

Youth Volunteer & Intern Program

We have a robust and active intern and volunteer program, engaging students from many local universities including Guilford College, NC A & T State University, High Point University, UNC Greensboro and others. Each year, around 20 young people come through our office to support our programs and build their own skills, capacity and passion for social justice.



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Building on our History

AFSC has a strong and vibrant history in North Carolina. In 1963, AFSC organized a voting rights project in Warrenton, NC that provided the first opportunity for African Americans and whites to work and live together in the county. In September 2013, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of this groundbreaking initiative. Today, we continue this legacy by working for peace, economic justice, immigrant rights and youth empowerment.

We stand for peace

We empower young people

We work for immigrant rights

We use technology to uplift voices and stories



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We can't do it alone!

We increase our impact through partnerships with social justice organizations throughout the state and our strong relationships with Quaker Meetings and institutions like Guilford College.



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Peace & Economic Justice

AFSC seeks peaceful solutions to conflicts, and we engage the community around local and national budget priorities that reflect our values.

We engage local youth groups on social justice topics, and we involve young people in the annual If I Had a Trillion Dollars video contest about war spending. A youth group we support comprised mainly of African refugee students spoke to Greensboro's City Council about their views and needs.

Partnering with faith and community groups, we lift up issues of peace statewide. We organize meetings with policy makers, present participatory film and activism series, and host discussions around local and global peace issues. We encourage interfaith dialogue and stand with Muslim communities against discrimination. **In 2013, we were recognized by NC Peace Action with an Ally Award.**

AFSC has supported the "Moral Monday" movement focusing public attention on the need for economic justice across our state.



Immigrant Rights

AFSC supports the rights and dignity of all people, regardless of legal status, and these values are the foundation of our work with immigrants. We train undocumented immigrants on their rights, work towards communities that are welcoming and inclusive through our Immigrant Solidarity Committees and Welcoming Greensboro Initiative, and oppose deportation dragnet programs like Secure Communities. We also collaborate with others to fight individual deportation cases. We mobilize the Quaker faith community and the broader community to join the struggle for immigrant justice, and we lift up the voices of immigrant communities in all we do.

We also work for change on the governmental level, supporting humane federal immigration policy, and support pro-immigrant state legislation, including tuition equality and driver's licenses for undocumented residents. In the 2013 push for just immigration reform, our small office coordinated **more than 20 meetings with policy makers urging support for AFSC's principles.**

Digital Storytelling

We train youth, immigrants, and other community members in the 21st century art of digital storytelling. Participants learn how to produce short videos telling their own stories in their own words. We offer intensive workshops, mini-trainings, as well as one-on-one capacity building. We also conduct digital storytelling projects related to specific campaigns, in which we create 1-2 minute videos focused on issues, like tuition-equality or immigration reform. **Between 2009-2013, we produced nearly 100 videos of people telling their own stories!**

Each individual has a unique story of their own ... with the power of a laptop or even a cell phone, I can share stories digitally with a wider community.

—PUTRI

[Through this workshop,] I loved learning about other cultures and other people. This was my opportunity to tell my story and I have completed it. Now, everyone can see my story! I am now equipped with new tools and new confidence ... I feel like I can maybe do a class one day on Digital Storytelling so that other immigrants can tell their stories.

—ARTURO

You can view all films produced by our office at [youtube.com/afscnc](https://www.youtube.com/afscnc)



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