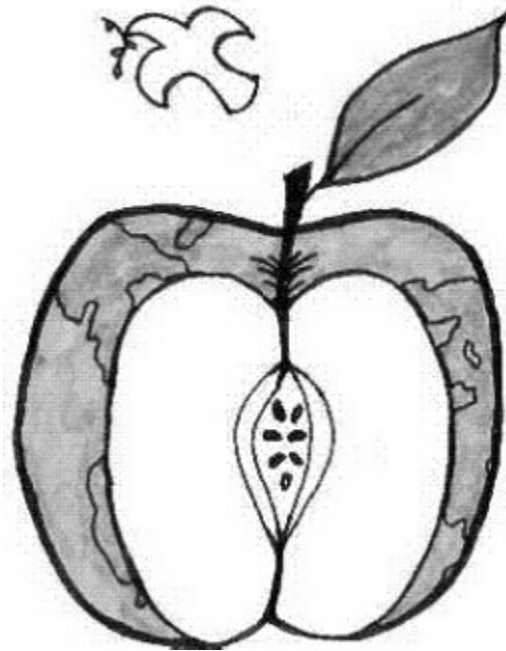


Western Massachusetts Social Forum

another world is possible



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April 14-15, 2007

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

in the School of Management Building (SOM) & Mahar Auditorium
Dinner in Student Union, Earthfoods & Cape Cod Lounge

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007

9:00-9:30

REGISTRATION - SOM LOBBY

Registration – Coffee, tea & bagels will be available.

9:30-10:40

WELCOME - SOM 137

Opening Performance: Raging Grannies & Youth

Social Forums: A Global to Local Movement – Agustin Lao-Montes, World Social Forum; Alice Lovelace, USSF national staff organizer; WMSF organizer

10:45-12:15

WORKSHOP A – all workshops are in the SOM building

Targeting Hunger: What we can do to achieve community food security (SOM 117)

Facilitator(s): Andrew Morehouse and Tasha Moultrie of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Workshop description: A participatory workshop focused on The Food Bank's Target:Hunger initiative. Target:Hunger is a pilot, asset-based, community organizing initiative in two western Massachusetts areas (Mason Square, Springfield and the northern Berkshires) focused on reducing hunger in each area by 10% in four years. In addition to reducing hunger, The Food Bank is documenting Target:Hunger's organizing process so that it can craft a replicable model for use in other communities across the nation.

Tracks: Economic Justice, Human Rights, Environment/Sustainability, Our Common Wealth/Natural Resources and Social Resources.

Description of Organization: The mission of The Food Bank is to work with our community to reduce hunger and increase food security. Currently, 420 nonprofits aid The Food Bank in distributing 7MM lbs. of food each year. The Food Bank's *Brown Bag* program consists of 75 sites providing 4,500+ elders free monthly groceries. The Food Bank believes that hunger is preventable and that food changes lives. It is dedicated to a nutrition initiative and to building the capacity of its members and allies.

Description of members/constituency: The Food Bank works in the four counties of western Massachusetts

Report from the World Social Forum: catalyst for global social movements (SOM 118)



Facilitator(s): Agustin Lao-Montes, Prof. Sociology, UMass; Sonia Alvarez, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, UMass; Sergio Reyes

Workshop description: The World Social Forum and its local 'editions' play a key role in building the new global movements for social/economic justice and sustainability. This workshop will look at: - emergent social movements, particularly in Latin America; - the struggle for migrant workers' rights in the world. For the first time a guidance for action emerged from the WSF Assembly on Migrations, including three important action dates and there is also a proposal to hold a special World Social Forum on Migrations in

2008. The main challenge now is to insert U.S. activists in an international setting of cooperation and combined actions.

- the participation and role of feminist organizations, activists, intellectuals, and women's struggles in the social forums.

