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Counter Recruitment Resources

A. Resources from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

1. Alternatives to Military Enlistment

A Better Chance

A national resource for recruiting, identifying and developing leaders among youth of color
<http://www.abetterchance.org/>

A Guide for Alternatives to the Military

Source: Boston Direct Action Project

A booklet with local/regional information on options for jobs, job training, internships, and education for young people seeking alternatives to the military. A good model for local communities wanting to make alternatives to the military easily accessible to youth.
<http://bostondirectactionproject.blogspot.com/>

Your Life, Your World, Make them Great

Source: American Friends Service Committee
Coalition Against Militarism in our Schools

Alternatives to the Military booklet describing career, job-training and education options in southern California, with some national agencies also listed. A good model for local communities wanting to make alternatives to the military easily accessible to youth.
<http://www.afsc.org/pacificsw/counter-recruitment.htm>

Alternatives to the Military: A San Francisco Bay Area Guide

Source: Global Exchange

Alternatives to the Military booklet describing career, job training, volunteer and education options for youth. A good model for local communities wanting to make alternatives to the military easily accessible to youth.

<http://www.globalexchange.org/countries/mideast/iraq/AlternativesToMilitaryGuide.pdf>

Directory of National Scholarships, Internships and Fellowships for Latino Youth

<http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/resources/directory.htm>

Louis Carr Internship Foundation

Provides twenty paid internships in communications to undergraduate students of color during the summer immediately following their freshman, sophomore, or junior year of college.

<http://www.louis carrfoundation.org/>

Mentor Program Listing

Worldwide listing of mentoring programs. Hundreds of listings, many in the U.S.

<http://www.mentors.ca/mentorprograms.html>

National Youth Development Information Center

Links to funding and resources for youth development programs

<http://www.nydic.org/nydic/?CFID=9469672&CFTOKEN=74326738>

What's Next? A Guide for North Carolina Teens Wondering 'What's After High School?'

A 100+ page guide featuring service opportunities, job training options, environmentally friendly employment, how to pay for college, and the realities behind military recruitment. Good example of a resource for school guidance counselors.

<http://www.afsc.org/southeast/hporita.htm>

The Options Booklet: A Resource for Teens Interested in Alternatives to Military Service

Source: Western Massachusetts American Friends Service Committee

This booklet is a guide to emergency services, education, job, and leadership development opportunities for youth in Massachusetts.

<http://www.westernmassafsc.org/CR/options.pdf>

Life After High School

Source: Inter-Community Justice and Peace Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

Short, outline version of an alternatives booklet and web page

http://www.ijpc-cincinnati.org/truth/other_options.htm

2. Military Recruitment/Counter-Recruitment

A Guide to the Demilitarization of America's Youth and Students

Source: Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

A 35-page guide written by students about demilitarizing high school and college campuses

<http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/store/books/demil-guide/demil-guide.htm>

A Self-Study Course for Counter-Recruitment Activists

Source: Quaker House

A list of suggestions and Web sites that will help would-be counter recruiters get started.

<http://quakerhouse.org/counter-recruiting-02.htm>

Center on Conscience & War
<http://www.centeronconscience.org/publications/military.shtml>

Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors
<http://www.objector.org/>

Coalition Against Militarism in Our Schools
<http://www.militaryfreeschools.org>
Codepink: Women for Peace
<http://www.codepinkalert.org/article.php?id=222>

Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft
<http://www.comdsd.org/>

Counter Military Recruitment Campaign
Source: United for Peace and Justice
<http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?list=type&type=76>

Draft and Military Alternatives
Source: Resource Center for Nonviolence
<http://www.rcnv.org/rcnv/co.htm>

Finding Alternatives To Military Enlistment (Detroit)
<http://www.famedetroit.org/index.htm>

