

Every month since February 1987 the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has produced one-hour TV programs on issues related to peace, social justice, economics, the environment, and nonviolence.

The Olympia FOR's program airs several times every week for the entire month on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. You can see TCTV's schedule at [www.tctv.net](http://www.tctv.net).

You can also watch the program described below (and more than 90 of our previous interview programs and special programs) at the Olympia FOR's website, [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org). Simply click the TV programs link to reach [www.olympiafor.org/tv\\_programs.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm), scroll down, and click the program you want to watch.

Many of our website's TV program listings also include a .pdf document describing the program.

## AUGUST 2011

# "TEENAGERS ORGANIZE PEACE AND JUSTICE ACTIVITIES"

by GLEN ANDERSON, PRODUCER AND HOST OF THIS TV SERIES

Our culture wants us to be afraid of Muslims, homeless people, immigrants – and young people. Our August 2011 TV program gives you an opportunity to meet four teenagers and a 21-year-old who is working with them. You can decide whether to fear them – or to respect them. But don't decide until you have had the opportunity to get to know them during this hour.

Every year starting in 2001 the Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation's staff and volunteers have developed and carried out some creative and ambitious training for a select number of Puget Sound area teenagers for four weeks in July. Each Peace Activist Trainee earns a stipend while developing knowledge and skills for working for peace, social justice and nonviolence.

Our guests will tell you about WWFOR's Peace Activist Trainee program and its exciting activities. They'll also tell you about what they have already done to work for peace and social justice. You'll learn about how the world looks from these young people's perspective and how they would like young people and older people to work productively together.

People on earth keep polarizing our differences – opposing each other with our different nationalities, different races, different religions, different economic classes, and different ages. But we all breathe the same atmosphere, and the same water recycles itself through oceans, clouds, rain, rivers, and back to oceans again. Truly, we are all in this together! Each of us is part of the solution!. Let's make sure we include young people in analyzing the problems and devising the solutions. And let's work specifically to increase young people's abilities help us all make progress. The Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Abe Keller Peace Education Foundation are helping.

The PAT program is organized and conducted by the Western Washington FOR, (206) 789-5565 [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org), with significant funding from the Abe Keller Peace Education Fund, [www.abekellerpeacefund.org](http://www.abekellerpeacefund.org). Abe was a very sweet and funny FOR member from Seattle

who taught at the university and passionately supported peace education. His foundation carries on his work after he died in 1997.

Here are 2011's seven Peace Activist Trainees and some of the people who helped conduct our 2011 PAT program. Five of these persons are featured in the Olympia FOR's August 2011 TV program. In early August it will be posted to our website, [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org), where you can click the **TV Programs** link, scroll down to this program's listing, and click to watch it. Also, you can scroll down further and watch our August 2007 TV program, which features some of our 2007 PATs and Ellen Finkelstein, the WWFOR Organizer who helps to run our PAT program every year.



Abe Keller worked with passion, joy and wit to abolish nuclear weapons and promote peace education.

