

About Arnie Alpert

Arnie Alpert has been New Hampshire Program Coordinator for the American Friends Service Committee since 1981. In that time he has been a leader in movements for economic justice and affordable housing, civil and worker rights, peace and disarmament, abolition of the death penalty, and an end to racism and homophobia.



As Communications Coordinator for the Martin Luther King Day Committee from 1988 to 1999, Arnie played a central role in the [campaign for a state holiday honoring Dr. King](#). The holiday was enacted in 1999 and first observed officially in 2000.

Arnie has devoted considerable time since the early 1990s to understanding the impact of globalization and trade policies on jobs, access to basic services, and human migration. He was a member of the AFSC Global Economics Working Party, which produced “Putting Dignity and Rights at the Heart of the Global Economy,” a report issued in 2004. Arnie currently serves as Vice Chair of the [New Hampshire Citizens Trade Policy Commission](#), a body created by the legislature in 2007.

Arnie’s articles have been published in *Peacework*, the *Concord Monitor*, the *New Hampshire Union Leader*, the *New Hampshire Business Review*, *Friends Journal*, *Dollars & Sense*, *The Progressive*, and other publications. He wrote the entry on New Hampshire for the encyclopedia, *Civil Rights in the United States*.

He was named “Citizen of the Year” by the New Hampshire Women’s Lobby in 1997, and received the NH AFL-CIO’s annual Social Justice Award in 1999. In 2004 he received the Thomas Merton-Dorothy Day Award from River College’s Peace and Justice Institute. NH Public Radio included him in its “[25 for 25](#)” series in 2007, which profiled people who have made a difference in the state. In 2010 he received the Martin Luther King Award from the coalition which sponsors the annual [MLK Day Community Celebration](#) in Manchester.

Arnie is an active member of his union, UNITE-HERE Local 66L, which represents industrial laundry workers and social change activists in the northeast. He served for several years on the Steering Committee of the Campaign for Labor Rights, a national anti-sweatshop organization. Arnie has also served on the Board of Directors of the [NH Community Loan Fund](#), and the Steering Committee of [NH Peace Action](#). He is currently on the Steering Committee of the [NH Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty](#).

Prior to joining the AFSC, Arnie worked as a volunteer and staff member with the [Clamshell Alliance](#), the organization that popularized nonviolent direct action to halt nuclear power plants. Arnie began leading training sessions on the philosophy and methods of active nonviolence with the Clamshell and 1977 and never stopped.

Arnie Alpert received a BA in Environmental Science from Wesleyan University in 1977 and an MS in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University in 1995. He lives in Canterbury, New Hampshire.

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