in Ward 8 of DC and provides support for the development of community-run farm stands and farmers markets.

#### **Compassion- Over -Killing**

Contact: Paul Shapiro  
P.O. Box 9773  
Washington, DC 20016  
(301) 891-2458  
info@cok-online.org  
www.cok-online.org  
Compassion Over Killing is a DC-based animal rights organization. Founded in 1995, COK opposes animal exploitation and promotes compassionate living through veganism.

#### **Conflict Resolution Education Network**

Contact: Jennifer Duhann  
1527 New Hampshire Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 667-9700  
(202) 667-8629 fax  
membership@crenet.org  
www.crenet.org  
Supports schools and universities in nurturing non-violent problem-solving and effective communication as vital components of a healthy civic life.

#### **Council of Latino Agencies**

Contact: Eugenio Arene  
2437 15th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 328-9451  
(202) 667-6135 fax  
earene@consejo.org  
www.consejo.org  
Represents 40 other organizations in DC that form a network of service, provides for Latinos and other low-income residents.

#### **Council for the National Interest**

Contact: Eugene Bird  
1250 - 4th St SW, # WG-1  
Washington, DC 20024  
1-800-296-6958  
(202) 863-2951  
(202) 863-2952 fax  
count@igc.org  
www.cnionline.org  
Nonprofit grassroots advocacy organization seeking to

bring peace and justice to the conflict in the Middle East. Appeals to members of Congress to act justly in their policies. Advocates a Palestinian state with a shared Jerusalem for both Palestinians and Israelis.

#### **Criminal Justice Policy Foundation**

Contact: Eric E. Sterling  
8730 Georgia Avenue, # 400  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 589-6020  
(301) 589-5056 fax  
info@cjpf.org  
www.cjpf.org  
Assists policy makers, criminal justice professionals and public, disseminating information about preventing crime and improving quality of justice through education programs, publications, and the news media.

#### **DC Anti-War Network**

PO Box 21827  
Washington, DC 20009-1827  
Contact: Jim MacDonald  
(202) 299-1054  
info@dawndc.net  
www.dawndc.net

A network of organizations and individuals whose goal is the end of US military intervention abroad and attacks on our basic freedoms here.

#### **DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Inc.**

Contact: Megan Stauble  
1111 - 14th Street NW, #510  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 289-8007  
(202) 289-8009  
mstauble@dcappleseed.org  
www.appleseeds.net/dc  
Small nonprofit public interest organization dedicated to improving the financial health of DC and the management of its government. Works on a wide variety of issues, including projects related to public education, environment, voting reform, and legislative operations. DC Appleseed

staffs projects with volunteer lawyers, other professionals, and community members.

#### **DC Area Books to Prisoners Project**

Contact: Kenji Warren  
Quixote Center  
P.O. Box 5206  
Hyattsville, MD 20782  
(301) 699 0042  
(301) 864 2182 fax  
bookstoprisoners@quixote.org  
ejusa@quixote.org  
www.quixote.org/ej  
Supports education inside prisons by offering free literature and other materials to the incarcerated. Currently developing pamphlets and workshops to help educate our communities of the conditions in US prisons. Supports a criminal justice system that focuses on rehabilitation and education, and organizes in opposition to the criminal injustice system that is obsessed with punishment and vengeance.

#### **DC Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errands (DC-CURE)**

Contact: Charlie and Pauline Sullivan  
P.O. Box 2310  
Washington, DC 20013-2310  
(202) 789-2126  
(413) 845-9787 fax  
cure@curenational.org  
www.curenational.org  
Works to reduce crime through reform of the criminal justice system. Advocates alternatives to incarceration and rehabilitative opportunities within prisons and jails. Members and leaders are prisoners and ex-prisoners, their families, and concerned citizens.

#### **DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

Contact: Nancy Meyer  
1718 P Street NW, # T-6  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 299-1181  
(202) 299-1193 fax



help@dccadv.org  
 dswartz@dccadv.org  
 www.dccadv.org

A coalition of domestic violence education providers and advocates working to eradicate domestic violence in DC.

**DC Coalition for Rent Control**

Contact: Karen Williamson  
 (202) 483-1680

DCCoalitionForRentControl@egroups.com  
 or keekat@starpower.net

City-wide group of renters and other concerned citizens. Focuses on the need to maintain affordable rental housing for low and moderate income residents and lobbies to strengthen rent control in the District of Columbia. Maintains a list serve and sends out notices of activities.

**DC/MD/NOVA Democratic Socialists of America**

Contact: Pleasant Mann  
 P.O. Box 33345

Washington, DC 20033  
 (202) 232-2500 ext. #3  
 dcda@Chesapeake.net  
 www.dsausa.org  
 Works to expand political and economic democracy in the U.S. and the world. Also fights capital globalization and supports the struggle for democracy in the District of Columbia.

**DC Independent Media Center**

Contact: Chris Strohm, Alan Bushnell

P.O. Box 73691  
 Washington, DC 20056-3691  
 (202) 452-5936

dc@indymedia.org  
 www.dc.indymedia.org

Dedicated to building media democracy and increasing community access to information and technology. A not-for-profit, volunteer-based collective of independent media makers and journalists, the DC-IMC encourages people to become the media by self-publishing

their video, audio, stories and photographs.

**DC Peace and Economic Justice Program of AFSC**

Contact: Peta Ikambana

2211 14th St, NW  
 Washington, DC  
 (202) 299-1050

(202) 299-1053 fax  
 localdc@afsc.org

www.afsc.org/mar/dctoc.htm

Brings together people from throughout the DC area to work on building a community at peace where social and economic justice prevail. Programs focus on conflict resolution and social change for youth and issues of democracy in DC.

**DC Primary Care Association**

Contact: Terry Walker

1411- K St NW, # 1200  
 Washington, DC 20004  
 (202) 638-0252

(202) 638-4557 fax  
 dcpc@dcpc.org

www.dcpc.org

Works to improve quality and availability of health services to the District's medically vulnerable. The organization works to aid the development and maintenance of an effective health care system in DC; a system that guarantees access to primary care and eliminates disparities in health outcomes.

**DC Rape Crisis Center**

Contact: Monique Massey

P.O. Box 34125

Washington, DC 20043-2145  
 (202) 232-0789

(202) 387-3812 fax

(202) 382-1371 TTY

(202) 333-RAPE hotline

dcrc@dcrc.org

www.dcrcc.org

Offers counseling and advocacy for all survivors of sexual violence. Provides free counseling and referrals for adults and children. Sponsors self-defense workshops for women and the annual Take Back the Night march. Has speakers' bureau

to educate the public on issues of sexual assault and sexual abuse.

**DC VOICE (District Community Voices Organized and Informed for Change in Education)**

Contact: Erika Landberg  
 1328 Florida Ave, NW 3rd Fl  
 Washington, DC 20056

(202) 986-8535

(202) 238-0109 fax

dcvoice@dcvoice.org

www.dcvoice.org

A collective of teachers, parents and community members committed to ensuring every child in Washington, DC a high-quality public education. Our belief is that schools will improve when the public is strong enough to both support a school system and hold it and the city accountable for the education of our youth.

**Death Penalty Information Center**

Contact: Paula Bernstein

1320 - 18th St, NW 5th Fl  
 Washington, DC 20036

(202) 293-6970

(202) 822-4787 fax

dpic@essential.org

www.deathpenaltyinfor.org

Serves the media and the public with analysis and information on issues regarding capital punishment. Prepares in-depth reports, issues press releases, conducts briefings for journalists, and serves as a resource to those working on the issue.

**The Development Gap**

Contact: Steve Hellingner

927 - 15th St NW, 4th Floor  
 Washington, DC 20005

(202) 898-1566

(202) 898-1612 fax

dgap@igc.org

www.developmentgap.org

With a first-hand knowledge of the circumstances and capabilities of the people of much of the South and the economic institutions and policy circles of the North, the Development GAP has sought to close the wide gap that has existed between Third World local realities and the perception of Northern policymakers who have not experienced those realities.

**Dorothy Day Catholic Worker**

Contact: Kathy Boylan,

Art Laffin  
 503 Rock Creek Church Rd  
 NW, Washington, DC 20010



(202) 882-9649

Christian community involved in nonviolent action for disarmament and social justice.

**Drug Policy Alliance**

Contact: Ethan Nadelmann

925 - 15th St NW, 2nd Fl  
 Washington, DC 20005

(202) 216-0035

(202) 216-0803 fax

dc@drugpolicy.org

www.dpf.org

Favors a shift away from criminal justice approaches to drug use and abuse. Works to end a policy based on one-dimensional prohibition. Serves as a resource through its research, publication, events, and its library and book catalog.

**Drug Policy Project**

Contact: Sanho Tree

Institute for Policy Studies

733 15th St NW, # 1020

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 234-9382 x266

(202) 387-7915 fax

stree@igc.org

www.ips-dc.org

Works with international and DC/Baltimore-based groups

to promote a holistic reform of drug policy toward a public health and economic development model and away from the current "social control" program.

**East Timor Action Network**

Contact: Karen Orenstein

1101 Pennsylvania Avenue SE  
 Washington, DC 20003

(202) 5446911

(202) 5446118 fax

karen@etan.org

www.etan.org

A grassroots organization working in solidarity with the people of East Timor. Supports advocating for women's rights, democracy, sustainable development, sound environmental practices, and comprehensive social, legal, and economic justice. Works to influence the policies of the U.S. government and international institution - www.epinet.org  
 Works to provide high-quality research and education in

order to promote a prosperous, fair, and sustainable economy. Stresses real world analysis and a concern for the living standards of working people. Makes its findings accessible to the general public, the media, and policy makers.

**Ecumenical Program of Central America and the Caribbean (EPICA)**

Contact: Olivia Burlingame

Goumbri

1470 Irving Street NW

Washington, DC 20010

(202) 332-0292

(202) 332-1184 fax

epica@igc.org

www.epica.org

Small press and solidarity group working on social justice issues in Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico. Sponsors speaking tours, local events and delegations to the region.

**Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC)**

Contact: Erin Gustafson

1101 Pennsylvania Ave SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 543-6176

(202) 543-0725 fax

info@epic-usa.org

epicenter@igc.org

www.epic-usa.org

With both the grassroots and a coalition of national organizations, EPIC works to document the humanitarian crisis in Iraq, build public awareness, improve media accountability and advocate change in U.S. policy.

**Emmaus Services for the Aging**

Contact: Fr. Rusty S. Smith

1426 9th St NW

Washington DC 20001

(202) 7451200

(202) 7451246 fax

www.emmausservices.org

Provide services to low-income seniors in Washington, D.C. that help them live in their homes safely and independently.

**Families Against Mandatory Minimums**

Contact: Monica Pratt



1612 K Street NW, #700  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 8226700  
(202) 8226704 fax  
famm@famm.org  
www.famm.org  
National organization of citizens working to reform federal and state mandatory sentencing laws that remove judicial discretion. To ensure equity and fairness at all stages of the sentencing process, Famm also works to improve sentencing guidelines.

#### Fifty Plus One

817 Silver Spring Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 587-8061  
(301) 587-8063 fax  
fiftyplusone@erols.com  
www.interguru.com/fiftyplusone/  
Non-partisan, non-profit organization designed to train pro-choice women in campaign skills so they can run for local, state and national office.

#### Filipino/American Coalition for Environmental Solutions (FACES)

Contact: Gerald B. Lacosta  
110 Maryland Ave NE #502  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 5446564x5  
(202) 5442820 fax  
glacosta@gmu.edu  
facesdc@facessolutions.org  
www.facessolutions.org  
Dedicated to seeking environmental justice for communities affected by environmental contamination at former U.S. military bases in the Philippines by working toward U.S. responsibility for the toxic legacy.

#### Free China Movement

Contact: Timothy Cooper  
1319 - 18th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 244-9479  
dcofficefcm@yahoo.com  
www.freechina.net  
Focuses on political activism, calling the world's attention to human rights abuses taking place in China today, and

working toward the advancement of political pluralism under the banner of the China Democracy Party (CDP). Sponsors rallies and protests, Congressional lobbying visits, and international educational forums.

