

25th Annual
New England Regional Gathering
of War Tax Resisters & Supporters

**Building an
Organized
War (Tax)
Resistance
Movement**

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**Friday-Sunday
November 5-7, 2010**

November 5-6:
Cambridge Friends Meeting
9 Longfellow Park
Cambridge, MA
November 7:
Encuentro 5
33 Harrison St., Boston

**IF YOU WORK
FOR PEACE**



The 25th annual New England Regional Gathering of War Tax Resisters provides an opportunity to gain the information and make the connections necessary in successfully doing war tax resistance/ refusal/redirection (WTR). The gathering is for both new and experienced war tax resisters as well as for those just testing the waters. Together we will share and expand our community of resistance.

Theme of the 25th annual Gathering:

We need a vibrant war tax resistance/ refusal/redirection (WTR) movement for a strong anti-war movement; we need an active anti-war movement for a healthy WTR movement. And we need strong movements for social and economic justice, democratic institutions, reduced resource consumption, and local economies, etc., that connect all the dots for the well-being of humans and the environment. This gathering helps build that movement in New England and beyond.

We will combine our gathering with the semi-annual meeting of the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC). NWTRCC provides information, referral, and support to WTRs, produces resources, publicizes those who are doing WTR, sponsors or supports initiatives and campaigns, and participates in international WTR networks. Some of those most active nationally in the WTR movement will join us to tell their stories and update us on national and international WTR campaigns.

New England Regional Gathering of WTRs
c/o Becky Pierce/NEWTR
41A Brent Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

Schedule

Friday evening (Cambridge Friends)

- 5-7 pm: Registration and dinner
6:45-7:15 pm: Welcome and logistics
7:15-9:00 pm: Panel discussion. Topics include: Where our tax dollars really go, what is war tax resistance/refusal (WTR), history of WTR, & one resister's story, followed by discussion and Q&A.
9-9:45 pm: Networking, informal discussions

Saturday (Cambridge Friends)

- 7:30-8:45 am: Breakfast
9-9:30 am: Welcome & introductions
9:30-10:15 am: Anti-“war stories” of WTR
10:30-11:30 am: Two large-group discussions:
(1) WTR for those making a taxable income
(2) Practicing WTR on a low income
11:30 am-noon: Highlights from the two groups
Noon -1 pm: Lunch
1:15-2:30 pm: Small-group discussions:
Reaching out to new WTRs – youth, people of color, anarchists & political radicals, women, environmentalists, conservatives, etc.
2:45-3:45 pm: Small-group discussions:
Strategies for promoting WTR in your community (meet geographically)
4-5 pm: Q&A for new and potential WTRs, planning for next year's Gathering, other small-group discussions (make an offer)
5-6 pm: Free time
6-7 pm: Dinner
7:3 pm: Talent show. Bring your instruments, voices, songs, poetry, jokes, skits, etc.

Sunday (Encuentro 5)

- 8-9 am: Breakfast
9:15-11 am: Strategizing a stronger WTR movement, especially in eastern MA
9:15-11:45 am: NWTRCC Meeting
11-11:45 am: A capella singing (if space available)
Noon-1 pm: Lunch and cleanup
1-5 pm: NWTRCC counselor training (preparing WTRs to counsel others)

Location & facilities

Friday and Saturday programs will be held at Cambridge Friends Meeting, 9 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, just off Brattle Street (about 6-8 blocks west on Brattle St. from Harvard Square and MBTA Red Line subway stop). The building is wheelchair accessible, and has a large meeting room, kitchen, and smaller rooms.

Sunday meetings take place at Encuentro 5, on the 5th floor of the UNITE/HERE building, 33 Harrison St., in downtown Boston on the edge of Chinatown (Orange Line “Chinatown” stop is the closest subway). Encuentro 5 houses the Mass Global Action Network and a number of other progressive labor and social action groups. The space, unfortunately, is not wheelchair accessible, although there is an elevator. Detailed directions to the sites will be sent to you upon receipt of registration.

Meals, housing & childcare

Six vegetarian meals will be provided from Friday supper through Sunday lunch. Participants will be asked to help with meal preparation and cleanup. Please indicate on the registration form any special dietary needs or restrictions. Joanne Sheehan and Rick Gaumer of Pacifeast Catering will be cooking.

Housing will be “on your own,” but we will have bed and couch spaces available for anyone who needs a place to stay overnight. Please note that on the registration form, and we will contact you to make those arrangements, either before the weekend or when you arrive at Cambridge Friends Meeting.

Childcare is available at no cost for Friday evening and Saturday activities at Cambridge Friends Meeting. You must register by Oct. 25th indicating your need for childcare to be guaranteed that it will be available.

Registration

Cost for the weekend is \$10-50 per adult (sliding scale; less for those attending only part of the weekend). Children 12 and under are free. Pay less if necessary, more if possible. All are welcome, whatever you pay.

Mail registration form by **October 30th** with a deposit (you decide how much) payable to Becky Pierce/NEWTR, 41A Brent St., Dorchester, MA 02124. You may email your registration (without deposit) to Larry Dansinger at rosc@psouth.net. Questions? Contact Larry at (207) 525-7776.

Registration form

New England WTR weekend

Name(s) _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Enclosed is my deposit of \$_____ payable to NEWTR. Cost for the entire weekend is \$10-50 per adult. (See Registration section.)

Housing:

I need housing: Fri. night Sat. night

Contact me.

I will NOT need housing or will provide my own

Childcare:

I need childcare. Please list ages: _____

Register by Oct. 25th.

Counselors' Training Sunday afternoon, 1-5 pm

I/we plan to stay for the training.

Rideshare:

I need a ride from _____

I can offer a ride from _____

Please indicate any special needs pertaining to diet, mobility, health concerns, or anything else we should know to make your stay comfortable:

Return this form, preferably by Oct. 30th, to:

**Becky Pierce/NEWTR, 41A Brent St.,
Dorchester, MA 02124, (617) 282-3783**

You can also REGISTER ON-LINE at www.nwtrcc.org/Boston_Nov2010.php.

Walk-in registration is also possible, but we encourage you to register in advance, which will help with planning, meals, and logistics. We can only guarantee childcare for those who pre-register by Oct. 25th.

For last-minute questions or email registration:
Larry Dansinger, rosc@psouth.net or (207) 525-7776.