

NWTRCC Field Organizer Position Evaluation – Survey Monkey

17 responses

Includes: M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, A Movement of Movements

1. How long have you known about National War Tax Resistance (NWTRCC)?

0-1 year = 2

1-5 years = 3

5-10 years = 0

10 years = 12

2. Have you/your group had a presentation or workshop from our traveling Field Organizer Sam Koplinka-Loehr since Sept. 2016, when the position was created and Sam hired?

Yes = 13

No = 4

No but have had someone else associated with NWTRCC present - fill in name(s) below = 1

3. How was the presentation to your group arranged?

We contacted the NWTRCC office and asked for a presentation = 3

We contacted Sam directly and asked for a presentation = 3

Sam contacted us and offered a presentation = 7

We saw the Speakers Bureau page on the NWTRCC website = 0

Comments:

- Unsure fully of who started communication, but Sam was diligent in their efforts to set up this presentation
- after asking sam to collaborate on signing an appeal she suggested visiting and doing a training
- It was a Tax Day workshop as well as the Portland, OR, potluck.

4. Did you value an in-person presentation?

Yes = 15

No = 0

It was fine but the subject is not a priority = 0

Comments:

- having a loose couple hour talk was super helpful for answering questions + making the process simple for folks
- It was great!
- I would value it if we were trying to create a new group.s
- We had two presentations, one at a SURJ meeting and another for the public at a church hall

5. Would you ask for a speaker from NWTRCC again?

Yes = 10

No = 0

Maybe = 5

Comments:

- I would love to have regular city-wide potlucks + other gathering opportunities to build the local community of resisters

- Particularly important for attempts at annual gatherings
- We are very small so it might not be best use of NWTRCC resources to do a second time though the one time visit was helpful.
- Particularly important for attempts at annual gatherings
- If we were trying to get a group going in a new area that is not already served by a group.

6. Do you feel that a live webinar or internet presentation is equally valuable to an in-person speaker?

Yes = 1

No = 4

Definitely not = 3

Better than nothing = 8

Comment:

- a well-shot & edited internet presentation has re-use value

7. Did you fundraise for or make a contribution to NWTRCC before or as a result of the field organizer presentation?

Yes = 2

No = 8

We wanted to but didn't raise any money = 1

We paid for travel expenses = 1

We offered meals and housing = 3

We will if we have a NWTRCC speaker again = 0

Comments:

- not on a personal level; I believe the Gandhi Institute contributed
- Plan to
- We gave Sam a ride from St. Louis to Chicago
- Already donate.
- I have made contributions to NWTRCC but not as a result of the FO presentation.

8. What were the impacts on your group as a result of the presentation?

It helped to revitalize our group = 2

It sparked new interest in war tax resistance = 9

Some members pledged to begin war tax resistance = 2

It helped connect us with other groups in our community = 4

We may not resist but we got some new organizing ideas = 0

The presentation attracted some new participants or members = 6

It was interesting but things are pretty much the same = 4

Comments:

- We are organizing locally based on new ideas from Sam. January event planned
- It helped support the local organizer.
- I think it would help if there were new people.

9. How important do you think having a traveling field organizer is to the work of the organization?)

Not important = 0
Good if possible = 4
Neutral = 1
Fairly important = 2
Very important = 10

10. General Comments:

presentation helped pull together some war tax resisters from the area that had not otherwise been meeting, but in the absence of a local structure, and no one doing follow-up, nothing went forward. Still, it kept some embers alive....

Sam did an excellent job!!

Sam was very gracious despite our small group. The presentation was the catalyst for getting our tax resisting community energized and we are very grateful.

Sam is a good presenter. Knowledgeable, organized, relatable.

The value is really in supporting local organizer(s), being a recognized "expert" and then being support for further efforts.

I already filled out this survey

It was a really great presentation!

WTR, like any issue/strategy, needs to be as bottom up as possible. That's where a field organizer, or someone who can rouse interest that a local person can't do as easily, comes in. A national resource center is necessary, but so are local resource centers or groups that promote WTR. They should work together to provide information and motivation/action.

It has been fantastic to have an organizing doing out reach. I think it would be helpful to choose 1-4 regions in the country and either resurrect WTR groups (eg PVWTR) or get new groups going (if there seems to be a few folks in the region who have the motivation).

I think the value of that position depends critically on who's the field organizer (wtr knowledge, experience, speaking and networking/organizing ability, etc.) and whether funding for that position cuts into funding other more vital NWTRCC work.

It is important to have a young person in that role. It seems that only a small proportion of the FO's time is spent in consulting or presentations. Most is traveling time. We found the linking WTR to redirecting refused taxes to minority organizing to be valuable in the presentations.