#### Friends Committee on National Legislation

Contact: Joe Volk  
245 2nd Street NW  
Washington, DC 20002  
1-800-630-1330  
(202) 547-6000  
(202) 547-6019 fax  
fcnl@fcnl.org  
www.fcnl.org  
Quaker lobby in the public interest. FCNL seeks to bring the concerns, experiences and testimonies on the Religious Society of Friends to bear on policy decisions in the Nation's capital. FCNL's small staff works with a nationwide network of thousands of Quakers and like-minded people to advocate social and economic justice, peace and good government.

#### Friends of the Earth

Contact: Cheryl Johnson  
1717 Massachusetts Ave NW, # 600  
Washington, DC 20036-2002  
1-877-843-8687  
(202) 783-0444 fax  
foe@foe.org  
www.foe.org  
A national environmental organization dedicated to preserving the health and diversity of the planet for future generations. As the largest international environmental network in the world with affiliates in 63 countries, FOE empowers citizens to have an influential voice in decisions affecting their environment.

#### Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, National Capital Area (GLAAD/NCA)

Contact: Sarah Holbert  
248 West 35th St., 8th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
(212) 629-3322

(212) 629-3225 fax  
glaad@glaad.org  
www.glaad.org  
Promotes fair, accurate, inclusive and diverse representation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the media as a means of combating homophobia and all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

#### Gray Panthers of Metropolitan Washington

Contact: Luci Murphy, Joan Drake  
1426 - 9th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 332-8672 phone/fax  
gpanther@capaccess.org  
info@graypanthers.org  
www.graypanthers.org  
Advocacy group for peace and justice concerns, including economic justice. "Age and Youth" in action (not merely a seniors organization). Fights for universal health care, labor rights, public education and peace.

#### Greenpeace USA

Contact: John Passacantando  
702 H Street NW #300  
Washington, DC 20001  
1-800-326-0959  
(202) 462-1177  
(202) 462-4507 fax  
info@wdc.greenpeace.org  
www.greenpeaceusa.org  
Independent campaigning organization that uses non-violent, creative confrontation to expose global environmental problems and to force solutions essential to a green and peaceful future.

#### Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA

Contact: Patricia Davis  
3321 12th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20017  
(202) 529-6599  
(202) 526-4611 fax  
ghrc-usa@ghrc-usa.org  
pdavis@ghrc-usa.org  
http://ghrc-usa.org/  
Nonprofit, nongovernmental humanitarian organization concerned with human rights issues related to Guatemala and to torture worldwide through the project Torture Abolition and Torture Survivors Coalition.

#### Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive

Contact: Cyndee Clay  
P.O. Box 21349  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 232-8150  
(202) 232-8304  
1-800-676-HIPS hotline  
hipsinc@erols.com



www.hips.org

The HIPS organization is designed to end the cycle of abuse of sex workers on the streets, to work with them to improve their lives, and to give them tools to pursue a self-determined, independent and productive way of living.

#### Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Committee

Contact: John Steinbach  
7615 Lake Drive  
Manassas, VA 20111  
(703) 369-7427  
(703) 392-5045 fax  
jsteinbach@starpower.net  
Organizes local annual commemoration of the first atomic bombings as well as activities dealing with radiation victims' issues. Sponsors lecture tours by Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors, children's disarmament activities, and co-sponsors the International Day Against War Toys.

#### Homes Not Jails

(202) 588-1087  
hnj-dc@homesnotjails.org  
www.homesnotjails.com  
Homes Not Jails, an all-volunteer organization, holds that housing is a right, not a privilege. The group takes over abandoned buildings with people who are experiencing homelessness. E-mail to ask about weekly meeting times and locations.

#### Human Progress Network

Contact: Peter Zuckerman  
610 Ethan Allen Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 209125400  
(301) 891-2996  
(301) 891-2997 fax  
pazpax@hpn.org  
www.hpn.org  
Educational organization dedicated to promoting human progress and survival by correcting the worldwide condition of political mismanagement and downsizing the excessive military institutions. Sponsors the "Government for the People" program www.govforpeople.org designed to reform the political institutions of America.

#### Human Rights Watch

1630 Connecticut Ave NW, 500  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 612-4321

(202) 612-4333 fax  
hrwdc@hrw.org  
www.hrw.org

Works to end a broad range of human rights abuses including summary executions, torture, arbitrary detention, restrictions on the freedom of expression, association, assembly and religion, violations of due process, and discrimination on racial, gender, ethnic and religious grounds.

#### Indonesia Human Rights Network

Contact: Kurt Biddle  
1101 Pennsylvania Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 544-1211  
(202) 544-6118 fax  
kurtbiddle@earthlink.net  
www.indonesianetwork.org  
U.S.-based grassroots organization working to educate and activate the American public, influence U.S. foreign policy and international economic interests to support democracy, demilitarization, and justice through accountability and rule of law in Indonesia. Seeks to end Indonesian armed repression by exposing it to international scrutiny.

#### Institute for Policy Studies

Contact: Dorian Lipscombe  
733 - 15th St NW, # 1020  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 234-9382  
(202) 387-7915 fax  
dorian@igc.org  
www.ips-dc.org  
Multi-issue progressive think-tank. Through books, articles, films, conferences, and activist education offers resources for progressive social change locally, nationally and globally.

#### Institute for Public Accuracy

Contact: Sam Hussein  
915 National Press Building  
Washington, DC 20045  
(202) 347-0020  
(202) 347-0290 fax  
sam@accuracy.org  
www.accuracy.org  
Consortium of policy experts, academics and activists seeking to diversify the national debates as well as challenge the pronouncements of the establishment think-





tanks which have so often dominated the discussions. Puts out news releases citing analysts and refers media professionals to other experts.

**Inter-Faith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC)**

Contact: Rev. Clark Lobenstein  
1426 - 9th St NW #200  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 234-6300  
(202) 234-6303 fax  
ifc@ifcmw.org  
www.ifcmw.org  
Brings together the Bahai, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, Latter-Day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Sikh faith communities in the Washington region to: 1) increase understanding, dialogue and a sense of community among peoples of diverse faiths from different races and cultures; and 2) address issues of social and economic justice in defense of human dignity.

**International Campaign for Tibet**

Contact: Tenzin Dhongthog  
1825 K Street NW, #520  
Washington, DC 20006  
1-888-TIBETNOW  
(202) 785-1515  
(202) 785-4343 fax  
info@savetibet.org  
www.savetibet.org  
Promotes human rights and democratic freedoms for the people of Tibet by lobbying, engaging in public education and grassroots activism. Also provides humanitarian assistance to Tibetans in India, Nepal, and other refugee communities. Offers lectures, book study groups, rallies and other opportunities for action.

**International Women's Democracy Center**

Contact: Barbara Ferris  
1730 Rhode Island Ave NW,  
# 715  
Washington, DC 20036-3101  
(202) 530-0563  
(202) 530-0564 fax  
info@iwdc.org  
www.iwdc.org  
Established to strengthen women's global leadership through training, education, networking and research with

a focus on increasing the participation of women in politics, policy and decision-making within their own governments. Partners with established NGOs in the host country to implement its programs, activities and workshops.

**Jews United for Justice**

Contact: Eric Pohost  
2027 Massachusetts Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 483-1945  
info@jufj.org  
www.jufj.org  
Jews United for Justice organizes a visible Jewish presence and takes action for economic and social justice in the Washington, DC area. JUFJ provides Jews with an opportunity to weave together Judaism and activism, and creates a community in which they can explore and strengthen their commitments to both.

**Jobs With Justice**

Contact: Fred Azcarate  
1325 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 393-1044  
(202) 393-7408 fax  
info@jwj.org  
www.jwj.org  
National campaign for workers' rights and economic justice, working through coalitions of labor, community, religious and constituency organizations.

**Jubilee USA Network**

Contact: Mara Vanderslice  
222 E. Capital Street NE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 783-3566  
(202) 546-4468 fax  
coord@j2000usa.org  
www.jubileusa.org  
Part of a world-wide movement to cancel the crushing debt of impoverished countries.

**Justice Policy Institute**

Contact: Malik Russell  
4455 Connecticut Ave., NW,  
Suite B-500  
Washington, DC, 20008  
(202) 363-7847  
(202). 363-8677 fax

info@justicepolicy.org  
www.justicepolicy.org  
Advocates for alternatives to incarceration, and more humane treatment of prisoners. The Institute campaigns to close juvenile detention centers and prisons, assists advocates, attorneys and activists in their efforts to promote change in the prison industrial complex, and provides hard-hitting research and information on America's prison system.

**Latin America Working Group**

Contact: Joy Olsen  
110 Maryland Ave NE, Box 15  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 546-7010  
(202) 5437-647 fax  
lawg@lawg.org  
www.lawg.org  
Coalition of over 60 religious, human rights, grassroots and development organizations striving since 1983 for U.S. policies that promote peace, justice, and sustainable development in the region.

**Latin American Youth Center**

Contact: Jennifer Shewmake  
1419 Columbia Road NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 319-2225  
(202) 462- 5696 fax  
info@layc-dc.org  
www.layc-dc.org  
Multi-lingual and multi-cultural non-profit youth and family development center striving to counteract the effects of poverty and racism.

**League of Women Voters of DC**

Contact: Patricia Hallman or Sheila Willet  
1730 M St NW, # 1000  
Washington, DC 20036-4508  
(202) 429-1965  
(202) 429-0854 fax  
(202) 347-3020  
(202) 347-2522 fax  
lwv@lwv.org  
www.dwatch.com/lwvdc  
Non-partisan, multi-issue activist and political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**Little Friends for Peace**

Contact: Mary Joan Park  
4405 29th Street  
Mt. Rainier, MD 20712  
(301) 412-3083  
(301) 927-5474 fax  
jpark@capaccess.org  
info@lffp.org

jmjpark@aol.com  
www.lffp.org  
Dedicated to teaching non-violent and family peace-making skills to young children with playful skills-building activities by training their adult and teen leaders. Consultations and ongoing support provided.

**LLEGO (National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization)**

Contact: Yurina Altamirano  
1420 K Street NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 408-5380  
(202) 408-8478 fax  
aquilgbt@llego.org  
www.llego.org  
A national organization made up of approximately 172 Network of Allies organizations (Afiliados and Aliados) that seek to effectively address issues of concern to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Latinos/as at local, state, regional, national and international levels.

**Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns**

Contact: Marie Dennis  
401 Michigan Avenue NE  
Washington, DC  
Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 29132  
Washington, DC 20017  
(202) 832-1780  
(202) 832-5195 fax  
ogc@maryknoll.org  
www.maryknoll.org/global/global  
Works to bring the voice of Maryknoll missionaries and the people that they serve around the world to bear in decisionmaking tables in the U.S. and other governments, the United Nations and international financial institutions. Involved with the Jubilee2000/USA and other efforts to end the debt of developing nations as well as with initiatives to promote human rights around the world.

**Maryland United for Peace and Justice**

Contact: Tony Langbehn  
327 East 25th Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218  
(410) 747-3811 or

(301) 390-9684  
(410) 786-6371 fax  
attn. Ron Solomon  
MUPJ@Bigfoot.com  
www.mupj.org  
www.dccofc.org  
Network of groups and individuals in Maryland interested in peace, justice, environment and related topics. Organizes annual statewide peace and social justice conference, sponsors annual Fred Benjamin Peace Awards for high school students, and publishes a monthly events calendar.

**Men Can Stop Rape**

Contact: Patrick Lemmon  
P.O. Box 57144  
Washington, DC 20037-7144  
(202) 265-6530  
(202) 265-4362 fax  
info@mencanstoprape.org  
www.mencanstoprape.org  
Empowers male youth and the institutions that serve them to work as allies with women in preventing rape and other forms of men's violence. Through awareness-to-action education and community organizing, promotes gender equity and builds men's capacity to be strong without being violent.

