

# NWTRCC ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

## Nominees May 2021

### Lindsey Britt - Vermont

#### **1) What interests you about participating on the Ad Comm?**

I'd like to contribute to NWTRCC because without the organization I probably wouldn't have decided to take on being a tax resister. I'd like to help make NWTRCC more accessible to more people who may not currently see tax resistance as a tool in their environmental, social justice, etc. campaign.

#### **2) What perspectives, skills, or interests would you bring to the Ad Comm?**

My perspective is one of a person trying to live compassionately and by the Golden Rule. Tax resistance is part of how I live compassionately, that is my main motivation for adopting this form of resistance. Veganism, animal rights activism, living simply, and nonviolent direct action are other ways that I express this desire to live compassionately. I am also someone who refuses only part of my income tax payment and tries to live on less to reduce my tax bill, so that may qualify as a "perspective." I'm a believer in taking on what you can handle now and building up to more as you go. I have a lot of administrative skills (website design/maintenance, database management, bookkeeping, graphic design, event planning, etc.) and fundraising experience (appeal writing, grant writing). I also really enjoy brainstorming, teaching, and finding solutions.

#### **3) What would you like to get from participating on the Ad Comm?**

I would like to learn more about how a small organization functions and the challenges it faces in meeting its goals and staying on budget. I'd like to work in a small, committed group.

#### **4) Please give a brief history of your conscientious objection to war taxes.**

I started learning about WTR over five years ago, around the same time I started to try to find ways to reduce the amount of time I spent working at paying jobs so I'd have more time to do the things I enjoy. Without fully embracing and labeling it as war tax resistance, I started lowering my income to reduce my tax liability. In 2020 I refused to pay a portion of my 2019 taxes and will do the same with my 2020 taxes.

#### **5) What other peace and justice work are you or have you been involved in?**

I'm interested in so many different issues! For the past several years I've largely focused on climate justice and I've worked on the Fossil-Free SEPTA campaign in Philadelphia with 350Philly, the Power Local Green Jobs campaign in Philadelphia with EQAT, and Rewild Vermont with 350Vermont. I also feel strongly about the death penalty, reproductive rights, animal rights (which I try to connect to my climate justice work), indigenous rights/Land Back,

and refugees (which I also try to connect to my climate justice work), so I've participated in one-off petitions, marches, events, letter writing, etc. related to those issues as well as donating.

**6) Please briefly tell us something of your vocation and home life.**

I'm a nonprofit administrator and fundraising consultant. I also dabble in writing. I live in southern Vermont with my partner, Eric, our dog, Weezie, and our chinchilla, Pedro. I'm an ethical vegan who loves to travel and learning/exploring is my passion.

**7) Is there anything else you would like to share?**

I really feel very honored to be nominated for this position, thank you!

**Erica Leigh – Washington State**

**1) What interests you about participating on the Ad Comm?**

Since stepping back from my social media consultant role a few years ago, I've been much less connected to war tax resistance work. I'd like to step back in and contribute where I can!

**2) What perspectives, skills, or interests would you bring to the Ad Comm?**

I came to NWTRCC at age 24, just a couple years out of college, so I've been that young person NWTRCC has tried to bring in, as well as, now, aging into being a generation removed from today's college students.

I've occupied a lot of different roles within NWTRCC, from AdComm (2009-2011) to paid social media consultant (2013-2018) to member of various committees. I have a fair amount of knowledge about how NWTRCC has worked during that time. At the same time, I do want to continue to push myself and our group to get creative about NWTRCC's role and potential in today's peace and justice movements – understanding our strengths and weaknesses and where to focus.

I've particularly enjoyed writing for NWTRCC: literature, blog posts, project proposals, etc.

**3) What would you like to get from participating on the Ad Comm?**

I would like to continue to support NWTRCC as an organization and strengthen my connection to the war tax resistance network nationally!

**4) Please give a brief history of your conscientious objection to war taxes.**

I became a war tax resister after attending NWTRCC's November 2008 conference in Eugene, OR and meeting so many great folks who resist militarism!

I have practiced various forms of resistance over the years, including low-income resistance, reducing/eliminating taxable income through credits and deductions, W-4 resistance, and self-employment. I am currently a W-4 resister earning a regular wage as an employee, with occasional self-employment income.

**5) What other peace and justice work are you or have you been involved in?**

I rode with Bike4Peace in 2005 from Everett, WA to Rapid City, SD, networking with peace and justice groups and aligned individuals along the way.

I have been doing anti-racist work in the Seattle area since 2012. My work is two-fold: education work with fellow white folks to understand our role in perpetuating and ending racism, and organizing with BIPOC-led groups to end the U.S. immigration detention and deportation

system. I see the violence of migrant detention and deportation as inextricably linked with US and global militarism.

**6) Please briefly tell us something of your vocation and home life.**

I'm a lifelong Seattle resident, currently living with my partner. I've been working primarily as a bike mechanic in a regular waged job for the past 2.5 years, but have held a variety of jobs and self-employment roles.

**7) Is there anything else you would like to share?**