

Resources for High Schools available from the Syracuse Peace Council

Established in 1936, the Syracuse Peace Council is the oldest local, autonomous peace and justice organization in the United States. The Peace Council tries to work with all segments of the community, including young people. We are always looking for ways to work more effectively with teachers at area schools.

SPEAKERS

As a community activist organization, the Peace Council promotes citizen activism to create a more just and peaceful community, nation and world. Although we have a small paid staff, we have many volunteers and are connected to a wide-range of people with expertise on peace and social justice issues.

Below are some possible topics for presentations for individual classes or assemblies, but don't hesitate to ask for something else. We can also design more experiential programs.

- ◆ Iraq: Behind the Hype and Misinformation
- ◆ Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism
- ◆ The Case for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons
- ◆ The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and the "War on Terrorism"--we can provide Jewish and Arab-American speakers who promote a just peace.
- ◆ The School of the Americas and the US Role in Latin America
- ◆ Connections between War and Violence in our Communities
- ◆ The Global Justice Movement
- ◆ The Arts for Peace and Justice
- ◆ Nonviolent Action--Current and Past Practice
- ◆ Supporting Native American Land Claims in Central New York
- ◆ Nonviolence as a Philosophy and Lifestyle

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Increasing numbers of schools are looking for opportunities for students to complement their studies with active involvement in their communities. The Syracuse Peace Council welcomes young people interested in our work to join in our efforts and learn about working in social movements.

Students can work with us in a formal Internship capacity with specific commitments, or as general volunteers. We are in the early stages of developing a youth program which will provide an ongoing way for young people to learn more about social activism and working for peace and justice.

FEES

The Peace Council is a grassroots organization which accomplishes a great deal with meager financial resources. We appreciate fees for presentations whenever this is possible. However, we recognize that many high schools have limited funds for such programs and want to provide our services, even when payment is not possible. Please try to secure funding if it is possible.