**Middle East Realities**

Contact: Mark Bruzonsky  
3003 Van Ness St NW, W-728  
Washington, DC 20008  
Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 18367  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 362-5266  
(202) 362-6965 fax  
mer@middleeast.org  
www.middleeast.org  
Works to distill and present the most incisive and honest, the most insightful and independent information and analysis about what is really going on in today's Middle East as well as in Washington about the Middle East.

**NARAL-Maryland Affiliate of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League**

Contact: Crisma Cabban  
8121 Georgia Avenue, #501  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 565-4154  
(301) 588-5790 fax





mdnaral@erols.com  
www.mdnaral.org  
Maryland chapter of national pro-choice group involved in political work, updates, and campus organizing projects.

#### National Abortion Rights Action League

National Office  
Contact: Rachel Zukow  
1156 15th Street, Suite #700  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 973-3000  
(202) 973-3096 fax  
naral@naral.org  
www.naral.org  
Works to protect and preserve the right to choose while promoting policies and programs that improve women's health and make abortion less necessary, educate Americans and officeholders about reproductive rights and health issues, and elect pro-choice candidates at all levels of government.

#### National Campaigns for a Peace Tax Fund

Contact: Jennifer Bell  
2121 Decatur Place NW  
Washington, DC 20008  
1-888-PEACE-TAX  
(202) 483-3751  
(202) 986-0667 fax  
info@peacetaxfund.org  
www.peacetaxfund.org  
Advocates for legislation enabling conscientious objectors to war to pay their full federal taxes into a fund which could not be used for the military.

#### National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Contact: Leonna Martin or Sarah Wisely  
920 Pennsylvania Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003  
(202) 543-9577  
(202) 543-7798 fax  
info@ncadp.org  
swisely@ncadp.org  
www.ncadp.org  
Coalition of organizations and individuals committed to the abolition of capital punishment. Disseminates information, engages in public advocacy, and mobilizes and

supports people against the death penalty.

#### National Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: Michael Stoops  
1012 14th Street NW, #600  
Washington, DC 20005-3471  
(202) 737-6444 x 311  
(202) 737-6445 fax  
info@nationalhomeless.org  
www.nationalhomeless.org  
National federation of individuals and organizations committed to ending homelessness. Focuses on housing, living wage, health care and civil rights issues. Engages in public education, policy advocacy, grassroots organizing and technical assistance to empower homeless people.

#### National Coalition to Protect Political Freedom

Contact: Kit Gage  
3321 12th Street NE  
Washington, DC 20017  
(202) 529-4225  
(202) 526-4611 fax  
kgage@igc.org  
info@ncppf.org  
www.ncppf.org  
Defends the constitutional rights in the U.S. of political expression, association and due process for immigrants and citizens alike. Works to eliminate the use of secret evidence in deportations, and to defend First Amendment activity. Engages in legal, educational and organizing work.

#### National Family Farm Coalition

Contact: Kathy Ozer  
110 Maryland Ave NE, # 307  
Washington, DC 20002-5626  
(202) 543-5675  
(202) 543-0978 fax  
nffc@nffc.net  
www.nffc.net  
Strongly opposes the vertical integration of agriculture, and serves as a network of groups opposing corporate agriculture. Has worked to promote the safety of the food supply and the security of those who make it possible.

#### National Gay/Lesbian Task Force

Contact: Lorri L. Jean  
1700 Kalorama Rd NW, Suite 101  
Washington, DC 20009-2624  
(202) 3326483  
(202) 3320207 fax  
(202) 3326219 TTY  
nglft@nglftf.org  
www.nglftf.org  
Works to eliminate prejudice, violence and injustice against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at local, state and national levels since its inception in 1973.

#### National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)

Contact: Kim Schaffer  
1012 14th Street NW, Suite 610  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 662-1530 x 230  
(202) 393-1973 fax  
kim@nlihc.org  
info@nlihc.org  
www.nlihc.org  
Works to end America's affordable housing crisis. Committed to educating, organizing and advocating to ensure decent, affordable housing within healthy neighborhoods for all.

#### National Organizers Alliance

Contact: LaVon Rice  
715 G Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 543-6603 x4  
(202) 543-2462 fax  
lavon@noacentral.org  
info@noacentral.org  
www.noacentral.org  
Works to advance progressive organizing for social, economic and environmental justice and to sustain, support and nurture the people of all ages who do it. Organizes national gatherings, sponsors events and caucuses, promotes social justice dialogues, produces a quarterly newsletter (The ARK), hosts a web-based organizer clearinghouse, and provides a portable retirement pension plan.

#### NECA/Teaching for Change

Contact: Carolina Valencia  
P.O. Box 73038  
Washington, DC 20056  
1-800-763-9131  
(202) 588-7204  
(202) 238-0109 fax  
info@teachingforchange.org  
www.teachingforchange.org  
Publishes and distributes progressive teaching resources for K-12 classrooms, staff development and community education. Visit the web site, request a free catalog or call to arrange a visit to the

resource center. NECA also offers seminars on equity issues for the classroom and coordinates a program to strengthen family and school part-nerships.

#### Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA)

Contact: Mathew Kenneth  
1830 Connecticut Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 518-7638  
(202) 223-8221 fax  
nigua@igc.org  
www.nigua.org  
Supports the social movement in Guatemala for a democratic, multi-ethnic and multicultural society based on socioeconomic justice and full respect for human rights and freedom of expression.

#### Nonviolence International

Contact: Michael Beer  
4545- 42nd St. NW #209  
Washington, DC 20016  
(202) 244-0951  
(202) 244-6396 fax  
nonviolence@igc.org  
www.nonviolenceinternational.net  
Assists individuals, organizations and governments striving to utilize nonviolent methods to bring about changes reflecting the values of justice and human development on personal, social, economic and political levels. Provides strategic and tactical assistance to nonviolent campaigns, educating the public on nonviolent methods of social change, publishing, organizing conferences, training and collaborating with international peace and conflict resolution groups.

#### NOW Action Center

Contact: Johanna Ettin  
1100 H Street NW, 3rd floor  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202) 628-8669 (628-8NOW)  
(202) 785-8576 fax  
(202) 331-9002 -TTY  
now@now.org  
www.now.org  
Strives to secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women, end all

forms of violence against women, eradicate racism, sexism, and homophobia through direct mass actions, intensive lobbying, grassroots political organizing and litigation.

#### Physicians for Social Responsibility

Contact: Madeline Riley  
1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite #1012  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 667-4260 ext. 210  
(202) 667-4201 fax  
mriley@psr.org  
www.psr.org  
A joint effort of Peace Action, Physicians for Social Responsibility, 20/20 Vision and Women's Action for New Directions. Promotes effective nuclear disarmament measures leading toward the elimination of nuclear weapons by linking education and action between U.S. citizen advocates for nuclear disarmament and Washington DC policy makers.

#### Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of the Metropolitan Washington Area

Contact: Rhonda Buckner  
1111 14th St NW, Suite #350  
Washington DC 20005  
(202) 638-3852  
(202) 842-2087 fax  
info@pflagdc.org  
www.pflagdc.org  
Non-profit, volunteer-run organization that works to provide support, education, and advocacy programs for members and the general public on issues of concern for families who have a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered member, and those individuals themselves. Holds monthly facilitated support groups for people who are struggling with issues surrounding having a LGBT loved one; a support group specifically for people with a family member suffering from AIDS or HIV. Frequently sponsors educational programs for members as well as the general public on relevant topics.





**Partners for Peace**  
 Contact: Jerri Bird  
 1250 4th Street SW, #WG-1  
 Washington, DC 20024  
 (202) 863-2951  
 (202) 863-2952 fax  
 info@partnersforpeace.org  
 www.partnersforpeace.org  
 Works to promote a just and lasting settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through public discourse, network facilitation, and serving as a clearinghouse on the peoples and crucial issues of the area. Specializes in media access.

**Pax Christi- Metro DC**  
 Contact: Patricia Balestra  
 3047 - 4th Street NE  
 Washington, DC 2017  
 (202) 635-0441  
 (202) 319-5543 (National Office)  
 paxchristi@altavista.com  
 jean@paxchristiusa.org  
 www.paxchristimetrod.c  
 International peace and justice activist movement using the ideal of Christian non-violence to advocate disarmament, demilitarization, peace education, and alternatives to violence.

**Peace Action**  
 Contact: Jason Smith  
 1100 Wayne Ave., Suite #1020  
 Silver Spring, MD 20910  
 (301) 565-4050 ext.#321  
 (301) 565-0850 fax  
 jsmith@peace-action.org  
 www.peace-action.org  
 Works to abolish nuclear weapons, for a more peaceful economy, for an end to weapons trafficking and for non-military solutions to international conflicts.

**Positive Force DC**  
 Contact: Mark Andersen  
 1301 15th Street NW #424  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 (703) 276-9768  
 (202) 745-1246 fax  
 pfdc@mutualaid.org  
 www.positiveforcecdc.org  
 Positive Force DC is a punk activist collective that has worked for radical social

change and youth empowerment since 1985. Organizes benefit concerts, creative protests, educational events, does direct work with needy people and provides meeting space to other groups. Part of the Flemming Center, a cooperative community-center project, spearheaded by Emmaus Services for the Aging in the Shaw neighborhood.

**Poverty and Race Research Action Council**  
 Contact: Chester Hartman  
 3000 Connecticut Ave NW,  
 # 200  
 Washington, DC 20008  
 (202) 387-9887  
 (202) 387-0764 fax  
 info@prrac.org  
 www.prrac.org  
 Fosters and supports collaborations among researchers and advocates, to effectively address problems faced by people living at the intersection of poverty and race. Publishes the bi-monthly journal, "Poverty and Race."

**Pride At Work**  
 Contact: Sally Horn  
 815 - 16th Street NW, #4020  
 Washington, DC 20006  
 (202) 647-5085  
 (202) 508-6923  
 paw@aficio.org  
 www.prideatwork.org  
 National Pride At Work is affiliated as a constituency group of the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations). The purpose of Pride At Work is to mobilize mutual support between the organized labor movement and the LGBT community, organizing for social and economic justice.

**Project on Government Oversight**  
 Contact: Keith Rutter  
 666 - 11th St NW, # 500  
 Washington, DC 20001  
 (202) 347-1122  
 (202) 347-1116 fax  
 pogo@pogo.org

www.pogo.org  
 Non-profit group that investigates, exposes, and remedies abuse of power, mismanagement, and subservience to special interests by federal government. Maintains website with regular updates.

**Project South: Institute for Elimination of Poverty and Genocide**  
 Contact: Tomas Encarnacion  
 1525 Newton St NW  
 Washington, DC 20014  
 Mailing Address:  
 6617 Millwood Road  
 Bethesda, MD 20817  
 (301) 320-4034  
 (301) 320-4534 fax  
 teecwww1@aol.com  
 wkazfishman@igc.org  
 www.peacenet.org/projectsouth/  
 Broad-based community-driven membership organization that develops political and economic education and action research for organizing and liberation. Engages indigenous popular educators and movement leaders to use bottom-up movement building for social and economic justice.

**Proposition One Committee - Peace Park Anti-Nuclear Vigil**  
 Contact: Wm. or Ellen Thomas  
 P.O. Box 27217  
 Washington, DC 20038  
 (202) 682-4282 phone and fax  
 prop1@prop1.org  
 www.prop1.org  
 Non-profit, all-volunteer community working for peace, justice, and military/industrial conversion, via grassroots action and web-based education. Keeps 24-hour-a-day White House vigil since June 3, 1981. Sponsored successful voter initiative #37, which inspired the "Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion Act," introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives each congressional session since 1994 by DC's Delegate.

**Psychologists for Social Responsibility**  
 Contact: Ann Anderson  
 2604 Connecticut Avenue NW  
 Washington, DC 20008  
 (202) 745-7084  
 (202) 745-0051 fax  
 psysrusa@cs.com  
 psysripn@aol.com  
 www.psysr.com  
 Uses psychological knowledge and skills to promote peace with social justice at the community, national and international levels.