Mennonite Central Committee
www.mcc.org/us/co
www.mcc.org/thermostat

Mennonite Church USA Peace and Justice Network
<http://peace.mennolink.org/>

National Network Opposing Militarization of Youth
Activist Toolkit: includes state by state listing of counter-recruitment contacts
<http://www.youthandthemilitary.org/theoptouttoolkit2004.pdf>

Not Your Soldier
<http://www.notyoursoldier.org/>

On Earth Peace Assembly
<http://www.brethren.org/oepa/programs/peace-witness/counter-recruitment/index.html>

Project Yano (Youth and Non-Military Opportunities)
<http://www.projectyano.org/>

War Resister's League
www.warresisters.org/youth/

3. The Counter-Recruitment Experience

Counter-Recruitment: Preventing the Military from Getting More Youth for their Wars

Source: Democracy Rising U.S.

Interview with activist Clint Coppernoll on counter-recruitment strategy and results in Washington State
http://democracyrising.us/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=261

Youth Take on National Counter-Recruitment Work

Source: NNOMY

A report on the National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth (NNOMY) which gathered in Philadelphia, PA, June 25-27, 2004.

<http://www.youthandthemilitary.org/>

Calling all Soldiers: Military Recruiters Face Resistance from Young Anti-War Activists

Source: New York Amsterdam News

Young student activists describe their experience in countering military recruiters in schools.

<http://www.commondreams.org/views05/0224-26.htm>

Counter-Recruitment Presentation

Source: David Rovics

A musician describes his program which combines music and information to help students think carefully about military recruitment messages

<http://members.aol.com/drovics/counter.htm>

Beginning a Local Counter-Recruitment Effort—A Community Organizing Model

Source: Peacework, November, 2004

Describes the counter-recruitment work of the Arlington (MA) United for Justice with Peace committee

<http://www.afsc.org/pwork/0411/041113.htm>

Guide for Public High School Leafletting and Petitioning

San Diego Campaign to Demilitarize Our Schools

<http://www.carolinapeace.org/> (See online resources)

Equal Access

Source: American Friends Service Committee

Article describing nationwide efforts of community groups seeking access to schools to counter the military recruitment message and presence

<http://www.afsc.org/youthmil/militarism-in-schools/equal-access.htm>

Latino Recruitment Shows Mixed Results

Source: Salt Lake Tribune

http://www.sltrib.com/ci_6222744

Balancing the Military Pitch in Schools

Source: The Boston Globe

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/06/10/balancing_the_military_pitch_in_schools/

D. Voices of Soldiers, Veterans and their Families

The voices of people who have "been there" are especially effective in helping potential enlistees think more carefully about what military enlistment might mean for them.

Aidan Delgado

Source: Democracy Now

Conscientious Objector Witnessed Abuse, Killing of Iraqi Detainees at Abu Ghraib

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article7508.htm>

Aidan Delgado

Source: The Black Commentator

http://www.blackcommentator.com/133/133_think_racism_military.html

Ask-a-Vet

Source: Mennonite Central Committee U.S.

Web site that allows young people the option of e-mail conversation with military veterans who are now committed to non-violence and peace. Youth can also read profiles of conscientious objectors (past and present). Many of the profiles are from a Christian faith perspective.

www.mcc.org/us/co

Camilo Mejia

Source: Camilo Mejia: GI Resister, Conscientious Objector & Iraq War Veteran

<http://www.freecamilo.org/>

Courage to Resist

Supporting the Troops that Refuse to Fight

<http://www.couragetoresist.org/x/>

G.I. Special

Hundreds of stories from Iraq veterans and their families that chronicle the sadness and pain of war, separation, and loss.

Source: <http://www.militaryproject.org/>

Kevin Benderman

Source: Kevin Benderman: a conscientious objector currently serving a 15-month prison sentence for refusing a second deployment to Iraq.

<http://bendermantimeline.com/index.html>

<http://www.topia.net/kevinbenderman.html>

Marine Obeys his Conscience

Source: San Francisco Chronicle

Story of Stephen Funk who refused deployment to Iraq in 2003.

