NC Peace & Economic Justice Program
Overview:

Our Peace & Economic Justice Program (NCPEJ) engages local youth groups on social justice topics including community organizing and advocacy through regular meetings and through special “Humanize Not Militarize” arts projects.

We train youth on lobbying and help them carry their issues to policymakers. This year in particular, we have engaged the community around issues of policing. We support the NC NAACP’s “Moral Monday” movement focusing public attention on the need for economic justice across our state.

With the Immigrant Rights Program, we sponsor an African American – Latin@ Bridge Building project as well as a Human Rights Through Digital Storytelling program.

FY 15 BY THE NUMBERS

★ 24 interns and volunteers worked 3600 hours!
★ 25 legislative visits conducted!
★ 800 booklets distributed on Know Your Rights as an Immigrant!
★ 15 short films created about human rights issues!
★ 10 community forums led with 220 immigrant community members!
★ 15 educational presentations held for 300 non-immigrants!
★ 17 workshops with youth!
★ 10 forums with Quaker groups!
★ 1500 individuals received our e-newsletter each month and 12 Quaker meetings received hard copies!
★ 25% increase in Facebook “likes” this year! We post daily, making this the most up-to-date source of information about our issues: facebook.com/afscnc.

NC Immigrant Rights Program Overview:

Our Immigrant Rights Program (NCIRP) seeks to lift up the voices of immigrants in our community and work for immigrant-inclusive policies. Current campaigns include advocating for tuition equality and drivers’ licenses for undocumented residents at the state level, and opposing immigrant detention quotas on a national level. We inform and mobilize the immigrant and non-immigrant communities about these (and other) policies & help folks carry their messages directly to policymakers.

We work with Quakers and others through Immigrant Solidarity Committees to educate and support immigrant struggles. We develop short videos to let immigrants tell their own stories in their own words, and we also fight individual deportations in certain cases.

We were honored to have a full time Fellow in our NC Immigrant Rights Program in FY 15 and excited to learn that we were funded to host Leticia Benitez through FY 16!!
Jan. 2015: AFSC holds a major "South Organizing Against Racism" march and community conversation.

March 2015: AFSC joins "Sit to Stand" event in the wake of killing of 3 Muslim students in Chapel Hill, NC.


June 2015: AFSC launches our African American—Latin@ Bridge Building & Awareness project (Joint Project).

Summer 2015: AFSC organizes a Lobby Day for tuition equality in State Capitol, and Let’s Learn Triad participates in a statewide convening on tuition equality plus an "Undocugraduation" ceremony and lobby day.

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Aug. 2015: AFSC sponsors Week of Action on Immigration Detention Quota and arranges meetings between Congress reps and members of our immigrant ally groups in different cities.

Sept. 2015: Central Carolina Worker Justice Center opens (Joint Project).

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April 2015: AFSC leads campaign to stop deportation of Oscar, a young man fleeing gang violence in El Salvador. We ultimately lost this case, but we raised significant awareness around the causes of Central American migration and mobilized around child refugee issues.

July 2015: African American—Latin@ Bridge Building & Awareness project launch (Joint Project).

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NC Immigrant Rights Program Spotlight:

Let’s Learn Triad for Tuition Equality

Undocumented students in North Carolina must pay out-of-state tuition, even if they meet all other residency and academic requirements. There is statewide movement to change that, and AFSC has long participated in the Adelante Education Coalition, the coalition spearheading the campaign.

This year, AFSC NC convened Let’s Learn Triad (LLT), a group of mostly undocumented students advocating for tuition equality, and we funded an intern to coordinate this work. The results have been tremendous.

LLT held multiple community forums and gained support for tuition equality from the Guilford County Board of Education, Greensboro Human Relations Commission, and convinced many state legislators of the urgent need during multiple lobby days in Raleigh. We haven’t won yet, but we know it is only a matter of time.

NC Peace & Economic Justice Program Spotlight:

Empowering the Next Generation of Black & Brown Activists

AFSC NC is committed to training up youth of color as activists and advocates. This year, we began working with the YWCA and YMCA of Greensboro to provide monthly social justice workshops for youth. We are also pleased to announce the formation of AFSC’s own youth justice group which meets monthly. So far, the group has explored ideas raised in the AFSC “Humanize Not Militarize” poster project and began examining ways to make change, including writing letters to the editor. Some of the youth also participated in our “Human Rights Through Digital Storytelling” camp.

With the Immigrant Rights Program, we launched a new “African American—Latina/o Bridge Building & Awareness” project (AALBBA) to explore stereotypes, struggles and similarities of these two communities. We are excited about what is to come from our emerging leaders!

Thanks to all of our amazing interns from this year!
Aleks, Amelya, Citlaly, Diamond, Lek, David, Erin, Femi, Freddie, George, Haley, Hawa, Holden, Jose, Juliet, Katelyn, Katie, Michelle, Morgan, Nick, Rehshetta, Savannah, and Tiffany (Those pictured are not in any order.)

Support our Work!

We rely on contributions from individuals and groups to continue to do make a big impact with a small staff. Please support our work!

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