**Public Citizen**  
 Contact: Booth Gunter  
 1600 - 20th Street NW  
 Washington, DC 20009  
 (202) 588-1000  
 (202) 588-7798 fax  
 public\_citizen@citizen.org  
 www.citizen.org  
 National consumer advocacy organization, based in Washington, DC. Founded by Ralph Nader in 1971, the organization fights for consumer rights, open government, clean energy, fair trade, environmental protection and workplace safety. Active in Congress, courts, government agencies and the media.

**Quixote Center**  
 Contact: Tammy Williams  
 P.O. Box 5206  
 Hyattsville, MD 20782  
 (301) 699-0042  
 (301) 864-2182 fax  
 quixote@quixote.org  
 www.quixote.org  
 Multi-issue peace and justice activists running seven projects: Quest for Peace, Haiti Reborn, Catholics Speak Out, Equal Justice USA, Priests for Equality, and Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance.

**Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism**  
 Contact: Mark Pelavin  
 2027 Massachusetts Ave NW  
 Washington, DC 20007  
 (202) 387-2800  
 (202) 667-9070 fax  
 rac@uahc.org  
 www.rac.org  
 The hub of Jewish social justice and legislative activity in the nation's capital for over 35 years. It has educated and mobilized the American Jewish community on legislative and social concerns as an advocate in the U.S. Congress on issues ranging from Israel and Soviet Jewry to economic justice and civil rights, to international peace and religious liberty.

**School of the Americas Watch, DC (SOA Watch)**  
 Contact: Eric LeCompte  
 P.O. Box 4566  
 Washington, DC 20017-0566  
 (202) 234-3440  
 (202) 636-4505 fax  
 info@soaw.org

www.soaw.org  
 Lobbies and organizes civil disobedience, educational forums and other actions to close the U.S. Army School of the Americas (School of Assassins) in Ft. Benning, GA.

**Social Action and Leadership School for Activists (SALSA)**  
 A project of The Institute for Policy Studies  
 Contact: Netfa Freeman  
 733 15th Street NW, #1020  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 (202) 234-9382  
 (202) 387-7915 fax  
 netfa@hotsalsa.org  
 www.hotsalsa.org  
 Offers a skills training program for progressive organizations and individuals, strengthening community activism and fostering engaged citizenship. Provides a forum for discussion and development of progressive issues and agendas and a unique networking opportunity for local activists.

**Solidarity Center**  
 Contact: Lisa McGowan  
 1925 K Street #300  
 Washington, DC 20006  
 (202) 778-4500  
 (202) 778-4525 fax  
 lmcgowan@acils.org  
 www.solidaritycenter.org  
 A non-profit organization that assists workers around the world who are struggling to build democratic, independent trade unions.

**Stand Up for Democracy in DC Coalition**  
 Contact: Anise Jenkins  
 1715 - 4th Street NW  
 Washington, DC 20001  
 (202) 232- 2500  
 sufd@standupfordemocracy.org  
 anisej@standupfordemocracy.org  
 www.standupfordemocracy.org  
 Works to educate and mobilize people locally, nationally and internationally to demand full democracy and local autonomy for DC residents. Methods include rallies, educational forums, citizenship training, lobbying, nonviolent direct action, media, local, national and international outreach.





### Statehood Solidarity Committee

Contact: Timothy Cooper  
4101 Davenport Street NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
(202) 244-9479 phone/fax  
worldright@aol.com  
Grassroots citizens' coalition that represents residents from the eight wards of DC. Dedicated to promoting statehood for DC and encouraging friendships across racial and ethnic lines. Instrumental in raising the issue of the disenfranchisement of District residents before the United Nations Human Rights Committee

### STITCH (Organizers for Labor Justice)

Contact: Beth Myers  
1525 Newton Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
(202) 265-3790  
stitch@stitchonline.org  
www.stitchonline.org  
STITCH is a network of US women unionists, organizers, and activists that seeks to build connections between Central American and US women organizing for economic justice.

### Sustainable Community Initiatives

Contact: Jim Schulman  
719 D Street NW, #302  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 544-0069  
(202) 544-9460 fax  
jschulman@igc.org  
Conducts hands-on demonstration projects and public education programs promoting community sustainability. Projects include promoting community-supportive, transit-oriented development in selected communities, protecting the Anacostia River from the ill effects of combined sewer overflows, in partnership with Capitol Hill Partners, and continuing efforts to develop a 2nd generation inside the Beltway "Urban Ecology Map."

### Tenants' and Workers' Support Committee

Contact: John Liss  
3805 Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22305  
(703) 684-5697  
(703) 684-5714 fax  
liss\_twsc@hotmail.com  
Promotes the empowerment of the residents of Alexandria, particularly the Latino and African Americans, through community education and self-help initiatives. Challenges racism through education and direct action. Organizes for collective ownership and control of community resources. Forges economic and cultural diversity and unity by strengthening Latino and African-American leadership.

### Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC) (Project of the Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA)

Contact: Orlando Tizon  
4121 Harewood Rd., Suite B  
Washington, DC 20017  
T. 202.529-2991  
F. 202.529-8334  
info@tassc.org  
http://www.tassc.org/

International organization of torture survivors, based on the international reality of torture and the belief that survivors must be accorded the right to speak for themselves. Calls for the eradication of torture, the end of military assistance to governments which torture, and for an end to impunity for those who torture and who order torture.

### Transgender Nation – Washington

P.O. Box 65  
Kensington, MD 20895  
(301) 949-3822 voicebox #8  
thexgrrrl@aol.com  
Direct-action group that works with other LGBT activist groups in the District. Responds to acts of transphobia in straight and gay

communities, especially the media. Works to obtain better HIV/AIDS services for transgendered residents of the District.

### Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

Contact: Meg Riley  
1320 18th St NW, # 300-B  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 296-4672  
(202) 296-4673 fax  
uuawo@uua.org  
www.uua.org

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations of Washington Center to the United States Congress and Administration represents on legislative and public policy matters. The office works on both urgent policy matters and long-term coalition building, using the social witness positions passed by the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly for guidance.

### UNITE HERE (Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees)

Contact: Patricia Campos  
1825 K St. NW, Lower Level  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 347-7417  
(202) 347-0708 fax  
pcampos@uniteunion.org  
www.uniteunion.org  
A new chapter in the history of the U.S. labor movement began in 1995 with the founding of UNITE HERE. The new union was formed by the merger of two of the nation's oldest unions: the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union.

### United Methodist Seminar Program on National and International Affairs

Contact: Susan Burton  
100 Maryland Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 488-5611  
(202) 488-1617 fax  
nchristie@umc-gbcs.org  
sgale@umc-gbcs.org  
www.umc-gbcs.org/  
seminar1\_orig.htm

Experimental educational program exploring timely international justice issues with persons of faith. Seminars include social analysis, conversation with national and grassroots activists, simulations, artistic expression, hands-on volunteer opportunities, Congressional advocacy and concrete action planning. Seminars are open

to high school age youth, college students and adults. Also offers international conflict resolution programs to Palestine and Israel, Greece, Puerto Rico, and other regions.

### U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)

Contact: Rick Trilsh  
218 D Street NE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 546-2461  
uspirg@pirg.org  
www.pirg.org

Fights against threats to public health using investigative research, media exposes, grassroots organizing and advocacy. Our mission is to deliver result-oriented public interest activism that protects our environment, encourages a fair, sustainable economy, and fosters responsive, democratic government.

### Veterans for Peace

Contact: Kevin McCarron  
3151 Newton Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20018  
(202) 691-5710  
(202) 691-5745 fax  
alanbreckstewart@yahoo.com (Baltimore)  
Contacts:  
Ellen Barfield  
410-243-5876  
ellene4pj@yahoo.com  
Peter Molan  
(410) 467-9149  
pdmolan@charm.net  
(NOVA) Contact: Doug Nelson  
6520 Byrnes Drive  
McLean, VA 22101-5226  
(703) 848-3501  
photogeezer@earthlink.net  
doug@dougnelsonphoto.com  
(Web):

www.veteransforpeace.org  
VFP is an independent veterans' organization emerging from the earlier legacies of the veteran antiwar movements. Membership is open to veterans and non-veteran associates working together for peace and justice. Adheres to nonviolence as its agency for advocacy and change. Operations are investigative and public action driven. Social alternatives are pursued

to root out the culture and racket of war.

### Washington Action Group (WAG)

Contact: Adam Eidinger  
(202) 986-6186  
(202) 232-8340 fax  
adam@mintwood.com  
www.mintwood.com  
Works on creative protesting and resistance through direct action, political performance, prop production, nonviolence skills and use of humor and training in the above. Demonstrations and theater have been around issues of globalization, Palestinian self-determination, anti-U.S. interventions and violence and training for SALSA and local conferences.

### Washington Area Clinic Defense Task Force (WACDTF)

P.O. Box 21796  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 797-6577  
wacdtf@wacdtf.org  
www.wacdtf.org  
All-volunteer, pro-choice organization committed to defending access to safe, legal abortion. Organizes abortion clinic defense and provides clinic escort services on Saturday mornings and other times as needed. Offers training for new volunteers approx-imately once a month.

### Washington DC- Area War Tax Resistance and Washington Area Alternative Fund

Contact: Carol Moore  
P.O. Box 65518  
Washington, DC 20035  
(202) 635-3739  
endviolence@carolmoore.net  
www.dcwtr.org/  
Individuals who refuse to pay for war and resist some or all of our federal income taxes. Many of us put money into our Washington Area Alternative Fund in order to re-direct the money or its interest to peace and human needs groups. We hold support and organizational meetings every few months.





### Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Contact: Patricia Mullahy Fugere  
1200 U Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 328-5500  
(202) 328-5515 fax  
washlch@erols.com  
info@legalclinic.org  
www.legalclinic.org  
The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless provides free civil legal aid to people who are homeless or in danger of becoming so in the District of Columbia. The Clinic also engages in a variety of advocacy activities to promote effective programs and opportunities for people who are poor and vulnerable.

### Washington Office on Africa

Contact: Leon Spencer  
212 East Capitol Street  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 547-7503  
(202) 547-7505 fax  
woa@igc.org  
www.woafrica.org  
Advocacy organization seeking to articulate and promote a just American policy towards Africa. Monitors Congressional legislation and executive policies and actions and issues action alerts. Seeks to work in partnership with colleagues in Africa, the African advocacy community in the U.S., and grassroots organizations concerned with various aspects of African affairs.

### Washington Office on Latin America

Contact: George Vickers  
1630 Connecticut Ave NW,  
# 200  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 797-2171  
(202) 797-2172 fax  
wola@wola.org  
www.wola.org  
Monitors the impact of U.S. foreign policy on human rights, democracy, and equi-

table development in Latin America. Through its reports WOLA informs and educates policy-makers, religious and non-governmental organizations, and the general public about that impact.

### Washington Peace Center

Contact: Brian Anders  
1426 9th Street NW 3rd floor  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 234-2000  
(202) 234-7064 fax  
wpc@igc.org  
www.washingtonpeacecenter.org  
Non-profit, anti-racist, multi-issue peace and justice organization committed to nonviolent social change, toward the establishment of alternative structures and relations that are humane, non-hierarchical, and just. Serves as a clearinghouse and resource center to the DC metropolitan progressive action community, organizes economic justice educational workshops and actions, posts weekly Activist Alerts, publishes the *Washington Peace Letter* quarterly, and the *Activist Guide and Media Guide* annually.

### Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities

Contact: Cheryl Cort  
4000 Albemarle Street NW,  
Washington, D.C. 20016  
(202) 244-1105  
(202) 244-4225 fax  
staff@washingtonregion.net  
www.washingtonregion.net  
Advocates transportation investments, land-use policies, and community designs that enhance existing communities and the environment of the National Capital Region.

