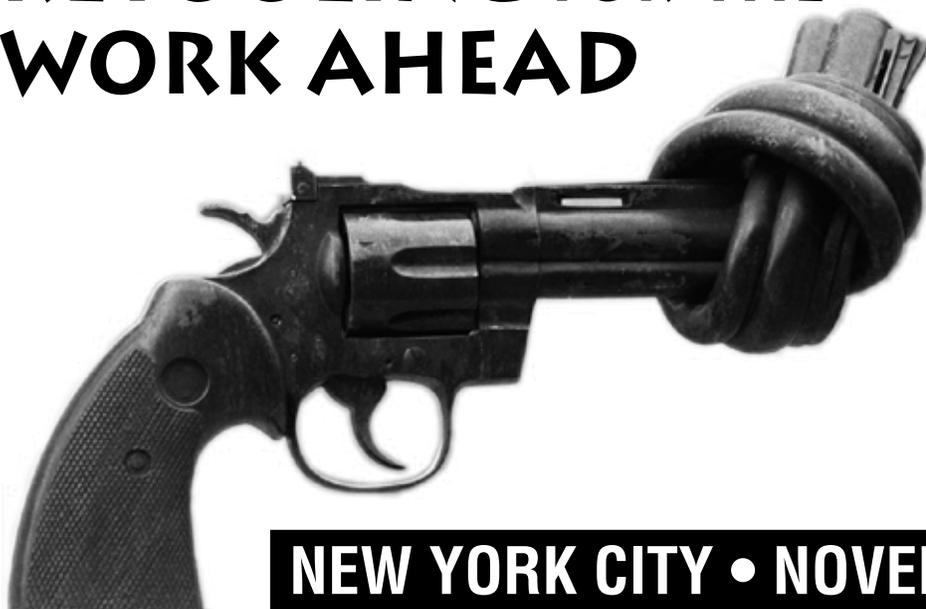


# RETOOLING FOR THE WORK AHEAD



Sculpture at the United Nations,  
Photo by Ed Hedemann

## NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE GATHERING

&  
COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE MEETING

**NEW YORK CITY • NOVEMBER 1-3, 2013**

**FRIDAY:** Catholic Worker Maryhouse, 55 East 3rd Street, near 2nd Avenue, Manhattan

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY:** Sixth Street Community Center, 638 East 6th Street, between Avenues B & C

Sponsored by NYC war tax resisters & the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC)

With its 30th anniversary in 2012, NWTRCC took time to celebrate and review war tax resistance activities of the past. Now it's time to get serious about how war tax resistance plays a role in the wider peace and social change movements. Technology has forced us to change the way we do many things; does our style and message need retooling too? Friday evening and Saturday morning will address these questions. Saturday afternoon will include a basic "how to" session for those new to war tax resistance and a counseling and update session for current resisters.

**The gathering is open to everyone** with an interest in war tax resistance and will include many longtime war tax resisters from around the country. Everyone is encouraged to join this discussion of how to improve our efforts to bring an end to war.

Come for the whole weekend or one session.

**If you plan to attend the whole weekend or join us for any meals**, please register in advance to help our planning. Use the form on the website or call or email the NWTRCC office: 718-768-3420, [nwtrcc@nwtrcc.org](mailto:nwtrcc@nwtrcc.org).

### **PROGRAM AND DISCUSSION • FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7:30 PM**

Catholic Worker Maryhouse, 55 East 3rd Street, near 2nd Avenue, Manhattan

## **Economic Disobedience and Strengthening Our Organizing Networks to End War**

Activists of various "economic disobedient" types will talk about their activism, how it might intersect with war tax resistance, and how we can better work together to build a stronger movement. Representatives of Strike Debt, US Labor Against War, and Catholic Worker Communities will speak, followed by discussion. The phrase was inspired by the Offices of Economic Disobedience that were opened by activists in Spain in 2011. Our session on Saturday morning (see reverse) will follow up on this program with small group discussions.

This program is part of the Friday Night Meetings series at Maryhouse, recognizing the need for ongoing clarification of thought. The panel will begin at about 7:30, but join us at 7:00 pm if you can to meet war tax resisters who will be attending from around the country and to learn more about the weekend. If you would like to join us for dinner earlier, please contact the NWTRCC office, 718-768-3420, so we know how many are coming. Please consider making a donation toward food costs if possible.

