

CODEPINK Founders and Staff

Medea Benjamin is a cofounder of both CODEPINK and the international human rights organization Global Exchange. She has been a tireless advocate for social justice for more than 20 years. Described as “one of America’s most committed—and most effective—fighters for human rights” by New York Newsday, and called “one of the high profile leaders of the peace movement” by the Los Angeles Times, Medea has distinguished herself as an eloquent and energetic figure in the progressive movement.

Jodie Evans has been a community, social and political organizer for the last 30 years. She has used her skills, for the protection of the earth, to give voice to communities and people who go unheard and unseen, in the area of human and civil rights, to protect the rights of women, to raise the minimum wage for farm workers, to protect dolphins, in El Salvador in the early 80’s and with Zapitistas since ‘94. From 1973 to 1982, she served in administrative capacities in all of Jerry Brown’s campaigns and in his staff and cabinet as Director of Administration. Breakthroughs in wind and solar energy happened while she was overseeing the office of Appropriate Technology.

Gael Murphy serves on the executive committee of CODEPINK. She has been active in the peace and justice movement and is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Occupation Watch Center. She also serves on the steering committee member of United for Peace and Justice.

Dana Balicki is CODEPINK’s Campaign Coordinator. She has project managed the CODEPINK book **Stop the Next War Now**, coordinated work camps in New Orleans, organized countless fundraisers and events, among many other projects with CODEPINK. After much traveling she has finally settled in New York City and runs the NYC office there.

Rae Abileah is the CODEPINK local groups coordinator. She connects CODEPINK’s national campaigns with the grassroots

women’s movement for peace, and brings organizing resources to local coordinators.

Nancy Mancias is coordinating CODEPINK’s presence at the RNC. She also serves as CODEPINK cofounder Medea Benjamin’s assistant. Nancy is known for her key role in organizing actions with San Francisco’s peace activist community.

Zoë Williams is CODEPINK’s Denver coordinator for the Democratic National Convention in August 2008. She has been busy planning peaceful, creative and vibrant events during the Convention as well as writing Action Alerts and community building this summer.

Deidra Lynch is the Conventions Volunteer Coordinator for the DNC and the RNC this summer. She is co-coordinator for CODEPINK Florida and Orlando, an advocate for the homeless for over twenty years, an artist, trainer, program specialist and events planner with a passion for gardening.

Jean Stevens is the National Media Coordinator for CODEPINK. Previously a reporter for several years, she works to maintain CODEPINK’s presence in national media, helps coordinate media coverage for local groups, and develops press materials for the Web site and other media. She is based in New York City.

CODEPINK D.C. House activists include **Desiree Fairooz**, a former schoolteacher and grandmother from Texas who joined us in D.C. when she became angry with the war, and **Liz Elizabeth**, an Arizona resident who spends most of her time keeping candidates dedicated to peace, especially her own representative, Sen. John McCain. Liz serves as media coordinator in D.C., when Jean is in New York City.