### Witness for Peace

Contact: Krisanne Vaillancourt  
707 8th St., SE Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 547-6112  
(202) 547-6103 fax  
witness@witnessforpeace.org

www.witnessforpeace.org  
Politically independent non-profit organization dedicated to nonviolence. Seeks to change U.S. policies which contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to promote just alternatives. Undertakes advocacy campaigns and nonviolent actions, and accompanies people seeking justice.

### Women of All Red Nations (WARN)

Contact: Christine Rice  
P.O. Box 7422  
Silver Spring, MD 20907  
(202) 756-4101 phone/fax  
smallboy75@hotmail.com  
Feminist American Indian women's organization. Works on issues of concern to American Indian women, children and families.

### Women's Edge

Contact: Beth Myers  
1825 Connecticut Ave NW,  
# 800  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 884-8396  
(202) 884-8366 fax  
bmyers@womensedge.org  
www.womensedge.org  
Women's EDGE is a dynamic coalition of individuals and respected organizations that is giving women and families around the world an economic edge.

### Women's Information

Contact: Sioux Cook  
1800 R Street NW, Suite c-4  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 347-2827  
(202) 347-1418 fax  
www.winonline.org  
info@winonline.org  
Washington's premier professional, political and social network dedicated to empowering women, with a tradition of pro-choice, Democratic support

### Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press

Contact: Dr. Martha Leslie Allen  
1940 Calvert Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009-1502  
(202) 265-6707  
(202) 986-6355 fax  
director@wifp.org  
www.wifp.org  
Non-profit, tax-exempt research, education and publishing organization founded in 1972, working toward the radical reconstruction of the communication system so that people, not corporations, have "freedom of the press." Publications include the Directory of Women's Media

and a booklet series on media democracy issues.

### Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

Contact: Gillian Gilhool  
110 Maryland Ave NE, # 102  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 546-6727  
(202) 544-9613 fax  
wilpf-dc@wilpf.org  
www.wilpf.org  
WILPF works to create an environment of political, economic, social and psychological freedom for all members of the human community, so that true peace can be enjoyed by all.

### World Bank Bonds Boycott

Contact: Todd Tucker  
1830 Connecticut Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 299-0020  
(202) 299-0021 fax  
bankboycott@econjustice.net  
www.worldbankboycott.org  
The World Bank Bonds Boycott is an international grassroots campaign to demand fundamental change at the World Bank, including an end to harmful structural adjustment policies and 100% debt cancellation from its own resources. To date, over 30 unions, city councils, socially-responsible investment firms, religious and educational organizations have committed not to invest in the World Bank's bonds, where it gets 80% of its money.

### World Federalist Assoc.

Contact: Stacie Oliver  
420 7th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20004  
1-800-932-0123  
(202) 546-3950  
(202) 546-3749 fax  
wfa@wfa.org  
www.wfa.org  
Non-profit educational advocacy organization advancing effective means of ending genocide, democratizing the United Nations and other institutions of global governance, and promoting the universal rule of law at the international level by defining and advocating global solutions to global problems.

### World Service Authority

Contact: David Gallup  
1012 14th Street NW, Suite 1106  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 638-2662  
(202) 638-0638 fax  
info@worldservice.org  
www.worldservice.org

Founded to educate about, promote and implement universal human rights, world citizenship and world law. Provides legal advocacy to individuals throughout the world suffering from human rights violations. Offers internships in World Law, Public Relations and Non-Profit Organization Administration throughout the year to students from around the world.

### Worldwatch Institute

Contact: Hillary French  
1776 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 452-1999  
(202) 296-7365 fax  
hfrench@worldwatch.org  
www.worldwatch.org  
Worldwatch is a nonprofit public policy research organization dedicated to informing policymakers and public about emerging global problems and trends and the complex links between the world economy and its environmental support systems.

### Youth for Democracy and Positive Change

Contact: Will Picard  
3707 Raymond Street  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
(202) 825-4337  
ydp@hotmail.com  
www.ydp.net  
Youth for Democracy and Positive Change is an organization created by young people to involve young people in the democratic process and improving our world. We believe that for far too long, young people have lived as a silent minority, following rules and laws created without our consent in a world beyond our control.

### Youth Leadership Support Network

Contact: Doug Calvin  
P.O. Box 5372  
Takoma Park, MD 20913  
(202) 882-8678  
lunasol@igc.org  
www.worldyouth.org  
Washington, DC based national network of collaborating individuals, organizations, and partnerships that nourishes youth leadership development, intercultural collaboration, an understanding of the history and processes of social change, youth and elder dialogue, and violence prevention. Nurturing a culture of civic responsibility and global leadership.

*Additions or revisions?  
please call 202-234-2000  
or email wpc@igc.org*



## LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES, TV AND RADIO

### PRINT/WEB MEDIA

**Washington Post**  
Metro Desk (ask for assignment editor)  
1150 15th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20071  
(202) 334-7300  
(202) 334-5672 fax  
OPED@washpost.com  
http://www.washingtonpost.com/

**Washington Times**  
3600 New York Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
National Desk  
(202) 636-3291  
(202) 636-8906 fax  
Washington Times  
Metro Desk  
(202) 636-3131  
(202) 636-8906 fax  
letters@washingtontimes.com  
http://www.washtimes.com/

**Washington City Paper**  
2390 Champlain St., NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 332-2100  
(202) 332-8500 fax  
Submit events 2 weeks in advance to [www.washingtoncitypaper.com/listingsSubmit.html](http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/listingsSubmit.html)

**Washington Afro American**  
Reggie Williams, Editor  
1612 14th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 332-0080  
(202) 939-7461 fax  
rwilliams@afro.com  
[www.afro.com/washnewsfp.htm](http://www.afro.com/washnewsfp.htm)

**Common Denominator**  
680 Rhode Island Ave. NE, # N  
Washington, DC 20002-1296  
(202) 635-6397  
(202) 635-1449 fax  
news@thecommondenominator.com  
[www.thecommondenominator.com/](http://www.thecommondenominator.com/)

**IndyMedia DC**  
Independent Media Center  
PO Box 73691,  
Washington, DC 20056-3691  
(202) 452-5936  
dc@indymedia.org  
<http://dc.indymedia.org/>

**Washington Blade**  
Ask for assignments editor  
(202) 797-7000  
(202) 797-7040 fax  
<http://www.washblade.com/>

**Alliance for Community Media**  
Heidi Grace  
(202) 393-2650  
(202) 393-2653 fax  
government@alliance.org

**District Creative Media**  
Angie  
(202) 498-6932  
(202) 265-0203 fax

**District Chronicles**  
Lorinda Bullock  
(202) 806-9500  
(202) 483-6830 fax

**Information Times**  
Editor, Syed Adeb  
(703) 801-2303  
No fax, send info by e-mail  
editor@infotimes.net

**Washingtonian**  
Phone: (202) 296-3600  
Announcements: Leslie Milk  
lmilk@washingtonian.com  
editorial@washingtonian.com  
<http://www.washingtonian.com/>

### TV STATIONS

**WETA TV**  
703-998-2827 HOT-LINE  
Outreach Department

**WETA TV 26 (PBS)**  
90.9 FM  
2775 South Quincy St.  
Arlington, VA 22206  
703-998-2600  
703-998-3401 fax  
Ferne Barrew, Media Outreach

**WTTG/FOX 5**  
Assignment Desk  
(202) 224-5151  
(202) 895-3133 fax  
[www.fox5.com](http://www.fox5.com)

**WJLA/ABC 7**  
Assignment Desk  
(703) 236-9552  
(703) 236-2331 fax  
[www.wjla.com](http://www.wjla.com)

**WUSA/CBS 9**  
Assignment Desk  
(202) 895-5999  
(202) 364-6163 fax  
events@wasatv9.com

**WRC/NBC 4**  
Assignment Desk  
(202) 885-4000  
(202) 885-4104 fax  
[www.nbc4.com](http://www.nbc4.com)

### RADIO STATIONS

**C-SPAN Radio 90**  
202-737-3220  
[www.c-span.org](http://www.c-span.org)  
events@c-span.org

**NPR**  
635 Massachusetts Ave., NW,  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
202-513-2000  
202-513-3329 fax  
[www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)  
Jeffrey Dvorkin, Ombudsman  
Ombudsman@npr.org



**Photos by Shia,**  
who for decades  
has recorded the  
history and faces  
of D.C. activism.  
202-234-0383

**WAMU 88.5**  
202-885-1200  
[www.wamu.org](http://www.wamu.org) (home page for  
PSA details)  
American University  
4400 Massachusetts Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
Written words accepted via email/  
mail only  
15 seconds, include a phone # for  
more info  
NO pre recorded PSAs

**WASH FM, 97.1, WWDC DC**  
101 1260AM, 101 FM, all Clear  
Channel Stations  
301-231-7798  
1801 Rockville Pike suite 405,  
Rockville MD 20852  
Jerry Phillips, head of Public  
Relations

**WBPS**  
8121 Georgia Ave 10th Floor, Silver  
Spring MD 20910  
Send PSA with attention to: Mario  
Bela  
Fax: 301-589-9772

**WGMU**  
4400 University Dr.  
MS4B7  
Fairfax, VA 22031-4444  
703-993-2940  
703-993-2941 fax  
703-993-4162 Request Line  
[www.wgmuradio.com](http://www.wgmuradio.com)  
Rodger Smith, General Manger  
rsmith@wgmuradio.com  
programming@wgmuradio.com

**WGTV**  
432 Leavey Center  
Georgetown University  
Washington, DC 20057  
202-687-3702 Office  
202-687-8940 fax  
202-687-WGTV (9482) HOT-  
LINE  
John Huyette, General Manager  
generalmanager@wgtv923.com  
E-mail/General Inquiries:  
info@wgtv923.com

**WHFS 99.1, WPGC 95.5**  
301-306-0991  
4200 Parliament Place suite 300,  
Lanham MD 20706  
Fax all requests, Rob Timm, 301-  
459-9509

**WHUR 96.3**  
529 Bryant Street NW DC 20059  
202-806-3500  
202-806-3522 fax  
To: Renee Nash  
Send written words, 20 sec limit,  
include organization info (not  
necessarily in message)  
2-3 weeks advance

**WJMO "HOT 99.5"**  
[www.hot995.com](http://www.hot995.com)  
PSA requests be sent to:  
PSA@hot995.com

**WKYS 93.9**  
301-306-1111  
Taylor Thomas,  
tathomas@radio-one  
202-432-5477 fax  
email or fax 15-45 sec typed script,  
double spaced, ALL CAPS

**WMAL AM 630**  
4400 Jenifer Street NW, Washington  
DC 20015.  
202-686-3100 Switchboard  
202-895-2344 Sales  
202-895-2327 Programming  
202-686-3020 News Room  
Pat Rogan, Media Outreach  
Coordinator

**WMMJ**  
301-306-9540-FAX  
Robin Graham  
15-45 typed script, double spaced,  
ALL CAPS

**WOL**  
301-306-1149-FAX  
Voughn Holesm  
15-45 typed script, double spaced,  
ALL CAPS

**WPFW 89.3**  
2390 Champlain St. 2nd Floor, NW  
Washington DC 20009  
202-588-0999 ex. 0  
Drop PSA off M-F, 9-5  
for General Manager Ron  
Pinchback

**WRGW**  
800 21st Street NW Suite G02 -  
Washington, DC 20052  
202-994 WRGW Call-inn  
202-994-7554 Office  
202-994-4551 fax  
Steve Roche, Station Manager  
sroche@gwu.edu

**WTOP 1500, 107.7 FM**  
202-895-5000  
202-895-5149 fax  
3400 Idaho Ave NW, DC 20016  
Send PSA to: Bob Melvin

**WUFM**  
202-885-5149  
202-885-1269 fax  
Kathy Merritt

**WUSQ FM**  
510 Pegasus Lane Winchester,  
Virginia 22602  
1-800-243-2102  
Concert Line 535-2050 or  
toll-free (877) 850-1025  
Business Line: (540) 662-5101  
Request Line: (540) 667-2102  
Fax: (540) 662-8610 or  
toll free: 1-877-FAX(329)-1025

