A Call to Artists, Activists, Students
If I Had A Trillion Dollars (IHTD)
Youth Video Contest

The money that is being spent on the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will reach $1 TRILLION on May 30, 2010. This money could be spent in our communities on many things that now face cuts, like after school programs, art and music programs, and summer jobs.

YOU can help us spread the word. The American Friends Service Committee and National Priorities Project are sponsoring a youth video project to help young people (13-23) enter the cost of war discussion. Share your ideas about what you would do – for yourself, your family and your community – with $1 trillion by making a short (1-3 minute) video by NOVEMBER 30, 2010.

All the tools you need to participate are at this link: http://afsc.org/action/if-i-had-trillion-dollars-youth-video-contest
1. Project Overview/Contest Rules and Criteria
2. VIDEO Tool Kit: Tools for creating and submitting your video
3. ISSUES Tool Kit: Tools to help you understand the issues
4. IHTD Curriculum: Activities for groups to engage with the issues more fully

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Contest Rules:

- Each entry must be produced by young people ages 13-23. Middle and High School aged participants will compete in one group and College aged entrants in another group.

- Each entry must run only 1-3 minutes.

- Each entry must be a reflection or reaction to the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan reaching $1 trillion.

- Each entry must be uploaded by NOVEMBER 30, 2010. Upload your video to YouTube with the tag IHTDvideos. (See our guide on how to upload to YouTube http://afsc.org/action/if-i-had-trillion-dollars-youth-video-contest

- By entering the IHTD Youth Video competition you agree to allow AFSC/NPP to use your entered work as part of their education and advocacy work. Any use of the work will be fully credited.

- All If I Had a Trillion Dollars videos will be equally promoted and available for public viewing.

How will the winners be selected?

A panel of community leaders, authors, activist, artists will choose four finalists from among all the videos which meet the submission requirements.

They will take into account:
- On-line comments made by viewers
- Clarity of the message: Does this video make the viewer want to take action to stop war spending?
- Originality of concept: Does this video reveal something surprising and intriguing to the viewer?
- Technical aspects: Can the viewer adequately see and hear the video?

What are the prizes?

First Prize: $500 and a trip for 2 to Washington DC to show your winning entry to your home legislator.
Second Prize: Flip video camera
Third Prize: Flip video camera