<http://www.objector.org/ccco/inthenews/funkco.html>

News and Profiles

Iraq Veteran's Against the War

<http://www.ivaw.org/>

Proyecto Guerra Azteca

Site in Spanish and English

Founded by Fernando Suarez del Solar, whose son was killed by a U.S. cluster bomb near the beginning of the Iraq-war.

<http://www.guerreroazteca.org/>

Sir! No Sir!

DVD: Moving account of opposition to the Vietnam War from within the U.S. Military

A David Zeiger Film

<http://www.sirnosir.com/>

Soldiers Speak Out

DVD: Interviews with current and past soldiers + numerous stand alone interviews

Great counter-recruitment tool

www.empowermentproject.org

Soldier's Stories

Source: Military Counseling Network

This counseling network that serves U.S. soldiers in Germany

<http://www.getting-out.de/>

U.S. War Heroes of the Iraq War: War Resisters from Within the Military

Numerous profiles of current and/or recent soldiers who are resisting the war

<http://www.tomjoan.org/WarHeroes.htm#listresisters>

Voices in Wartime

Source: Two Careys Productions

DVD featuring veterans, poets, and stories of the effects of war on soldiers from around the world

www.voicesinwartime.org

Serving and Learning Together (SALT)
One-year self-funded overseas service assignments
<http://www.mcc.org/salt/>

Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP)
Short-term summer service opportunities in Kentucky with Mennonite Central Committee
<http://www.mcc.org/swap/index.html>

Summer Service Opportunities
Summer service opportunities for African American, Native American, and Latino youth with Mennonite Central Committee
<http://www.mcc.org/us/summerservice/>

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS)
Listings of service opportunities
<http://www.mennonitemission.net/Work/Service/MVS/default.asp>

Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR)
Service and learning opportunities in U.S. cities. Web site includes stories, photos, and program descriptions.
<http://www.citymissions.org/mission.htm>

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)
Agency devoted to clean up and rebuilding after natural disasters.
<http://www.mds.mennonite.net/>

Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS)
Information about service opportunities with Brethren Volunteer Service
<http://www.brethren.org/genbd/bvs/>

Habitat for Humanity
An agency that works with families and volunteers to build homes.
<http://www.habitat.org/>

Heifer Project
An agency addressing world hunger. Includes links for jobs, volunteer options, project descriptions
<http://www.heifer.org/>

Bread for the World
An agency addressing world hunger. Includes links for jobs, volunteer options, project descriptions and advocacy opportunities
<http://www.bread.org/>

Lutheran Volunteer Corps
<http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/>

A year-long service program for people 21 and over seeking to unite faith, social justice, community living, and simplicity.

Government and Secular Agencies

American Red Cross
An agency that responds to natural disasters and victims of war..
http://www.redcross.org/services/youth/0,1082,0_326_00.html

Americorps
Government service program for young adults that includes educational benefits based on years of service.
<http://www.americorps.org/>

The Free Child Project
Connecting young people with social change
http://www.freechild.org/youth_leadership.htm

Peace Jam
International education program linking youth with Nobel Peace Laureates
<http://www.peacejam.org/>

Peace Corps
An agency that encourages people to serve their country in the cause of peace by meeting human need and promoting friendship around the world.
<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

<http://www.thirdgoal.com/> (*many more Peace Corps worker stories*)

What Kids Can Do
Scores of links to youth movements for service and change, including stories of youth action
<http://www.whatkidscando.org/Resources/resourcesaction.html>

Seasons of Service
Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation provides information on service opportunities
<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/>

Volunteers for Peace
International workcamps
<http://www.vfp.org/>

Workcamps Sponsored by Quaker Organizations and Others
Annotated listing of workcamps around the world
<http://www.quakerinfo.org/service/workcamps.html>

Youth Leadership Training
Fellowship of Reconciliation provides basic training in peacemaking for youth, ages 17-25, in both local and national workshops. For more information, see:
http://www.forusa.org/programs/pti/pti_national.html

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