**An expanded Media Guide and  
the Activist Guide are posted at  
the Peace Center website:  
[www.washingtonpeacecenter.org](http://www.washingtonpeacecenter.org)**

# Statistics on the Cost of War in Iraq

from National Priorities Project - [www.nationalpriorities.org](http://www.nationalpriorities.org)

## The Numbers

### Cost of the Military For District Of Columbia In Millions of Dollars

**Cost of the Military**  
\$724,771,824  
**Cost of Nuclear Weapons**  
\$30,711,722  
**Cost of War in Iraq**  
\$229,392,237  
**Defense Contracts**  
\$1,906,238,976

### MILITARY SPENDING IN USA:

- Military spending consumes 26 cents out of every individual income tax dollar.
- Military spending makes up about 20% of total federal spending in the world
- The United States is the world's biggest military spender, accounting for over 40% of world military spending
- A recent Congressional Budget Office study predicts the costs of the military will continue to increase well into the future
- President Bush's FY2005 budget increases military spending (not including spending in Iraq and Afghanistan) by \$421 billion
- Current Pentagon plans will bring defense spending to levels higher than at any time since World War II
- In the FY2005 Budget, military spending accounts for 56% of total federal spending

### STATE BREAKDOWN OF COST OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S FY2005 BUDGET:

**DC:**  
The District of Columbia will lose federal funding for many programs:

- \$11,831,167 in funds for Housing Assistance
- \$503,262 in funds for Title I Education Assistance
- \$252,850 in funds for Community Development
- Average taxpayers in DC would have to pay \$2,111 to fix the budget deficit if the federal budget were to be balanced today

**MD:**  
Maryland will lose an estimated \$455.4 million in federal funding:

- \$59,347,704 in funds for Housing Assistance
- \$12,245,684 in funds for Title I Education Assistance
- \$2,153,508 in funds for Community Development
- Average taxpayer in Maryland would have to pay \$3,002 to fix the budget deficit if the federal budget were to be balanced today

**VA:**  
Virginia will lose an estimated \$529.9 million in federal funding:

- \$48,676,312 in funds for Housing Assistance
- \$15,388,392 in funds for Title I Education Assistance

• \$2,631,264 in funds for Community Development

- Average taxpayer in Virginia would have to pay \$3,173 to fix the budget deficit if the federal budget were to be balanced today

### STATE BREAKDOWNS OF FINANCIAL COST OF WAR IN IRAQ:

(based on contribution of each state's residents to total tax collection)

**DC:**

- Residents have paid \$694,460,772 so far for the War in Iraq
- 26,800 workers in Washington, DC are currently unemployed (from Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted, November 2004-provisional)

**MD:**

- Residents have paid \$2,990,726,051 so far for the War in Iraq
- 116,100 workers in Maryland are currently unemployed
- Maryland is 47,000 jobs short of the number of jobs needed to keep up with the growth of the working-age population
- Bankruptcy in Maryland grew by 14% between fiscal years 2000 and 2003

**VA:**

- Residents have paid \$4,304,558,046 so far for the War in Iraq
- 127,900 workers in Virginia are currently unemployed (BLS - November 2004)

• Virginia is 118,000 jobs short of the number of jobs needed to keep up with the growth of the working-age population

- Bankruptcy in Virginia grew by 18% between fiscal years 2000 and 2003

### STATE BREAKDOWN OF HUMAN COST OF WAR IN IRAQ:

(based on State Department counts as of December 30, 2004)

**DC:**

- 3 soldiers from DC have been killed in Iraq so far
- 7 soldiers from DC have been wounded in Iraq so far
- 188 National Guardsmen and Reservists from DC are currently serving in Iraq

**MD:**

- 20 soldiers from Maryland have been killed in Iraq so far
- 137 soldiers from Maryland have been wounded in Iraq so far
- 1,328 Guardsmen and Reservists from Maryland are currently serving in Iraq

**VA:**

- 39 soldiers from Virginia have been killed in Iraq so far
- 220 soldiers from Virginia have been wounded in Iraq so far
- 3,227 National Guardsmen and Reservists from Virginia are currently serving in Iraq

## Housing the War on Iraq

By Anna Peiffer

Accessible and affordable housing is a critical need of every American family. Yet, right now, the policies of the George W. Bush administration are destroying the quality of American housing just as severely as if they were dropping bombs on houses, as they do in Baghdad. The urgent question is: how have housing and other American basic social services crumbled in the backfires of America's bombs?

The rationale behind Bush's incentives for recent funding cuts to social programs is made painstakingly clear when one examines the cuts made in the President's proposed discretionary spending for 2005 fiscal year: a proposal that allots 54% of the discretionary budget to military spending and a mere 9% to education, training, employment, and social services combined.

In 2004 alone, the Bush Administration has provided \$399.2 billion to be spent on national defense. \$379.9 billion is awarded to the [Pentagon], including \$74.4 billion for procurement of aircraft, ships, vehicles, and satellites. Another \$16.9 billion is earmarked for the development of nuclear weapons. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Bush requested an additional \$25 billion for an emergency reserve to support operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bush's fiscal plan projects a yearly expenditure of \$503 billion on defense by 2009.

Hundreds of billions of dollars may seem like an inconceivable amount of money, but how much money is it really? To accept the Bush administration's own definition, about \$75 billion (less than one fifth of the 2004 budget's original allotment for annual U.S. military spending) is necessary for one month of the "liberation" of the Iraqi pipelines into the waiting hands of the President's own top investors. This same amount of money could cover 93% of the federal budget necessary to fund education, training, employment, and social services combined at current levels for a year.

So where does this money come from in the first place? After all, unlike oil, money is not a natural resource! A close examination of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2005 might reveal a few "reserves" that the Bush administration has tapped in order to bulk up the budget for the Pentagon. For one, the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have taken heavy hits in recent federal budget proposals. Changes made in the Housing Voucher Program have amounted to over \$1.66 billion in cuts. Could it be a coincidence that an equal amount of \$1.6 billion was added to the homeland security budget, and an almost matching amount of \$1.2 billion was added to the army's Comanche helicopter program at just the same time the HUD budget was cut?

The diversion of funds from vital social programs such as HUD has had debilitating consequences on American families. Over 250,000 families, formerly aided by the Housing Voucher Program, have been cut from the program. National Low Income Housing President Sheila Crowley has stated that, "the Bush Administration is trying to accomplish through regulation what it could not accomplish through legislation: a reckless disregard for well-being of countless families, seniors, and people with disabilities."

The Bush administration's rationale for cutting Section 8 voucher assistance for the first time in its thirty-year existence has also been contested as a practical solution to the expanding military budget. The 2005 program is now almost 10% short of the amount of the money needed to maintain its 2004 projects. The once market-based housing program has become dependant on block grants to public authorities, effectively denying the program access to inflationary adjustments and causing-in the vouchers to lose value. The rule that limited the amount of rent paid by voucher-holding family to 30% of their income has been dismantled. The new plan also pre-vents voucher-holders from transferring their vouchers if they must move to find employment or to access public transportation.

As of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Bush Administration has taken steps that hurt the voucher-holders of the future as well as those of the past. By

making the "proposed" voucher plan for 2005 *retroactive* to January 1, 2004, the Administration has been able gain additional funds by charging current and previous voucher holders for the *difference* between the original 2004 Voucher Program from the new 2005 Voucher Program. The President is actually taking back assistance to low-income residents that has already been given, which certainly prompts one to wonder what makes these low-income residents deserve such a harsh punishment.

HUD's Section 8 Housing Voucher Program is only one of a long list of social programs that have been cut in the past year as the defense budget continues to grow. As the budgets of these social programs shrink, it is difficult to ignore the fact that vast amounts of money are being diverted to fight a fruitless war.

What is America really fighting? Are we fighting another country? Are we fighting terrorism? Or are we really just cannibalizing our own poor citizens? A war on terrorism could be approached as a war of domestic precaution, one in which the soldiers of law enforcement, intelligence, and homeland security are employed on our own soil. Instead, enormous amounts of money are being spent on placing multitudes of military forces in foreign countries. Today, America is indeed fighting a war - a fiscal war that punishes the poor and hurts the innocent while protecting the oil resources of rich corporate investors and President Bush's own top contributors.

# Youth Voices For Peace and Justice

## The DC Guerilla Poetry Insurgency

By Shahid A. Buttari

The DC Guerilla Poetry Insurgency is a grassroots artists' collective that incorporates music, rhythm, spoken word, song, and community resistance. Comprised of poets, singers, drummers, and musicians, the group aims to unchain Americans from dependence on the mainstream-media by pushing political poetry off the stage and into the street.

We in the peace and justice community often surround ourselves with like-minded people. We march in crowds numbering in the hundreds of thousands. We attend events at which we are joined by people with like-minded values. Everyday, we deal with other people committed to our shared vision of a better, more peaceful, more humane world.

As a result of this internal unity, when we are confronted by the stark reality of American politics, we often end up wondering just who is on "the other side". It is difficult for us to reach out to those who do not share our viewpoint since we deal with them so infrequently. In spite of this disparity, we are waging an ongoing battle for the hearts and minds of the people. Every day, millions of Americans go about their business, ignoring the reality of the worldwide carnage and destruction being created by our government. How can this be?

The answer may lie with the fact that our fellow citizens outside of the activist community do not find sources of progressive information as readily available as we do. The ultimate question then becomes: how can we reach out to and share our perspectives with these people? How can we even find them in the first place?

The DC Guerilla Poetry Insurgency firmly believes that in the ongoing battle for hearts and minds, artists are artillery. By presenting political perspectives through aesthetically appealing music, we are able to expand the range of our potential audience. By performing in public, we reach

beyond the converted, engaging even people who may support war. One way to conceptualize our action model is as a type of "push-marketing" for political perspectives. We're all too familiar with 'pop-up' advertisements that constitute "push-marketing" for commercial interests in cyberspace. The DC Guerilla Poetry Insurgency has taken this model and applied it to reality, using the exact same tactic: ubiquity. What makes 'pop-up' ads so annoying is precisely why our method is so effective: we cannot be avoided. We perform on streets with a high level of pedestrian traffic, on trains, and in public parks. By (figuratively) getting in people's way, we force them to hear the truth they might otherwise easily ignore.

Our actions also function as community-building events. Like any insurgency, we're a loose network as opposed to a formal organization. Because of this lack of structure, we coordinate only by choosing a time and place to meet- and then we make-up the show as we go. The implicit fluidity of a rotating and flexible group such as ours allows us to encourage audience participation. We bring extra instruments to hand out to audience members who linger, and we make a point to ensure that each new participant has a face-to-face conversation with one of us before moving on.

The DC Guerilla Poetry Insurgency believes that we have found a solution to the unfortunate lack of diversity within the peace and justice movement. All it takes to break our message out of the 'bubble' of the activist community, we believe, is a genuinely participatory, unintimidating, and aesthetically pleasing mode of communication such as ours. While presenting the movement's perspective to the uninitiated, we also bring people from diverse backgrounds together to create art.

The DC Guerilla Poetry Insurgency hosts regular "lyrical ambushes" by the fountain in DuPont Circle on the first and third Monday night of every month. We also perform at fundraisers for progressive organizations and participate in mass actions. Our sister group in San Francisco, the Collaborative Arts Insurgency, gathers outside the BART station at 16<sup>th</sup> and Mission every Thursday night.

If you'd like to find out when we meet next, check out [www.lists.mutualaid.org/mailman/listinfo/dcguerilla](http://www.lists.mutualaid.org/mailman/listinfo/dcguerilla) poetry. Please join us- we'd love to support you!



