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Worcester Activist to Go to Afghanistan

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On March 19, 2011, Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, of the Saints Francis & Thérèse Catholic Worker, and 23 other peace activists from the US, Germany, and Australia, in response to an invitation from The Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers, will join 50 Afghan youth from all ethnicities in “celebration of the Afghan people’s wish to live without wars.” They plan a march through the streets of Kabul to a private garden to plant trees of peace. On March 20th, they will join a Global Day of Listening-Skype-athon with youth in Iraq, Gaza, Egypt, Yemen, and elsewhere about the people’s wish to live without wars. On March 21st, they will join a candlelight vigil for all the people of Afghanistan and the world who have been killed in war.

Kathy Kelly, the Nobel Peace Prize nominated founder of the Chicago-based Voices for Creative Nonviolence and leader of this expedition to Afghanistan, lists three goals:

- 1) To learn more about Afghanistan and what the Afghan people want;
- 2) to build solidarity with indigenous movements working for peace, human rights, and a just end to war;
- 3) to use first-hand reports to catalyze opposition to US military intervention in the region.

To help fulfill these goals, Scott will be available upon his return to share stories and images of the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers. Please contact him at thersecw2@gmail.com to schedule a presentation.

Of his upcoming trip to Afghanistan, Schaeffer-Duffy said, “In light of the remarkable courage shown recently by so many young people under brutal dictatorships, I am proud to have the opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with these teens in one of the world’s most pernicious war zones.”



“I want to live without wars,”
Abdulai, Afghan Youth Peace Volunteer

To join the Skype conversation email: GlobalDayofListening@gmail.com. For news and YouTube video of the campaign go to <http://www.livewithoutwars.org/>. Also see [Twitter@livewithoutwars](https://twitter.com/livewithoutwars).