Facilitators will draw from their participation in several social forums (Porto Alegre, Caracas, Puerto Rico, Nairobi) and will discuss the connections among local, regional, national and world forums and their implications for multi-scalar and multi-issue struggles for peace and justice.

Reducing Toxic Chemicals in our communities (SOM 119)

Facilitator(s): Tina Clarke, Clean Water Action & A.J. Juarez, Mass. Public Health Assoc.



Workshop description: Parkinsons, asthma, and other diseases are linked with toxic chemicals in our living environments. We need to require companies to use safe alternatives. A.J. Juarez is a seasoned activist and strategist. He will describe toxic chemical issues facing communities of color and ways that movements for environmental protection, environmental justice and health protection can be synergized to create a stronger movement. Come find out how we can work together to make this happen. Participatory workshop.

Tracks: Environment/Sustainability; Our Common Wealth

Description of Organization: Cleanwater Action: Protecting public health and the environment from pollution.

Description of Members or constituency: 30,000 members state-wide (Mass), in 22 states.

Healthy Food, Community, and Sustainability (SOM 123)

Facilitator(s): Ryan Voiland, Red Fire Farm, Helen Scharber, Center for Popular Economics,

Workshop description: Access to affordable, culturally appropriate, and high-quality food is as important as clean air and water. Economic forces have systematically denied access to such food to some people in the U.S. and the world. At the same time, food production in the U.S. relies heavily on the exploitation of disempowered laborers and communities. This workshop addresses environmental justice aspects of food systems, including unequal access to food, labor conditions in food production and processing, racial discrimination in farm subsidies, and impacts on communities and public health. We will discuss innovative strategies for community food security such as community supported agriculture, which address inequity in food access and production at the same time as they empower community residents and build a stronger position for preventing future environmental injustices.

Tracks: Economic Justice, Environment/Sustainability

Description of Organization: The Center for Popular Economics (CPE – see description below) Red Fire Farm is a certified organic vegetable farm located in Granby, MA. Red Fire Fields grow over 300,000 pounds of produce each season for farm members and local markets.

Description of Members or constituency: CPE conducts workshops for activist groups representing a range of populations, including people of color, poor people, women, immigrants, and people from developing countries.

Red Fire Farm grows food for Boston area and Western MA residents who value quality food that is grown with sustainable farming

Econ 101 – The Basics of Neo-liberalism (SOM 124)

Facilitator(s): Dale Melcher, UMass Labor Center & Heidi Garret-Peltier, Center for Popular Economics

Workshop description: What exactly is Neo-liberalism – and what does it mean for working folks and their families? We'll explore the neo-liberal economic model and the policies it informs.

We'll pay particular attention to how women, low-income families and communities of color are affected.

Tracks: Economic Justice



10:45-12:15

WORKSHOP A – (cont'd)

Description of Organization: CPE is a collective of political economists working for social and economic justice by demystifying the economy and bridging the gap between academics and grassroots activists. We provide educational materials and participatory trainings that examine root causes of economic inequality and injustice including systems of oppression based on race, class, gender, nation and ethnicity. We create space where networking and movement building is strengthened.

The Labor Center is an integrated program of graduate education, research, and direct service to workers and the labor movement. We offer a multi-disciplinary masters program in both a residential and limited-residency format and conduct national research about work and labor, including research on organizing, strategic campaigns, labor and community coalitions, living wage campaigns, and globalization. Through our extension program we offer education and training programs to workers and their organizations.

Inside N' Out: Queer Youth and the Prison Industrial Complex (SOM 125)

Facilitator(s): Chino Rios, Michael Hall, Ranger Varzeas, Jen Higgins, Ryan Gorski, Holly Richardson, Out Now

Workshop description: Self identified queer youth from Out Now's QuEST project will offer an interactive performance/presentation/workshop for participants of the Western MA Social Forum. This experience will offer an education of the impact of the Prison Industrial Complex on the lives of queer youth.