## WAGE PEACE ... By Laurelle Blair

Wage Peace  
 Wage Peace  
 I want to Wage Peace .....Love  
 I know I sound like a hippie  
 Dismiss me because I have the  
 soul of a hippie  
 Wage Peace  
 Wage Love  
 Wage War  
 They say  
 Our leaders, who are old  
 slow  
 unable to flow  
 with the rapidly changing rhythm  
 speeding up now  
 faster now  
 Wage Peace  
 Wage Peace  
 People are dying  
 our engagement stretched before  
 us  
 Carpeted with \$1000 dollar bills  
 That could be feeding the world  
 And still have enough left over  
 for our SUVs and  
 TVs spewing stories of murder,  
 drugs  
 money, fame

Wage Peace  
 Wage Love  
 Fall in love with yourself  
 that is the key  
 smear it all over your life  
 your family, friends, co-workers  
 community

Wage Peace  
 Peace on earth and good will to  
 men  
 It's simple isn't it?  
 Yet it's not  
 coursing with  
 Anger  
 Hatred  
 Fear  
 Fear  
 Fear  
 Wage Peace  
 Wage War

On the people who say  
 We can't make a difference  
 We can make a difference  
 On the people who say I don't  
 know  
 but  
 swallow what they're told  
 Walking zombies  
 Driven by consumption of  
 jean labels  
 Black label scotch on my tongue

Wage Peace  
 Wage Peace  
 I launch myself into oblivion  
 Trying to ignore  
 It  
 Trying to run run run  
 From my responsibilities  
 Of knowing who I am  
 Knowing who my community  
 could be  
 And the world we can create  
 I cannot idly sit  
 By  
 Wage Peace  
 Wage Love  
 If you Care Get out of your chair  
 He said  
 Wage Peace  
 Wage Peace  
 If you Care Get out of your chair



Subscribe at  
[www.offourbacks.org](http://www.offourbacks.org)

off our backs

- \* cutting-edge
- \* irreverent
- \* controversial
- \* activist
- \* visionary
- \* women-centered
- \* radical
- \* subscription

write for a free trial issue:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

send to: off our backs • 23370 15th St, NW  
 Washington, DC 20008 • [offourbacks@com](mailto:offourbacks@com)

**off our backs**  
 the radical voice of women since 1970



Piscataway Chief Billy Redwing Tayac (center) with two Ecuadorean Indians on Sept. 21, 2004. Chief Tayac conducted the ceremony at the opening celebration of the National Museum of the American Indian

## Piscataway Indian Nation

By John Steinbach

The Piscataway Indian Nation, located in Charles County near Port Tobacco, Maryland, are valuable allies in the struggle for Justice and Peace.

Chief Billy Redwing Tayac is a strong leader in the movement for Indigenous and Human Rights, and has spoken out regularly against militarism

## Social Forums and Social Change

By Quinlan Bowman

The World Social Forum (WSF) is a newly-created venue that strengthens existing activist networks while facilitating the emergence of new ones. The Social Forum was designed as an educational space where non-governmental groups could meet to engage in democratic debate, exchange information, and make concrete proposals for action on the many issues of globalization. In using social forums as venues for discussion, debate, and reflection, the goal is to awaken people to the feasibility of social change.

The emergence of the WSF has generated many regional and local social forums. Since 2001, when the first WSF was held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, local and regional forums have proliferated. By 2002 the movement had spawned approximately 250 new local forums in cities and towns throughout Italy, Asian, European, Middle Eastern, African and Pan-Amazonian regional social forums have also been created.

In the fall of 2003, I conducted field research on London-based groups in the second European Social Forum (ESF). One NGO member said the ESF provides his organization with the opportunity to create new campaign alliances and to make contacts with similar organizations. Furthermore, he finds the ESF useful as a tool for judging the effectiveness of other organizations' work, which in turn helps his group orient its own work. He noted that the social forums have become a "global reference point" for many activists and are viewed as valuable educational and organizing tools.

A member of a large union was similarly positive about his organization's experiences with the ESF. He pointed out that policies affecting many unionists are increasingly formulated at a global level,

so the need to coordinate with unionists in other countries has dramatically increased.

Another unionist offered a similar appraisal of the forum. She emphasized the sense of unity and solidarity that social forums have created, noting that the ESF has both revitalized life-long activists and created new ones. Those whom I interviewed consistently stressed the role of social forums in bringing together individuals and organizations who have historically struggled in working with one another for tactical reasons.

Many activists I spoke to also emphasized the role that social forums played in mobilizing the peace and justice community for the 2003 global day of protest of the Iraq War. This mobilization was initially proposed at the first ESF in Florence, and then went on to be planned at the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre.

Social forums are not without their problems, of course. In July I attended a New England regional social forum held in Boston where several of the forum's organizers mentioned challenges that currently face the movement. One organizer pointed out that despite the efforts of social forums to attract as diverse a set of participants as possible, grassroots participation — as opposed to the participation of grassroots *organizers* — was still terribly lacking. He proposed that it is necessary to resolve this imbalance if the social forum movement is to progress effectively.

As advocates for peace and justice, it is foolish for us to focus solely on what we want to change without knowing how to get there. The urgent task that faces us is to develop educational spaces that encourage the creation of similar strategies, common analysis, and solidarity within the movement. At present, despite the challenges facing them, social forums are the proper venue for furthering these aims.

and nuclear madness, and at Washington Peace Center-sponsored events.

He is a personal friend of Leonard Peltier and a tireless advocate for Leonard's freedom.

The Piscataways have survived over 500 years of genocide and continue to observe their traditional ceremonies at the Mayone Burial Grounds, located in Piscataway National Forest in southern Prince Georges County.

Chief Billy tells of how the Maryland Colonists placed a bounty literally on the heads of the Piscataway, paying \$20 in gold for each severed head. The heads were displayed along Indian Head Highway to terrorize the indigenous population. When bounty hunters demanded to be paid for scalps rather than entire heads, the Governor decreed that Indian scalps had to be 'fresh' and still dripping with blood and called them "Redskins," apparently the origin of the term.

Chief Tayac refers to Thanksgiving as a 'national day of mourning'. He points out that, "after the Pilgrims thanked their tribal friends, they killed them and stole their land. Never-theless, today the day is about giving thanks for what you believe in. After dinner, some of us go up to the Burial Grounds to give thanks to [our ancestors] who gave us those beliefs."

While many may argue that all this is 'ancient history,' the sad truth is that Piscataway Nation still faces oppression today.

When I first visited the Piscataway Burial Ground in the mid-1980s, my wife, Louise Franklin-Ramirez, and I were forced to walk through a gauntlet of several dozen Maryland State Troopers heavily armed with automatic rifles.

When Chief Tayac's father, Chief Turkey Tayac, died in the late 1970s, his body was frozen for a year while Congress passed a special law permitting his burial with the ancestors at Mayone.

More recently, the Tayac family has come under racist attack with the scurrilous claim that they are "not Indians."

The Piscataway Indian Nation continues a long tradition of welcoming indigenous people from around the world to Tayac Territory. Over the years they have hosted numerous gatherings and delegations. Chief Tayac and his family are known and respected internationally.

Chief Tayac's niece, Gabrielle Tayac, chose for her doctoral dissertation the Piscataway Nation's oral history. She is now one of the senior curators of the National Museum of the American Indian.

The Tayacs welcome all persons of good will - including non-indigenous - to join with them in respectfully observing their traditional gatherings and socials.

If you would like to find out more about the Piscataway Nation, please contact the Tayac family at:

(301)-932-0808 or visit their website at: <http://www.piscatawaynation.org>



## Scores Celebrate Washington Peace Center's Fortieth Anniversary

Food, friendship and commitment filled the social hall of the Friend's Meeting House in the Dupont Circle area of Northwest D.C., on November 13th, as scores of people gathered to celebrate the Peace Center's 40 years of working for peace, as well as social and economic justice.

Some of those in attendance were old friends and staff of the Peace Center. Others were new friends attracted by the Center's continuing stance against war. All those in the hall were united in the belief that a new and better world is possible.

The celebration featured stories about the early days of the Peace Center, along with information about the Peace Center's new effort to reach out to young people and prepare the next generation of peace activists.

The anniversary program, which was hosted by WPFM-FM radio personality Nkenge Toure, featured an auction of priceless progressive and anti-war movement mementos, provide by John Steinbach. The auction, along with other

donations, helped the Peace Center raise funds for its ongoing work. Ken Giles, a member of the D.C. Labor Chorus, provided a rousing musical segment. Previous Peace Center board members and staff, along with current coordinator Brian Anders and members of the current board, were introduced to the audience.

The main message of the celebration was the need for the Peace Center's work to continue as the country and the world enter new periods dominated by the evils of war, racism and imperialism.

**Those who wish to help the Peace Center continue its work are urged to contact: The Washington Peace Center 1426 9th St NW #306, Washington DC 202/234-2000 - email [wpc@igc.org](mailto:wpc@igc.org)**

**Volunteers  
for the next  
Peace Letter  
needed today!**

# Faith and Resistance Actions

By Art Laffin

## One Thousand Coffins on Gandhi's Birthday

On October 2, 2004, 500 people held a memorial procession from Arlington National Cemetery to the White House to call for an end to the illegal U.S. occupation of Iraq. One thousand coffins symbolizing Iraqi and U.S. war dead were placed on the Ellipse. Members of Military Families Speak Out and Iraq Veterans Against The War participated in rallies sponsored by Iraq Pledge of Resistance at the Cemetery and Ellipse. Twenty-eight people were arrested for trying to deliver the names of those killed in Iraq to Mr. Bush, including Military Family members and Michael Berg, whose son Nicholas was beheaded in Iraq. They were charged with "violation of public use permits," and will appear in court on December 15th.

## August 5-9 Retreat

From August 5-9, the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker and Jonah House hosted an annual Faith and Resistance Retreat in D.C. to commemorate the 59th anniversary of the U.S. nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

### \* Bush speech interrupted -

On August 6, 25 people held a nonviolent protest outside the Washington Convention Center to protest Mr. Bush who spoke to the Unity Journalist Conference. One of the protesters, Scott Langley, was able to get inside. "Shame on you Mr. Bush for lying and misleading the public about going to war against Iraq," Langley declared. Mr. Bush momentarily stopped his speech while some members of the media told Langley to be quiet and others offered support. Langley was eventually escorted out of the hall by Secret Service, questioned and released.

### \* Two people arrested at Enola Gay exhibit -

On August 7, over twenty people went to the Udvar-Hazy Museum near Dulles Airport to decry the Enola Gay warplane which is exhibited there. Banners were dropped from a walkway above the plane as an appeal was made that the U.S. repent for its nuclear sin and abolish all weapons of mass destruction. About a dozen people staged a die-in with ashes directly in front of the plane. Brian Buckley was immediately arrested for pouring ashes. Matthew Ochalek, who was part of the die-in, was also arbitrarily arrested. The rest of the group was escorted by museum security out a back exit and detained for about 30 minutes before being released. Buckley was held in Fairfax Jail over the weekend and released on \$2,000 bail. Ochalek was released on \$1,000 bail late on Aug. 7. On September 28, they



October 2, 2004 March Against The War In Iraq

were tried in Fairfax County Court. Ochalek pled no contest to disorderly conduct and received a suspended sentence. Buckley pled not guilty and was tried. He was acquitted of intent to damage government property and obstruction of justice, but was convicted of disorderly conduct and given a 90 day suspended jail sentence and a \$500 fine, \$400 suspended. He intends to appeal.

### \* Arrests at White House -

On August 8, the Faith and Resistance group held another protest on the south side of the White House. Some of the group held banners across the heavily fenced street, including one 20 foot long banner raised by weather balloons which said "End All War." Five others stood with banners in the restricted area on the White House sidewalk. When they refused to leave two Park Police on horseback cleared all tourists from the sidewalk in a very dangerous manner. The five were eventually arrested and later released from the Anacostia Park Police station. They have a court date for November 17.

### \* Arrests at Pentagon -

On August 9, a final protest was held at the Pentagon. Five people were arrested for holding banners on the Pedestrian Bridge walkway on the south side of the Pentagon. Meanwhile other members of the group held a vigil outside the Pentagon metro entrance. Those arrested were charged with admission to property and have a November 19 court date.

