



Highlights 2009

Washington Peace Center

PEOPLE ARE NOTICING THE PEACE CENTER! The year in numbers:

- We've logged over 1,600 volunteer hours this year – not even counting our amazing, hard-working, all-volunteer board.
- Our email list grew 28% and our website hits went up 60%!
- We posted over 2,450 progressive events this year (about 50 a week) to our online calendar, helping dozens of groups with outreach.
- Our event equipment (sound system, stage, etc.) was used over two dozen times at progressive events by allied groups and activists.
- Over 150 individuals supported us with donations in the first ten months of the year – 1/3 of whom were first time donors!
- Over \$6700 worth of in-kind donations received from allies and supporters.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:



education

- Developed a GI Resistance Training on history and future of the movement and delivered it to high school students almost a dozen times.
- Organized skill-building trainings for summer interns working with grassroots organizations.
- Published three redesigned Peace Letters, focusing on GI Resistance and Afghanistan.
- Hosted an educational forum for the Afghanistan anniversary entitled *Not the "Good" War: Rethinking Afghanistan Eight Years Later*, with almost 70 people attending and a great panel of speakers. We raised over \$200 for direct aid to Afghans and got first hand reports of the situation on the ground, as well as possible alternative solutions.



resources

- Upgraded and redesigned website, including the most comprehensive and usable calendar with DC area progressive events – updated daily.
- Developed and expanded our online Resource Guide with important activist resources ranging from where to find free event space in DC to how to do legal support for direct action.



action

- Organized the progressive presence at Inauguration 2009 with over 12 groups through our Inauguration Action Center and our now famous “Mr. President, I Hope For ____” signs that invited attendees to fill in their hopes for the new administration.
- Co-sponsored protests and a shadow summit to resist the IMF/World Bank meetings.
- Facilitated an Action Week to mark the 8th anniversary of the war in Afghanistan, including education, art, street theater, a rally and Direct Action at the White House. Seven organizations came together to employ many tactics with one goal: to end the occupation of Afghanistan.
- Convened planning meetings for the March 2010 anniversary of the Iraq War.

