

CAMPAIGN 2016 FOR THE PEACE TAX REPORT

While many long for the return of Canada's peacekeeping era, our government continues to fuel the permanent war economy on our dime. In 2014, Canada spent four times more tax dollars on the military than on foreign aid. What does this say about Canada's priorities?

Conscientious objectors (COs) believe that resources spent on war and militarism most often accelerates the "descending spiral" of violence. Their conscience dictates objecting to this misuse of public funds. They advocate rather investing this money in diplomacy, in the prevention of aggression, and in peace building. Conscience Canada exists to help CO's put their money where their mouth is!

Conscience Canada is a secular, national nonprofit organization incorporated in 1983, with roots dating back to 1978. For over 30 years, its members and supporters (including several parliamentarians and other high profile Canadians) have been campaigning for a law that would permit Canadians to redirect military taxes to a government-controlled Peace Tax Fund for constructive, non-violent peace-building purposes.

This tax season, and until Canadian law recognizes the right to conscientious objection to military taxation, Conscience Canada invites all Canadians to use the Peace Tax Return included in this package, or online at <http://www.consciencecanada.ca/eptr/>. All funds are held in trust until they can be transferred to a government sanctioned Peace Tax Fund.

Conscience Canada is launching a social media campaign to encourage conscientious objectors to military taxation to show their support! CO's are encouraged to post a selfie of themselves flashing the peace sign after they've filled out their Peace Tax Return form (PTR) and share with the hashtag #CanadasConscience on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

For more information, visit the Conscience Canada online media:

<http://www.consciencecanada.ca>
<https://www.facebook.com/ConscienceCan/>
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