## The AFA Arms Bazaar

From September 13-15, the Air Force Association (AFA) held its annual convention and Aerospace Technology Exposition - "Arms Bazaar" - at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel at Connecticut Avenue and Woodley Road NW, near the zoo. One hundred top military contractors peddled their newest weaponry and technology to Pentagon officials and agents from other nations. These weapons

are used to terrorize and kill people in such places as Iraq, Afghanistan, Colombia, Palestine, Haiti and throughout Africa. These weapons fuel over 30 wars raging around the world today. Top military officials and arms makers, who reap huge profits from weapons contracts, gathered to discuss how the U.S. can maintain global military dominance and control space.

A nonviolent witness and candlelight vigil was held on September 14 during the AFA \$200+ a plate banquet, to memorialize all victims of poverty and war. Dozens of people were present to call for an end to all war and terrorism. A flier was distributed which read, in part:

"To ensure control of nearly half the world's resources, the U.S. practices terrorism by acts of military intervention, supplying weapons, military training, and aid to corrupt regimes, and by having a preemptive war policy. It is time for the U.S., the world's leading nuclear superpower and arms dealer, to stop dominating other nations, disarm and develop a foreign policy based on nonviolence and the universal declaration of human rights. In the name of God, who calls us not to kill and to beat all weapons into plowshares, in the name of the countless victims killed by weapons displayed at the Marriott, and in the name of the poor and the children, we demand an end to this scandalous AFA Arms Bazaar."

## Feast of the Innocents

The Atlantic Life Community, a close-knit group of resisters from Maine to Florida, came together the last week of December, as they have done for more than 27 years, to remember and reflect on the Massacre of the Holy Innocents, a Christian commemoration of the children killed by Herod after the birth of Jesus.

### \* Arrests at Pentagon -

On December 28th, about 75 people gathered outside the metro entrance to the Pentagon to protest the continuing slaughter of innocents in Iraq. While 17 activists blocked the entrance, a banner appeared over the side of the Pentagon roof: "BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW." Those blocking the doors were arrested and have court dates of April 1st and 14th, 2005.

### \* Arrests at White House -

The next day, close to 100 people filed across Lafayette Park past the newly-constructed inaugural viewing stands and formed a semi-circle in front of the dignitaries' entrance to the White House. Susan Crane and Gary Ashbeck of Jonah House community in Baltimore followed a man through the pedestrian entrance and into the White House. The two were arrested, held overnight and charged with "unlawful entry."

Melinda Smael of Washington, DC wrote the names of several Iraqi civilians and two American military killed in Iraq on the black entrance gate with chalk. She, too, was arrested by angry White House security and held overnight. She was charged with "defacing government property." All three have a status hearing on January 31st.

Eight people holding a banner in front of the entrance were also arrested for refusing to move.

At both sites, passers-by, including Pentagon soldiers, thanked the protesters for being there.

## Please join us in 2005!

For more information, contact:  
Dorothy Day Catholic Worker  
503 Rock Creek Church Road  
Washington, DC 20010  
202-882-9649

## GLUT FOOD CO-OP


Natural Foods at the best prices in town.  
Not for Profit & Cooperative

Open to the public.  
No membership required.

More than 40 varieties of cheeses,  
nuts, dried fruits, spices, and organic produce.

Hours: M-W 10a.m. - 7p.m., Th-F 10a.m.-8p.m.,  
Sat. 10a.m.-7p.m., Sun. 10a.m.-5p.m.

4005 34th St. • Mt. Rainier, MD • (301) 779-1978



# January 2005 Peace and Justice Calendar

## Daily

**Peace Park Antinuclear Vigil**  
Every day, Layette Park,  
1601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Peace Park Antinuclear Vigil north  
of the White House, 24 hours a day  
since June 3, 1981  
See <http://prop1.org>,  
call 202-682-4282,  
or show up day or night in  
Lafayette (Peace) Park.

**The Sudan Campaign**  
Weekday's at 12 noon  
2210 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
Christian Solidarity International  
(CSI) demonstrations and arrests  
continue at Sudan Embassy. The  
Sudan Campaign calls for daily  
demonstrations and nonviolent civil  
disobedience at the Sudanese  
Embassy, 2210 Massachusetts Ave.,  
NW, in Washington, D.C. at noon to  
Stop the Genocide and Free the  
Slaves. The demonstrations call for  
humanitarian intervention in Darfur  
and opposition to genocide in Sudan.  
Over one million black Africans  
have been bombed, burnt out of their  
villages by government planes and  
Arab militias allied with the  
country's oppressive regime. Their  
camps are now surrounded; anyone  
who tries to leave is raped or killed.  
The death toll could reach 1 million  
within the next few months. Talk  
show host/activist Joe Madison says  
"I will continue my protest"  
Go to [www.darfurgenocide.org](http://www.darfurgenocide.org).  
Call 202-498-8644.

## Saturdays

**Quaker Silent Peace Vigil  
at the Capitol**  
Saturdays, 12n-1 PM  
West Lawn of the Capitol  
Sponsored by area Quakers and  
like-minded friends. See  
<http://www.usip.org>.

## Sundays

**Annapolis Stand for Peace**  
Sundays, Noon to 1 PM  
Spa Creek Bridge in Annapolis, MD  
Signs are not allowed to be on a  
stick or pole. If you are interested in  
standing on the Stoney Creek  
Bridge on Fort Smallwood Road in  
Pasadena contact 410-437-5379 or  
[depauw@magicalgodmother.com](mailto:depauw@magicalgodmother.com),  
call or write to say you will come.  
Contact Lucy at 410-263-7271 or  
[mdbridgesforpeace@toadmail.com](mailto:mdbridgesforpeace@toadmail.com)

## Mondays

**DC Guerilla Poetry Insurgency**  
Every 1st and 3rd Monday, 6:30pm  
Dupont Circle, (near the fountain)  
Hosted by DC Guerilla Poetry  
Insurgency.  
See: [http://lists.mutualaid.org/  
mailman/listinfo/dcguerillapoetry](http://lists.mutualaid.org/mailman/listinfo/dcguerillapoetry)  
for more information

**Pentagon Vigil**  
Every Monday, 7 am, at Pentagon  
Metro. Dorothy Day Catholic  
Worker. 202-882-9649.

## Tuesdays

**DC Anti-War Network**  
Tuesdays 7-9 PM  
American Friends Service Com-  
mittee, (AFSC), 2211 14th St. NW  
Everyone may attend and  
participate (even if it is your first  
meeting, all are already full  
participants in DAWN and may  
make proposals or vote.  
See: <http://www.dawndc.net/> for  
dates and places of meetings.

**Israeli Embassy Mordechai  
Vanunu Vigil**  
Tuesdays, 12noon - 1pm  
Embassy of Israel, 3514  
International Dr. NW, (Van Ness  
metro Stop/Red Line.)  
The focus is two-fold: lift the  
restrictions on nuclear whistle-  
blower Mordechai Vanunu, and end  
the occupation of Palestine. Take  
the Metro Red Line to the Van  
Ness/UDC station. The embassy is  
on the southwest corner of the  
upper intersection of Van Ness and  
International Drive. For more  
information call, 202-882-9649.

**U.S. Capitol Peace Vigil**  
Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 PM  
3rd St. & Independence NW (west  
end of the reflecting pool).  
Normally it is on the west lawn of  
the Capitol-continuous vigil since  
Oct. 15, 2002. No other signs or  
messages. Pat Elder at  
[elder@chesapeake.net](mailto:elder@chesapeake.net).

## Wednesdays

**Women In Black Vigil**  
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month,  
6:00 - 7:00 PM.  
Dupont Circle, (one block from the  
Dupont Circle Metro stop/ Red line)  
This is an ongoing vigil to mourn the  
deaths in the conflicts between

Israel and Palestine, and to join  
other Women in Black groups  
around the world in bearing witness  
to oppression against women.  
Everyone welcomed. Participants  
wear black and maintain silence.  
See: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/  
womeninblackdc](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/womeninblackdc) for more  
information.

**Justice for the Haitian People**  
Wednesdays, 12n - 1:30pm  
Haitian Embassy 2311  
Massachusetts Ave, NW  
Weekly sit-in in front of the  
Embassy of Haiti calling for justice,  
an end to impunity, political  
persecution, and the release of all  
political prisoners in Haiti. Since  
February 29, 2004, members of the  
September 30th Foundation have  
been unable to maintain their  
weekly protest at the Plaza of  
Martyrs in Port-au-Prince because  
of continued systemic repression  
and political persecution against  
supporters of Lavalas. This weekly  
protest will continue rain or shine  
until democratic order is restored  
in Haiti. We are calling on the  
Friends of Haiti to join us in this  
effort so the Haitian people  
would be allowed to exercise their  
freedom of expression and not be  
targeted because of their political  
affiliation. This weekly sit-in is  
being organized by Fondasyon  
Mapou (FondMapou)  
For more information visit  
[www.fondasyonmapou.org](http://www.fondasyonmapou.org), contact  
Eugenia at 301-871-6082 or  
Lovinsky 301-787-5415.

**Women in Black Vigil**  
Every 3rd Wednesday 6:30-7pm  
Martin & Patrick Sts.,  
Frederick, MD  
WIB does a silent vigil mourning  
all violence the third Wednesday of  
the month. Wear black, but bring  
no additional signs.  
Call 301-834-7581 or  
[wibfrederick@mizmail.com](mailto:wibfrederick@mizmail.com).

## Thursdays

**Audio Activism & The Science  
of Sound - DC Radio Co-op**  
Thursdays, 6:30-9:30pm  
WPFW Studio, 2390 Champlain  
Street NW  
Get the basics in sound gathering,  
interviewing, rapid audio production  
and distribution. Then participate in  
shaping what you've learned with  
immediate feedback at the Pacifica  
station in D.C. WPFW (89.3 FM).

By sticking with it and interning  
for 3-6 months you can learn to:

1. Cover events, the news and  
record music.
2. Use a mini disc and other  
recording devices.
3. Edit audio on computer, mix and  
publish your stories
4. Write the news, conduct inter-  
views, put together story packages.
5. Publish/broadcast your stories.
6. Do LIVE radio, interview, mix  
music and talks.
7. Produce new programming for  
Internet streaming RADIO FOR  
THE WORLD TO HEAR!  
Trainings designed for radical  
activists. NO registration. Just  
attend, or call 917-681-7228  
or 202-588-0999 ext 310.

## Fridays

**White House Sidewalk Noon  
Peace Vigil**  
Every Friday from 12 noon to 1  
The White House, organized by the  
Dorothy Day Catholic Worker.  
202-882-9649.

**Takoma Park Peace Vigil**  
Last Fridays, 5 to 6 pm  
Takoma Junction (Rte. 410 and  
Carroll Ave.) This vigil has  
evolved from a weekly vigil that  
was started on Valentine's Day  
2003 into a monthly vigil. We seek  
an end to occupation in Iraq,  
Palestine and the White House. For  
more information call: 301.589-5410  
or see: <http://tpkids4peace.org>

**Marylanders for a Free  
Palestine and Secure Israel**  
First and Third Fridays of each  
month, 10:00 am  
Blue Cow Cafe, Thunder Hill Road,  
Columbia, MD  
Call 410-465-3493.

**Clarification of Thought Series**  
First Fridays, 7:30 pm, at Dorothy  
Day Catholic Worker House, 503  
Rock Creek Church Rd NW, 202-  
882-9649. Monthly speakers on  
timely peace and justice issues.

An expanded Weekly Calendar is  
posted every Friday online at  
[www.washingtonpeacecenter.org](http://www.washingtonpeacecenter.org).

Send submissions for the  
Weekly Calendar by email to:

[wpc@igc.org](mailto:wpc@igc.org)  
and by mail to:

**Washington Peace Center**  
1426 9th Street NW, Suite 306  
Washington, DC 20001  
202.234.2000