



**American Friends
Service Committee**

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The American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization, which includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the Quaker belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: John Looney Alternatives to
Violence Intern

LOCATION: Cuyahoga Falls, OH

STATUS: Part-time/Contractual – 20 hrs.
per week

SUPERVISOR: Director

DATE: Not determined

INTRODUCTION

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. The AFSC Northeast Ohio (NEO) program works to end the injustices and violence that result from undue corporate influence, money in politics and wars and occupations. Through community outreach, workshops and campaigns, the NEO AFSC Economic and Political Justice program educates, advocates and organizes people on current economic and democratic challenges as well as historical ones.

BACKGROUND

The John Looney Peace, Justice & Nonviolence Internship is an annual position that enables a young person (ages 18-25) to work alongside staff and committee persons from the NEO AFSC. It provides a unique opportunity for all young people, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, mental, physical ability or resistance to military involvement, to learn issues, organizing

strategies and methods, conflict resolution, social change skills, and internal organizational dynamics of a nonviolent social change organization. John Looney was a long-time peace and justice activist and Quaker. In 1970, he helped establish the NEO AFSC, where he helped organize over 200 peace groups across Ohio during the height of the nuclear weapons freeze movement. He was also instrumental in developing and teaching “Alternatives to Violence,” a comprehensive curriculum on nonviolent conflict resolution. In 1986 after “retiring” from AFSC, he started Peace GROWS (Grass Roots Outreach Works), which focuses on spreading the A TV philosophy, materials and course throughout Ohio and beyond.

POSITION SUMMARY

The John Looney Intern will complete an orientation with the NEO AFSC staff. Upon completion, the Intern will assist in the enhancing of the online profile of the Economic & Political Justice program. The Intern will also be required to complete conflict resolution training with one of the original members of Peace GROWS.

Upon completion of the above orientation, the goal of the internship is to maintain and expand multi-media strategies to promote Alternatives to Violence materials to a broader audience. Simultaneously, the Intern will work with an Intern Conference Committee, consisting of past John Looney interns, to continue mentorship as a key component of training young leaders for peace and justice.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS / RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Search for examples to replace outdated or removed YouTube videos and films as working through Alternatives to Violence Course (ATVC) online.
2. Post blogs and participate in four Discussion Forums as well as expand upon graphic art techniques.
3. Explore and contact organizations for group participation in online ATVC, ie online book clubs, church study groups, etc.
4. Work with Intern Conference Committee to plan/facilitate live or web events to promote person-to-person discussion about ATV curriculum, case studies, or movies.
5. Research captions for sight and hearing impaired to make website more accessible.

6. Assist AFSC staff in creating multimedia tools for the Northeast Ohio programs.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Experience working with a social change organization as an intern or volunteer.
2. Willingness and interest to learn about peace and public education issues.
3. Research skills or a willingness to learn and develop research skills. Able to work in a consultative style with volunteers, other interns and AFSC staff.
4. Able to work independently, self motivate, energetic, inquisitive, and possess good organizational skills.
5. Possess computer and Internet skills with a proficiency in word processing, email, social media communication (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
6. Good writing and oral communication skills
7. Possess a valid driver's license, and access to reliable transportation.
8. Ability to work with diverse individuals and groups (race, gender, sexual orientation)
9. Commitment to Quaker values, testimonies and process. Understanding of and compatibility with the principles and philosophy of the American Friends Service Committee, including nonviolence and the belief in the intrinsic worth of every individual.

COMPENSATION

\$10-12 hourly. This is 6 month, contractual position. There are no medical, dental, or life insurance benefits, or short-term or long-term insurance benefits with this position. AFSC does participate in unemployment, worker's compensation, and social security.

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DEADLINE FOR RESUME SUBMISSIONS

Not currently hiring for this position. Resumes can be sent by mail (address above), or email (ldavis@afsc.org).