QuEST (Queer Empowerment thru Solidarity and Truth) is comprised of youth from Out Now. QuEST is dedicated to educating ourselves and others on the intersections between queer youth and the Prison Industrial Complex (PIC). We are developing an anti-oppression analysis that raises awareness of the particular ways the PIC affects the lives of queer youth. All members of QuEST are paid equally for participation and shared responsibility of work.



Tracks: Human rights

Description of Organization: Out Now is a diverse LGBTTSQQIA youth organization located in Springfield, MA. We are dedicated to the support, safety, understanding, acceptance, equality and liberation for the queer community - at home, in schools and throughout society.

Description of members/constituency: Queer youth of the greater Springfield area.

Uncommon Conversations: Dialogue Across Differences and Difficulties (SOM 126)

Facilitator(s): Paula Green and Olivia Dreier (Directors of the Center for Peace building)

Workshop description: Paula Green and Olivia Dreier will present examples of their dialogue facilitation in conflict regions of the world, show an excerpt of the Karuna Center Film, *Healing the Wounds of War*, teach core dialogue principles and skills, and lead participants in a dialogue experience on a conversational topic.

Tracks: War/Militarism/Peace, Human Rights, and Culture/Spirit/Wisdom.

Description of Organization: Karuna Center for Peace building was founded in 1994 to address the growing global challenge of ethnic, religious, and political conflict.

Description of Constituency: Women-directed local non-profit organization.

10:45-12:15

WORKSHOP A – (cont'd)

Organizing Against Genetic Engineering at Massachusetts Town Meetings (SOM 127)

Facilitator(s): Ben Grosscup works for the NOFA/Mass Social Action program, organizing with farmers and advocates for sustainable agriculture throughout Massachusetts. In 2006 and 2007, he has been coordinating a major Massachusetts-wide campaign called The Town-to-Town Campaign on Genetic Engineering, as well as coordinating a campaign to stop the USDA's National Animal Identification System.

Workshop description: Since 2002, regular folks in 111 New England towns have passed resolutions against genetic engineering (GE) at their town meeting. Of these towns, 85 are in VT and 21 are in Mass. In Spring 2007, as many as a dozen new towns will be discussing similar resolutions. These campaigns involve people educating neighbors on the threat of GE to our food supply, building political support to stop the spread of GE foods and seeds, and opening up local governance as a potential vehicle for sustaining an ecological food system. From Massachusetts to Maine, New England has a rich history of town meetings as places of local democratic governance as well as dissent on major issues of broad political importance such as corporate dominance in science and technology. This workshop discusses strategies for how local organizing at town meeting can open up new potentials for extended popular power on these issues

Tracks: Environment/Sustainability

Description of Organization: NOFA/Mass primarily is an educational organization that promotes organic farming and lawn care methods. We also take political stands on a range of topics that affect sustainable agriculture.

Description of Members or constituency: We have about 900 members across Massachusetts, most of them are either organic farmers or people concerned about organic food. Although I don't think we keep statistics, our membership is predominantly white.

12:15-1:15

LUNCH (Newman Center)

bring your own brown bag lunch or \$3 for pizza, drink, & a cookie

1:15-2:45

WORKSHOP B (SOM building)

Bringing the Federal Budget Home: Tools for activists to advocate for a better federal budget (SOM 117)

Facilitator(s): Anita Dancs, National Priorities Project

Workshop description: This workshop will provide an overview of the federal budget, how it impacts local communities and what activists can do about it, including:

- A look at where tax dollars go, using NPP's just released state and city fact sheet breaking down how the federal government spends the average household's tax payment;
- A summary presentation the basics of the federal budget, including a breakdown of discretionary and mandatory spending, and how it gets decided
- A discussion about the consequences of Iraq War spending and how it impacts citizens on a state and congressional district level; this component will include distribution of NPP's fact sheets on the cost of the war

Tracks: War/Peace, Economic Justice

Description of Organization: The National Priorities Project's mission is to make the federal budget and related policies accessible to citizens so they can better hold their elected officials accountable to their local needs.



