A Call to Artists, Activists, Students

If I Had A Trillion Dollars (IHTD)
Youth Film Festival

IF YOU HAD ALL THE POWER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A TRILLION DOLLARS?
State and Federal budget cuts are closing schools, cutting Pell Grants, healthcare and other programs that are crucial for young people and our communities—and yet they usually aren’t a part of the conversation.

The IHTD Youth Film Festival asks young people to speak out on the federal budget and asks them to consider:

- The $1 trillion spend yearly on the U.S. military
- The $1 trillion spent on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- The $1 trillion plus in tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans

All the tools you need to participate are at this link:  http://tinyurl.com/IHTDfest

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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Festival Rules:

• Each entry must be written, directed and produced by youth age 23 and younger. Groups must submit names of each youth affiliated with the entry.

• Each entry must be no longer than 3 minutes in length.

• Each entry must be a reflection or reaction to the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. military budget or the over $1 trillion in tax cuts for the wealthiest.

• Any music used must have the permission of the artist or available via a Creative Commons license. (See https://creativecommons.org/legalmusicforvideos)

• Each entry must be uploaded by January 15, 2012. (See our guide on how to upload to YouTube http://tinyurl.com/IHTDfest.

• By entering the IHTD Youth Film Festival, you agree to allow AFSC/NPP to use your entered work as part of their education and advocacy work and feature it on their websites and in social media. 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 via Youtube.

How will the festival be juried?

A panel of community leaders, authors, activists, artists and youth will curate the Festival based on genres (comedy, documentary, musical, historical, spook, PSA, educational, music video, narrative-be creative!) and will take into account:

• Clarity of the message: Does this video make the viewer want to take action?

• 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?

• Youth aspects: Does the video seem youth led?

What do prize winners receive?

Prize winners will be invited to participate in the IHTD Youth Film Festival to be held in Washington DC around Tax Day 2012. As a part of the Festival, winners will also be invited to Leadership training and Congressional visits with AFSC and NPP. Some travel scholarships may be available to help winners attend.