



# Conscience & Peace Tax International

*For the right to pay taxes for peace, not for war*

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## Invitation to the 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference

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## War Tax Resistance and Peace Tax Campaigns

CPTI invites your participation at the 18th international conference from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at Chants d'Oiseau in Brussels (<https://www.chant-oiseau.be/>).

This conference is open to representatives of relevant organisations but also to interested individuals. Our theme will be 'Give Peace a Budget'. This was the strap line of the Norwegian peace tax organisation and this catchy, common sense phrase has been adopted widely.

As conscientious objectors who object to our taxes being used to fund war, how do we think that money should be used? What does a peace budget look like?

Conscientious objectors to military taxes are not just removing themselves from all involvement in violent conflict. They also present a challenge to governments to find ways of resolving those conflicts peacefully.

Politicians seem to think only in terms of defence. But there is a wider and more productive issue of global human security which demands action on economic development in the global south, greater equality and environmental sustainability as well as resolving problems creatively. Can we promote a greater awareness of the alternative possibilities?

At our last conference the keynote speaker's subject was 'rethinking security'. How can we get our politicians to think differently about how to deal with conflict?

We shall be exploring this area, making dreams about a future without war as well as catching up with each others' campaigns.

So please join our conference. I have prepared a **draft agenda** and a **registration form** that I ask you to fill in and send back to me. I will need your email-address to enable me to keep you informed about the preparation, the registration and about anything you might wish to know. And please:

**Spread the news!**

Yours sincerely, Robin Brookes  
Chair of Conscience and Peace Tax International