An introduction to the Israeli/Palestinian situation: A guide to the perplexing, a guide for the perplexed (SOM 118)

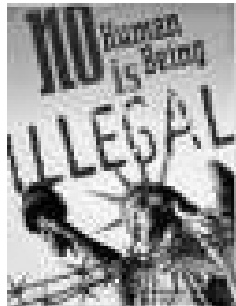
Facilitator(s): Joel Dansky, DeAnne Riddle, Joe Levine and other members of Middle East Peace Coalition's core group

Workshop description: More than 13 years after the promise of a peace agreement between the "Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization-the Rabin Arafat "handshake on the White House lawn-prospects for a negotiated settlement have never been dimmer. Despite recent meetings provided over by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice between Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Israel Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, diplomatic initiatives are at an impasse. Meanwhile conditions for Palestinians in the Occupied Territories have never been worse: Unemployment is high, poverty and even malnutrition rampant, and internecine violence increasing. Israeli land confiscations, settlement expansion, raids and assassinations, and all of the apparatus designed to control Palestinian movement have continued unabated. In addition, Palestinians are subject to international sanctions that have severely curtailed badly needed humanitarian aid. This workshop will orient newcomers to the issues to the dynamics of the conflict today. It will be followed by a facilitated discussion focused on developing strategies that support resistance to Occupation, changes in U.S. policy, and efforts towards reconciliation.

Tracks: War/Militarism/Peace, Economic Justice, Human Rights

Description of Organization: The Middle East Peace Coalition of Western Mass (MEPC) is a locally based educational and political organization that supports the struggle for peace and justice in Israel/Palestine. MEPC has worked on this issue for almost 20 years. We have organized many community programs bringing news and analysis of the current developments. A number of our members have visited Israel/Palestine as international volunteers or as members of peace delegations.

Immigrant workers today (SOM 119) - data proj.



Facilitator(s): Harris Freeman, WNEC School of Law & Visiting Prof., UMass Labor Center; Ruth Trujillo, Greensboro Justice Fund, Lisa Henderson, Five College and Community Immigration Group

Workshop description: Are you an immigrant to the United States or a citizen who supports immigrant rights but wonders about the legal ins-and-outs? Could you use an overview of

the key political debates as the Pioneer Valley community looks forward to immigrant rights actions on May 1st? This workshop will provide a primer on Immigration Law including: 1. the size and composition of the immigrant population in the U.S. i.e. persons living and working here who are not citizens;

2. authorized and unauthorized status categories of immigrants and the legal protections (or lack thereof) that applies to each; 3. the debate over guest worker programs v. amnesty

Tracks: Economic Justice, Human Rights

Description of Organization:

Description of Members or constituency: The Five College and Community Immigration Group is an ad hoc group of faculty and community activists with common interests in immigration justice and research.

Teaching Students About War – Guidance for teachers (SOM 123)

Facilitator(s): John Fitzgerald, Historians Against the War, Veterans for Peace

Workshop description: Presentation & discussion of a 3-4 week teaching unit on war and militarism. The main focus is the Vietnam War with reference to the Iraq War. Participants will get a package of lesson plans and sources.

Tracks: War/Peace, Education (other)

1:15-2:45

WORKSHOP B (cont'd)

Description of Organization: Historians Against the War (HAW) offers historical sources and perspectives on the Iraq War, and Veterans for Peace is an anti-war/military organization located in Western Mass.

