

NATIONAL **WAR TAX RESISTANCE** COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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NWTRCC’s 39th year was again affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic resulted in NWTRCC holding several events online that normally would have been held in person, including both of our national conferences in May and November 2021. We began Tax Season 2021 online with a webinar in January, featuring a fantastic panel with war tax resisters from around the country.

PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH

NWTRCC publicity and outreach occurred primarily online during 2021. Since a major piece of feedback from the young adult focus groups we ran during 2019 and 2020 was that the website looked dated, which might dissuade younger folks from trusting the information on the website. The website now sports a more modern look and color palette.



Flower Poll – Tax Day in Brattleboro, Vermont.
Photo by Lindsey Britt.

We also made two additional upgrades to website. First, we added a resource page connecting the issues of police militarization and federal funding. The 1033 program has allowed the U.S. military to transfer military-grade weapons to more than 8,000 law enforcement agencies for decades at little to no cost. Second, we supplemented our Spanish-language materials with two newly translated flyers on W-4 resistance and 5 Easy Steps to become a war tax resister. The Spanish-language tab on the website also now includes a list of Spanish-speaking war tax resistance counselors from different parts of the country.



NWTRCC made its presence known at the gatherings of several groups during 2021, including Pace e Bene, King’s Bay Plowshares 7 events, Code Pink’s Divest Series, and GDAMS Forum. At World Beyond War’s national conference in June, NWTRCC’s Coordinator Lincoln Rice joined a panel on war tax resistance with the executive directors for their respective national war tax organizations in Canada and the United Kingdom. Leading up to Tax Day, the NWTRCC office also set up two radio interviews for the Peace and Justice Show out of Chico, California. Of special note, Bob Bady spoke on the resistance and Wally and Juanita Nelson during a February episode that connected war tax resistance with Black History Month.

ACTIONS AND REDIRECTION

The pandemic caused problems for local war tax resistance groups that normally take their message to the streets on Tax Day. Adding to this confusion, Tax Day was delayed until May 15. Nonetheless, close to two dozen actions took place across the

United States. In Brattleboro, Vermont, folks tabled outside the local co-op and invited folks to participate in their flower poll. In San Diego, several groups co-sponsored the program, “Move our Money from Death to Life,” to mourn the deaths, pain, and suffering caused by U.S. policies at the U.S.-Mexico border and to demand “Free them All” for those detained. In Manhattan, several groups went out in April and May to protest taxes for war. They leafleted outside the IRS office, the General Post Office, and at Time Square’s military recruiting center. Resisters in Eugene also went out twice during tax season with environmental activists, visiting farmers markets as well as the local federal building and IRS office. The Northern California People’s Life Fund hosted a redirection ceremony to invest \$61,000 in 25 different community organizations addressing needs in the Bay Area. A spokesperson from each group gave a brief intro to their mission and their work in a small group Zoom chat room with other recipients.



Tax Day 2021 in Eugene, Oregon. Picture Courtesy of Sue Barnhart.



Tax Day 2021 Demonstration in Manhattan. Photo by Ed Hedemann.

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Each year, NWTRCC holds two national gatherings (May & November). Both were forced online by the pandemic.

Our May meeting featured two panels: “The New Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons & Paths Forward for Resistance” and “Organizing with Younger War Tax Resisters,” featuring Lindsey Britt (Vermont), Jerry Maynard (Texas) and Allison McGillivray (Oregon).

ADMINISTRATION

NWTRCC’s Coordinating Committee (CC), which meets on the Sunday morning of our biannual conferences, makes organizational decisions. The CC includes representatives of our 40 affiliates, plus area tax contacts, counselors, and meeting attendees. The six-member Administrative Committee provides oversight outside of meetings, with each member serving a three-year

Our bimonthly newsletter and social media presence is a way for people to stay abreast of changes in the tax code an IRS policy. The effect of a large tax debt on passport renewal, the lower income reporting requirement for gig workers & eBay sellers, and a possible increase in IRS funding were highlighted this past year.

FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING

NWTRCC has always been very frugal and relies heavily on the generosity of its members. But in addition to our members, we are also very thankful for significant funding from the Northern California People’s Life Fund, Southern California War Tax Resistance, the War Resisters League and a bequest.

NWTRCC is here because of all our generous donors and supporters. Every donation, no matter the size, keeps NWTCC going. Thank you!



Conference Panel with representatives from XR & Grup Antimilitarista Tortuga.

Our November meeting took on a European flavor, featuring a panel on “Tax Resistance with Money Rebellion and Grup Antimilitarista Tortuga,” with author Jane Rogers and biologist Alex Penson of Extinction RebellionUK, and Cuti of Grup Antimilitarista Tortuga in Spain.

Our November meeting also hosted a session with longtime NWTRCC legal consultant Peter Goldberger, who spoke on war tax resistance in light of the Supreme Court cases concerning COVID-19.

term. Volunteers carry out many tasks, including website updates, hosting gatherings, fundraising, writing and reviewing literature, and brainstorming outreach strategies. NWTRCC would not have survived 39 years without dedicated and skilled volunteers!

RESOURCES AND COUNSELING

NWTRCC not only keeps our vast website resources up to date. but also keeps a stock of printed literature materials to be circulated on Tax Day and throughout the year by our affiliates and friends.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
FISCAL YEAR 1/1/2021- 12/31/2021	
INCOME	
Individual Contributions	\$36,878
Grants/Alt. Fund Grants	\$11,078
Affil. Fees/Religious Grps/Honoraria	\$4,500
Bequests	\$2,500
Conference Income	679
Newsletter Subs & Ads	\$1,298
Literature & Other Sales	\$101
TOTAL INCOME	\$57,035
EXPENSES	
Coordinator/Office Help	\$22,424
Health Ins./Retirement	\$5,470
Social Media/Outreach Consult.	\$17,433
Rent/Supplies/Postage/Phone	\$3,370
Meetings/Travel	\$408
Newsletter/Literature/Web	\$5,187
Publicity/Local-Regional Outreach	\$121
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$54,413
NET GAIN (OR LOSS) FOR YEAR.....	\$2,622

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