To Counter Military Recruitment, End War, and Build a Better World

Invite Army of None authors to speak, teach and perform about the military industrial complex – and local solutions that are making a huge difference in the lives of youth and the future of our nation.

The military recruitment complex insinuates itself into the daily lives of children and youth in ways most people are not aware of. Millions of dollars are poured into advanced marketing strategies; recruiters walk freely into classrooms with false promises of a way out of poverty. Army of None Project argues that childhood should be free of military influence and the constant pressure to enlist. This is not just a way to protect our most valuable national resource – children - it is an effective way to take local action to provide equal opportunity and youth leadership training for those who bear the burden of fighting in Iraq and beyond. The counter recruitment movement is one of the fastest growing, most strategic forms of community organizing.

The Army of None Project will bring skills workshops, public performances and talks, and information and resources to 40 communities across the US, including high schools and college campus groups, community organizations, churches, veterans groups, unions, and cultural organizations.

Project Coordinators Aimee Allison and David Solnit have over 30 years of experience working with diverse groups of individuals to create positive change in our communities. During 2007, Aimee and David will travel across the United States to share their knowledge and experience through presentations that can be tailored to each community’s needs.

Bring the project to your community
July 2007 through January 2008

Midwest:
September 15 – September 30
East Coast:
October 3 – October 22
Atlanta Area:
November 14, 15, 18, 19, 20
Southern California:
December 5 – December 16
Northwest:
January 10-24, 2008

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US Marine Corps Drill Instructor and his platoon of “Young Marines” at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina. Camera Operator: LCPL ANDREW PENDRACKI, USMC, 2003
ARMY OF NONE BOOK AND ARTICLES

We will distribute the book and organizing manual created by Aimee and David, Army of None; Strategies to Counter Military recruitment, End War and Build a Better World. The book, published by Seven Stories Press, exposes the real story behind the "military-recruitment complex" and offers guides, tools, resources for education and action, and "people power" strategies to win.

AIMEE ALLISON

Army veteran Aimee Allison has led school and community counter-recruitment activities over the last decade. She is a contributor to 10 Excellent Reasons Not to Join the Military. She was recruited out of high school and became a Conscientious to the Gulf War. She actively supports veterans that are healing from their war experiences.

DAVID SOLNIT

Global justice, antiwar and arts organizer David Solnit is a veteran of social movements over the last 25 years, and was a key organizer in the mass shut downs of the WTO in Seattle and in San Francisco the day after the 2003 invasion of Iraq. He is an organizing, strategy, nonviolent direct action, theater and arts trainer, and the editor of Globalize Liberation: How to Uproot the System and Build a Better World. He currently works with the organization Courage to Resist.

I saw Aimee Allison speak at Glide Memorial in San Francisco and was moved by her story of conscientious objection in the first Gulf War. I had a friend who's son was seriously considering going into the military and I asked Aimee if she would talk to him. She took the time to meet with this bi-racial young man and for the first time he is seriously reconsidering his options regarding the military vs. a standard college education. Aimee gives our young people the facts and lets them come to their own conclusions as an alternative to the military propaganda and promises that have resulted in so many of our young people giving their time and lives to a war machine that is out of control.

-Dave Cunningham, Oakland, CA

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