Building Community Economies in the Pioneer Valley (SOM 124)

Facilitator(s): Janelle Cornwell, Karen Werner, and Ted White, Community Economies Research Group (CERG)

Workshop description: Karen Werner: Starting an Alternative Currency in Orange/ Athol, MA; Janelle Cornwell: cooperative fantasies, pleasure, desire, and capital; Ted White: Farm Stands, economy based on trust

Tracks: Economic Justice, Culture/Spirit/Wisdom, Common Wealth

How to Support Young Revolutionary and 101 Things NOT to Say to Adults (SOM 125)

Facilitator(s): Youth Leadership in the Arts (YLA)

Workshop description: Have you ever felt under-estimated in your actions because you are a youth? Or been accused of being a rebel without a cause? Have you ever felt like you were not speaking the same "language" as youth? This workshop will begin to break these barriers and improve communication towards community change. This will be a workshop on building youth/adult collaboration. It will be participatory in style.

Tracks: Human Rights and all

Simbolos de un Mundo Nuevo (Symbols of a New World): Social Change through living arts (SOM 126)

Facilitator(s): Maria Bermudez, Saiya Miller, Andres Rivas, AnaLisa, and Diego Vanegas-Farrara

Workshop description: Manos Unidas will create a collectively inspired workshop moving through poetry for a new world (created by all), mask making (all grounded in our popular education ideology and our shared perspective for a world without oppression), and a final group presentation for a "New World".

Tracks: Human Rights, Culture/Spirit/Wisdom, Our Common Wealth/Natural and Social Resources

Description of Organization: Manos Unidas is a multicultural grassroots community empowerment organization located in Pittsfield that works alongside Latino immigrants, and other under heard community citizens through shared resources, living arts, and popular education. We are nurturing a culture of community crossing border of class, race, culture, geography, and language, hand by hand. For more information regarding Manos Unidas visit the blog site at

www.unitedmanos.blogspot.com or contact via e-mail, manosunidasorg@gmail.com.

Description of Constituency: Immigrants, poor people, people of color, youth, bisexuals, and muyeres.

It's Time to Get Yourself a Union (SOM 127)

Facilitator(s): Jon Weissman, Jobs with Justice; Jerry Friedman, UMass labor historian & CPE; David Cohen, United Electrical Workers; Jessica Levy, Student Labor Action Project

Workshop Description: In the context of labor history and labor law reform (currently the Employee Free Choice Act) we will discuss the nuts and bolts about forming a union, even without legal recognition. This will be a participatory workshop with a facilitated discussion.

Tracks: Economic Justice, Human rights



3:15-4:45

WORKSHOP C (SOM building)**Why we do not need the death penalty in Massachusetts, the USA and the World (SOM 117)****Facilitator(s):** Bob Lawson, Hampden County Chapter of Mass. Citizens Against the Death Penalty**Workshop description:** Presentation of basic arguments against the death penalty with discussion and Q&A.**Tracks:** Human Rights**Description of organization:** Massachusetts Citizens Against the Death Penalty opposes the death penalty in Massachusetts and works to educate the public on this and related issues.**Description of members/constituency:** all-inclusive**A Revolution in Money and Banking (From the Bottom Up) (SOM 118)****Facilitator(s):** Chris Lindstrom, E.F. Schumacher Society**Workshop description:** This workshop will cover a brief history of our current monetary and banking system and then explore some of the innovations arising through out the world that are transforming the way money works. Such topics will include complementary currencies (ie. Local currencies, barter, community currencies), micro-credit, business structuring, and trusts.**Tracks:** Economic Justice, Our Common Wealth**Description of Organization:** Building on a rich tradition often known as decentralism, the society initiates practical measures that lead to community revitalization and further the transition toward an economically and ecologically sustainable society.**Description of constituency:** people of color, poor people, LGBT, women, immigrants, cooperatives, etc.

Local currency - Berkshares

Another World Is Here Another World Is Here – Lessons from the Real World (SOM 119)**Facilitator(s):** Julie Graham, Amit Basole, Emily Kawano and others from the W/Mass Economic Alternatives Network**Workshop description:** This participatory workshop will explore existing economic alternatives as well as economic frameworks that provide an alternative to *neoliberalism* (corporate-led globalization that promotes unfair trade, privatization & cutbacks in social programs). The workshop will include a slideshow that highlights a number of economic alternatives in W. Mass. such as worker cooperatives, local currency, green technology, community supported agriculture and community banking.

