

How the Young Person Benefits:

Training/Orientation: Each John Looney Intern will go through an "Alternatives to Violence Course." (S)he will also have an extensive orientation of AFSC and its program by staff in Northeast Ohio.

Expertise: By the end of the internship, John Looney Interns will have developed specific skills, contacts, and approaches to be effective personal nonviolent practitioners and social change educators, advocates, and organizers.

Perspective: Exposure to the history, current work, and visions of alternative principles and practices will help the Interns assume leadership roles.

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Danene M Bender, volunteer organizer of the John Looney Internship for Young Leaders, has been involved with Northeast Ohio AFSC projects since late 1970's, shortly after Humanity House opened. An Akron Public schoolteacher, Danene became an Alternatives to Violence teacher and editor of John's writings, such as the Alternatives to Violence Workbook.



For the past ten years, Danene has mentored five young interns with individual coursework in conflict resolution and nonviolence.



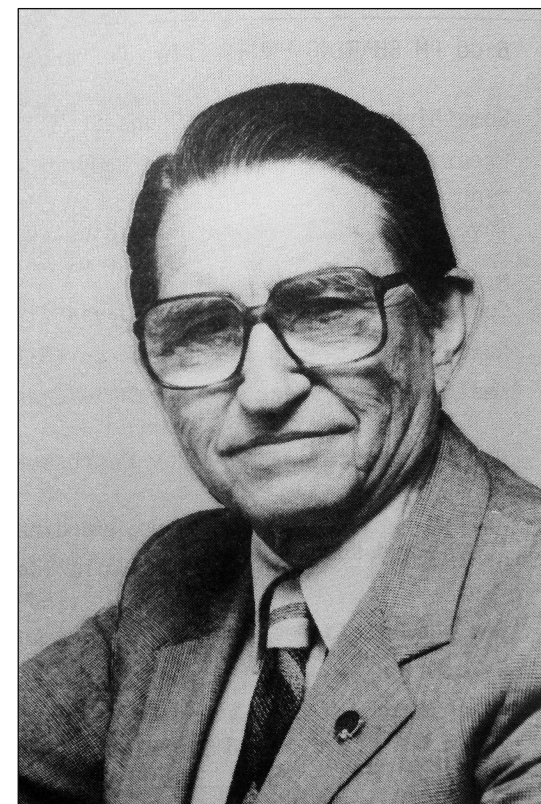
The John Looney Peace, Justice and Nonviolence Internship is designed for young persons who have either taken courses, or are interested in working for nonviolent social change. It provides a unique opportunity for all young people, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, or resistance to military involvement, to learn issues, organizing strategies and methods, conflict resolution, social change skills, and internal organizational dynamics of nonviolent social change organization.

The AFSC is a Quaker organization supported by individuals who care about peace, social justice, and humanitarian service. AFSC has developed domestic and international programs based on the Quaker belief in the dignity and worth of every person, and a faith in the power of love and nonviolence to bring about change.



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The John Looney Peace, Justice, and Nonviolence Internship



John Looney – 1916 -2005

Developing young
leaders for peace,
justice, and nonviolence.

John Looney's life may be best summarized by the motto, "to see what love can do". John was a tireless, committed, and joyful educator, advocate and organizer for peace nonviolence and justice who was also a dedicated husband, loving father, and devoted friend. He and his work with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) was known and respected across Ohio and the nation. To him, love toward others was not sentimental or naive, but the most moral, ethical and practical means toward personal fulfillment and fundamental social change. One of his common responses was "what good is faith if not put into practice."

In the 1960s, John's love of people found social justice outlets in scheduling and hosting AFSC speakers and peace caravans around Ohio, working on fair housing, church integration, racial justice training and full funding for public education in Wadsworth. With his wife, Adele, he joined Summit County Coalition for Peace. Stirred by his son Mark's antiwar efforts and attendance at a massive demonstration against the Vietnam War, John sold his business and began working full-time for AFSC out of his home in 1970.

In 1973, he helped establish the Northeast Ohio AFSC as part of Humanity House, an incubator for start-up and local community groups, including the National Organization for Women, NAACP, battered women's shelter and others. 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 ATV philosophy, materials and course throughout Ohio and beyond.

In 1999 AFSC and Peace GROWS established the John Looney Peace, Justice, and Nonviolence Internship as a tribute to the man who dedicated his life to sharing the message of peace, justice, and nonviolence, and as a way to develop young leaders who are trained and equipped to carry John's message into the future.

Previous recipients of the John Looney Peace, Justice, and Nonviolence Internship

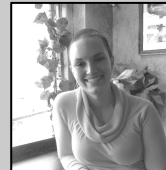
Ellen Zielinski (2002/2003)

Ellen, the first John Looney Peace, Justice and Nonviolence Intern, is a Kent State Honor Graduate with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Conflict Management. Ellen helped organize Akron area peace events, met with veteran activists, organized non-violence training workshops, brought awareness of World Bank Bond Boycotts to Kent University and the Akron City Council. In May of 2006, Ellen graduated from New York University with a degree in Public Administration. Ellen is currently Chief of Staff for the NYC Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic and Planning.



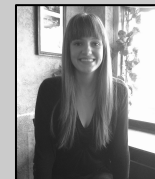
Maureen Farris (2005/2006)

Maureen was hired during her freshman year at The University of Akron. Along with learning the Alternatives to Violence curriculum, her job was to help create and travel with the Ohio based version of Eyes Wide Open. The goal of Eyes Wide Open was to bring the human cost of the Iraq or Afghanistan War to light by displaying combat boots for each soldier lost in the wars. Today, Maureen is a teacher at Woodridge Elementary in Peninsula and continues to use the Alternatives to Violence Curriculum by implementing the same philosophies and lesson plans into her classrooms.



Serena-Claire Hanna (2008/2009)

Serena focused on presenting alternative options to enlisting in the military, as well as debunking recruitment tactics. She gained access to several high schools, brought speakers into classrooms, and spread awareness of and distributed opt-out forms. Serena also participated in the Speak for Peace Tour around northeast Ohio. Serena is currently finishing her Bachelors degree in Conflict Management and Environmental Science at Kent State University.



Eugene Watkins (2011)

Eugene attended the University of Akron and was a medic in the United States Army. He did a tour of service in Iraq before he became a John Looney Intern.



Eugene worked on NEO AFSC program planning to bring more urban youth to events. He took flyers/brochures to places of youth congregating to engage them in dialogue about justice and nonviolence.

Elizabeth Rose (2012/2013)

Elizabeth became the newest John Looney Intern after graduating from The University of Akron with an honors degree in communications. The focus of her job was to create, design, and manage an online version of the Alternatives to Violence Workbook. She works closely with Danene Bender, editor of the workbook, to assure the quality of the course as it translates from original materials.



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