



Is war

the cost

of

living?

The ECC believes in a negotiated solution to conflict in South Africa, not the government's false security through military service.

The Cost ...

- In 1960, the defence budget was R44 million. By 1986 - R5,25 billion.
- In 1984, South Africa spent 9,5 times more on defence than on health.
- For the 1985/1986 tax year losses, deficiencies and fruitless expenditure by the South African Defence Force cost tax payers R58 million.
- The cost of the war in Namibia is estimated to be over R600 million annually.



We are living in an insecure political climate where the effects of militarisation are increasingly disrupting the whole South African community.

The military has become a permanent presence in civilian life causing, directly or indirectly, increasing psychological damage evident in the rising levels of violence in our society.

The Conscript...

Young white South African men are forced into a war on the border and in the townships where the army is being used to uphold apartheid.

- In 1986, 429 soldiers committed suicide.
- In 1985, 7 589 conscripts failed to report for duty. (Many of these were students who were later granted deferment)
- In 1984, 2 500 conscripts failed to report for national service.

Since July 1985 the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, has refused to release the figures for those failing to report because, he said, the ECC would "misuse" them.

What are his choices?

- Two years training, two years of camps in the SADF.

OR

- Six years of alternative service in a government institution IF recognised by the Board of Religious Objection as a religious objector and a universal pacifist.

OR

- For those who object to military service for ethical or political reasons the options are prison or a life in exile.

The Campaign ...

The End Conscription Campaign is an anti-apartheid organisation working to change the laws enforcing military service.

For the conscript the ECC has made the following interim demands:

- Alternative service should be made available to all objectors.
- Alternative service should be the same length as military service.
- Soldiers should have the right to choose:
 - 1) not to serve in the townships
 - 2) not to serve in Namibia

You can, by every legal means, voice your opinions on these matters and encourage others to think about them more carefully.

- ECC is not, and never has been, illegal. The state of Emergency regulations have limited the range of our activities - and of yours.
- ECC is not affiliated to any political organisation. The campaign enjoys the support of a broad range of anti-apartheid organisations and people, including ex-soldiers.
- The government has used repression and smear tactics in an attempt to discredit the organisation.

You ...

You can be part of the ECC in the following ways:

- Receive ECC media
- Distribute ECC media
- Attend ECC house meetings
- Host ECC house meetings
- Become involved in ECC campaigns
- Become an associate member by participating in the above

OR

- If you choose, you could become an active member of the organisation.



ECC has a history of exciting campaigns, creative events and innovative ideas. *Public awareness is raised through:*

- House meetings and church services
- Public meetings and educational forums
- Symbolic actions which indicate a non-violent alternative
- Community peace projects demonstrating a different way of serving South Africa
- Cultural events and music
- Pamphlets, posters, badges and T-shirts

THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Name:..... Title:.....
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- Become involved in ECC campaigns.

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