We will introduce and disentangle different alternative economic frameworks including the Social/Solidarity Economy, Gandhian and Buddhist Economics, New Localism, and Green Economics

Tracks: Economic Justice, Environment/Sustainability, Common Wealth**Description of organization:** This network came out of a Roundtable on Economic Alternatives held in December 2005.**Building Community Owned Assets (SOM 123)****Facilitator(s):** Larry Union and Lynn Benander, Northeast Diesel & Co-op Power

3:15-4:45

WORKSHOP C (cont'd)

Workshop description: It's not right for large corporations to own all the resources we depend on to meet our basic needs. Communities need to own and control resources to ensure the needs of all are met. Come hear how Co-op Power is leveraging member equity to build community-scale, community-owned sustainable energy. You can use the capital structure presented to develop community-owned resources to meet other basic needs for generations to come. Participatory workshop.

Tracks: Economic Justice; Environment/Sustainability; Our Common Wealth

Description of organization: Co-op Power: Consumer-owner energy co-operative building community-owned, community scale sustainable energy resources to make clean energy affordable and accessible to all.

Northeast Biodiesel: Biodiesel plant making 5 million gallons of biodiesel a year from recycled vegetable oil.

Description of members/constituency: We're a multi-class, multi-racial inclusive movement for sustainable energy.

Responding to The War Against Nature: Direct action and community-based action in defense of the planet (SOM 124)

Facilitator(s): Jean Grossholtz & D.O., The Enviro Show, WXOJ-LP, Tina Clarke

Workshop description: Exploration of the successful responses to the war against nature. Brainstorming actions for the future. From grassroots-inspired municipal programs, media work, theater, to direct action, we'll look to the past as well as the future for models that work. The focus will be mostly on climate change.

Tracks: Environment/Sustainability

Description of Organization: The Enviro show is a bi-weekly radio show on Valley Free Radio, WXOJ-LP, 103.3FM covering news, views & interviews on radical ecology and the environment. Clean Water Action is a national non-profit working for clean, affordable water, prevention of health-threatening pollution and empowerment of people to make democracy work.

Description of Members or constituency: The Enviro show reaches an wide listening audience from Springfield to Greenfield. Clean Water Action has offices in 22 states and 30,000 members in Massachusetts.

Mini-Help Increase the Peace (SOM 125)

Facilitator(s): Three local HIPP youth

Workshop description: The Help Increase the Peace Project is a youth leadership, non-violence training led by young people. HIPP helps young people process issues that affect them in order to foster youth as agents of social change. HIPP looks at the roots causes of violence and explores how they are connected. HIPP is also a fun way to talk about serious issues happening in our society today. This mini-HIPP will focus on racism and economic justice.

Tracks: Economic Justice, Human rights, War/militarism/peace

80 years of Organizing: Mistakes made and lessons learned (SOM 126)

Facilitator(s): Susan and Rene Theberge, SAGE

Workshop description: In this very interactive workshop, we will lead a discussion, based on our experiences over the last 40 years, as well as those of the participants. We will focus on how to start, build and sustain community based political action organizations. We will also discuss how activists can sustain themselves in this work over the long haul.

SAGE, a 6 year old grassroots organization, will be used as a concrete and current example to provide context and real life examples of mistakes and lessons learned.



Tracks: War//Militarism/Peace; Human Rights; Culture/Spirit/Wisdom

Description of members/constituency: W. Mass. economic alternative practitioners and support organizations.

The Real Costs of War (SOM 127)

Facilitator(s): Western Mass. Chapter of Veterans for Peace

Workshop description: Veterans will discuss their service in the military. Demystify the military and unmask the real goals of the “Defense Department.” Brief intro and presentation followed by audience participation. Will bring literature and buttons.