## PROGRAM

War tax resisters from around the country will attend and join local activists as presenters and facilitators for panels, group discussions, and workshops.

NWTRCC's Strategy Committee is working on parts of the program. Content and details remain subject to change – but this should be pretty close!

### **FRIDAY EVENING, NOV 1 (Maryhouse)**

**4 pm** Arrival, registration. NWTRCC/war tax resisters will provide dinner for ourselves and the Catholic Worker community. Contact the NWTRCC office if you can help.

**5:15-6:30 pm** Dinner - please register in advance for meals

**7:00** Welcome, Introductions.

**7:30** Panel: Economic Disobedience and Strengthening Our Organizing Networks to End War (see reverse for more details)

### **SATURDAY, NOV 2 (Sixth Street Community Center)**

**8 a.m.** Breakfast

**9 a.m.–9:30** Introductions, logistics, agenda review

**9:30–10:45** Small Group Discussions/Brainstorms

Responding to the Friday evening "Economic Disobedience" panel, with particular focus on how it might relate to our war tax resistance outreach and efforts and the theme of "Retooling for the work ahead." Dose the idea of "economic disobedience" resonate in relation to broadening NWTRCC's outreach. Should NWTRCC/war tax resisters keep on as we are or do we need some new slogans, ideas for literature or style of materials, coordination with allies, etc. Coming up with specific ideas and steps for NWTRCC or local groups would be helpful. For those participating in the business meeting on Sunday (all welcome) do certain proposals intersect with your ideas?

**10:45–11:00** Break

**11:00–12:15 p.m.** Report back to large group and general discussion; specific suggestions for "Retooling for the work ahead"; Next steps—where do we go from here

**12:30 p.m.** Lunch

**1:30–2:45 Concurrent Workshops: A, B, C, D**

**A. War Tax Resistance 101** led by Ed Hedemann. The basics of how to refuse to pay for war. A workshop for the curious and beginners, who would like to learn methods and strategy for war tax resistance.

### **B. Pagar Impuestos o No? Una Conversacion de la Resistencia a Pagar Impuestos para la Guerra.**

Una sesión para hablantes de español.

**C. Counseling and updates** for current war tax resisters (new health care law, frivolous, phone tax, etc.)

**D. Support:** How can we better support war tax resisters around the country? Strategy Committee highlighted this issue as an important one for our "retooling" theme.

**2:45** Break

**3:00–4:00 Concurrent Workshops A, B**

**A. Fine Tuning Your Actions**—Led by Jason Rawn, Maine permacultureist and war tax resister. This session is aimed at helping tax resisters choose tactics and strategies that are in line with their reasons for resisting and desire to promote this form of resistance, this workshop is based on worksheets in the soon-to-be-released book by California writer David Gross, 99 Tactics of Successful Tax Resistance Campaigns.

**B. Aging and War Tax Resistance**—Led by Daniel Sicken, longtime war tax resister from Vermont. Aging has special challenges for individuals who have chosen a path that may have involved living on low income and not being able to qualify for Social Security and Medicare or the new health care.

**4:15–5:15 How to Promote and Support NWTRCC on Social Media**—Led by Erica Weiland, NWTRCC's Social Media Consultant

We'll take a quick look at each of NWTRCC's social media sites (Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, blog, etc.). Then we'll go over how you can support NWTRCC and grow the war tax resistance movement using your own social media accounts.

**5:30 p.m. Clean up.**

Pizza and more discussion at Ed and Ruth's (and home of NWTRCC) in Brooklyn (or on your own)

### **SUNDAY, NOV 3 (Sixth Street Community Center)**

**8 am** Breakfast

**9 am NWTRCC Business meeting - All Welcome**

including strategy committee update, decisions on proposals, consultant review, budget and finance decisions, new objectives, etc. All welcome!

**Noon** Lunch and good-byes.

*Optional: If committees or groups would like to meet in the afternoon, we will meet at War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St. @ Bleecker.*



*NWTRCC sees poverty, racism, sexism, homophobia, economic exploitation, environmental destruction and militarization of law enforcement as integrally linked with the militarism that we abhor. Through the redirection of our tax dollars, NWTRCC members contribute directly to the struggle for peace and justice for all.*

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