## NNOMY CAUCUS INFORMATIONAL SHEET

## WHY are there caucuses?

NNOMY is a network of organizations united to oppose the militarization of youth. NNOMY caucuses were created to represent specific interests/regions/areas of concern of traditionally disenfranchised or under-represented groups.

## **HOW** are caucuses formed?

Caucuses are formed by three or more members who are affiliated with one of the sponsoring organizations of NNOMY. These self-identified caucuses create a platform within the network for work on specific issues of concern to caucus members. Examples of identity caucuses might be:

- a. Women
- b. Latino/a
- c. People of Color
- d. Youth of Color
- e. Youth outreach
- f. LGBTIQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Intersexed, Queer)
- g. Immigrants
- h. Veterans/military families
- i. Regional areas of the country

At the registration table you will have the opportunity to suggest a caucus that you would like to be a part of and start or sign a list. If more than three people sign up, there will be a room assigned for a caucus meeting.

## WHEN do the caucuses meet?

People will meet in caucuses during lunch on Saturday, July 18.

# WHERE do the caucuses meet?

Signs will be posted regarding locations for each caucus.

## WHO is the leader of the caucus?

The caucus is a self-identified group selecting their own leadership structure and representatives. Additionally, when the general membership elects the NNOMY Steering Committee, there are four slots on the steering committee for caucus representation. The Steering Committee is the decision-making body for NNOMY that continues the work of the network throughout the year. Representatives of caucuses shall have the same rights and responsibilities on the Steering Committee as sponsoring organizations.

# WHAT if I am not a member of an organization, but have come to the conference as an individual?

In some regions people interested in counter recruiting may be quite isolated or be working on their own. This conference is an opportunity to find others in your area or with your specific concerns to work with. NNOMY is primarily designed as a network of organizations united in the movement to demilitarize youth and society, so if possible we encourage you to hook up with an organization. But we know that is not always possible, so individuals at this conference are also encouraged to become members of caucuses.

#### HOW will the caucuses continue after this conference?

Your caucus can continue to meet through conference calls, a discussion list or a wiki, such as the one used to organize this conference. You can also develop creative ways for the ongoing work of the caucus.