ECONOMIC ACTION

At AFSC we continue to view economic activism actions as appeals to conscience, actions that seek to raise awareness of those engaged or complicit in harmful practices. It is our belief that economic activism keeps us accountable to our values and, when rightly ordered, serves to affirm our common humanity. We also believe that boycott, divestment, and sanctions tactics, when used strategically, are effective nonviolent tools for realizing political and social change.

Divestment is action that can be taken on both a personal and an organizational level. Good targets for divestment campaigns are companies which you believe will change their actions after public pressure. Boycott campaigns are another form of economic activism. You can find out whether there are human rights violations hidden in your investments at investigate.afsc.org



Since 2003, the Refuser Solidarity Network has supported over a thousand individuals who publicly refused to become part of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territories. The Network has supported refusers serving sentences, elevated stories of refusers through social media, led press and email campaigns, and built education programs for audiences around the world highlighting the importance of resistance to the occupation.

After October 7th, they started a project called "Voices Against War," designed to amplify and spread the voices of Israelis who oppose the war in Gaza and call for a cease-fire. According to the Network, the project is based on the belief that "in such difficult times where hopelessness and isolation prevail, it is important to strengthen the network of anti-war solidarity activists and share with the world that there are Israelis who are acting against the war." The project includes videos showing anti-war activists who demand a cease-fire which can be found on the social media channels of the Refuser Solidarity Network. Find more at refuser.org



2 Ways to Divest from Militarism

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