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# End Conscription Campaign

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN - War is not compulsory lets choose a just peace.

In a nutshell, this slogan means: The government has chosen war and it is us, the conscripts and the people who have to pay the costs. This is not a solution to our country's problems - the real solution lies in the establishment of a just peace - lets choose this option and work towards it.

The emphases of the campaign are therefore:

1. Anti-militarisation - the cost of the war.
2. The posing of a positive alternative.
3. A focus on the individual conscript.
4. a format that lends itself to the elections.

## OUR PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Thursday 23 April: National Day of Mourning

A day in which we mourn all those who have lost their lives, homes, loved ones in the apartheid war. We will be having a service and vigil at 7.30 pm in the cathedral.

Wednesday 29 April: "The cost of the War" - Mass Meeting

Sheena Duncan and Torquil Paterson will speak in St Georges Chambers (High Street) at 8pm.

Saturday 2 May: A Concert

Imported plus local bands will play in the great hall. Includes a slide tape show. Starts about 8pm.

Saturday 9 May: We will be doing a Working for a Just Peace Project to illustrate what we could be doing as an alternative to Military Service.

ECC, all our supporters, school children, town and township residents will be fixing up the graveyard next to Joza Township and building the graves of those who have died in unrest with stones and cement. As many people as possible are encouraged to participate.

Wednesday 13 May: Conscientious Objector, Philip Wilkenson, will be on trial for "failing to report" to his camp last year.

ECC will be attending his trial in a show of solidarity and support.

WATCH OUR MEDIA FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Minister of Defence

Box 47

Cape Town

8000

To the Minister of Defence,

I call on your government to change the law so that conscripts are given the option of doing constructive alternative National Service. This service should be the same length as military service and be available in church, welfare and community organisations. I also call for soldiers to be given the choice of not having to serve in the townships or Namibia.

Signed,



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that the bearer of this certificate ~~may be late for~~ work due to actions taken by the Security Forces, Grahamstown, on the morning of 30 April 1987.

These actions were considered necessary and in the interests of the community of Grahamstown.

We would like to apologize for any inconvenience which may have ensued. Your understanding and co-operation is appreciated.



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