Tracks: War/Peace

Description of organization: Veterans for Peace is an anti-war group of veterans in Western Massachusetts.

Description of members/constituency: all inclusive

4:45-5:45

Wrap-up Plenary (Mahar Auditorium)

Reflections on the day

Step up Improv for Truth on Tap

Reflections on the day & what's ahead on the program (open space intro & sign-up)

5:45-7:00

Dinner – catered by Earthfoods (Student Union – Cape Cod Lounge & Earthfoods Dining Room)

7:00-10:00

**A Celebration of Culture and Arts:
Performances and Open Mic (Mahar Aud.)**

Kim DeSheild & Ziggy Willep will Emcee this exciting event, featuring DJ Henry C.

The line up of performances include: youth from Project 2050, Youth Leadership in the Arts (YLA) and Video Vanguard as well as elders from the Raging Grannies. Local songster Tom Neilson, performance poet Alice Lovelace and many others!

This is an open mic event, so please don't be shy. Share your talents and creativity!



SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007

9:00-9:30

Registration (SOM lobby)

Registration – Coffee, tea & bagels will be available.



9:30-10:00

Welcome & Intro to the day (Mahar auditorium)

10:00-11:45 **Open Space Technology (Mahar aud. & SOM)** - a process where participants self-organize sessions based on the issues that they are passionate about.

The following are Open Space workshops that were submitted early:

Open Space 1 (Data projector/laptop)

Story telling and strategies for social change

Facilitator(s): Liana Foxvog, Raul Matta, STORY (Strategy Training & Organizing Resources for Youth)

Workshop description: This workshop will discuss how to apply “narrative power analysis” tools to social change work. That is, looking at the stories that are told, who tells them, and how we can change them, and how we can change the story for a more just future. Participants will learn strategic messaging and organizing tools to apply to their campaigns across peace, social justice, and economic justice movements.

Tracks: Culture/Spirit/ Wisdom, plus tools that can be used across movements

Description of Organization: Trains with story-based strategy tools in many social justice & peace movements with focus on 18-30 age group but tools should apply to all

Open Space 2

Radicals at Work

Facilitator(s): Lynn Williams, Joe Phillips, Solidarity & the Rank-and-File Youth Project



Workshop description: This workshop is sponsored by

Solidarity and the Rank-and-File Youth Project. The session will look at the ways in which young workers are organizing in the workplace to fight for workers’ rights, as well as against racism, sexism and homophobia. The speakers are workers who are striving for an intersectional approach to organizing around class, race and gender. They will talk about ways students can get involved in rank-and-file labor activism, while in school, or after they graduate and are looking for full-time work. Presentation and discussion.

Tracks: Economic Justice, Human Rights

Open Space 3

Anarchist organizing & etiquette

Facilitator(s): Lydia Powers, Emily Mortimer, Jamilah Ali Alexander, Anna Marie Russo

Workshop Description: This workshop is designed to share skills on how to organize effectively in a non-hierarchical way with your community. Many grassroots trainings and leadership trainings simply target the next white male politicians, and do not want to effect institutional change. There needs to be viable alternatives to these types of training. We want to leave a lot of time for people to share their personal experiences and provide useful solutions or advice to help counter the oppression experienced by many organizers in the left. The goal is to address the problems within organizing in non-hierarchical ways, and through our discussions we will develop tools people can use to actually organize in our community.

Topics include: Brief explanation of Anarchism, with history; What does it mean to be an Anarchist Activist Organizer? What types of barriers are there to this? Discussion of tactics; How to organize in our community.

Tracks: War/Militarism/Peace, Organizing

Description of Organization: reVoltairine is primarily composed of women and focuses upon non-hierarchical community based educational outreach

11:45-12:00

Break

NEXT STEPS:

U.S. Social Forum – organizing to support folks in going down to Atlanta, June 27-July 1, 2007

W. Mass. Movement Building – What's next?

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Struggle Continues



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-  PVTa Bus Stop Shelter
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