Hello to all Members and Friends of Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR)

Click here for a list of many upcoming events for justice and peace.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENT: Our national organization FOR-USA is participating in the Jan 12-13 Emergency Summit for Gaza available online as well as live in Chicago. The photo of the lunch offered in-person is almost enough alone to make a plane ticket worthwhile ;-) 

LOOKING BACK:

• Jan 6 anniversary of violent attempt to disrupt the installation of the newly elected U.S. President, 2021. See related event 
• Jan 11 anniversary of first prisoners at Guantanamo, 2002, see Resources, and events Jan 10 and Jan 12
• Jan 15, birth of Martin Luther King Jr. 1929, see many related events in list below
ACTION: **Support Justice for Immigrants.** Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network asks us to add our names as grassroots co-sponsors of the 2024 WAISN Policy Platform. See https://actionnetwork.org/forms/add-your-name-co-sponsor-waisns-2024-policy-platform and sign on if you agree! See also events Jan 16 Jan 20 and Feb 7

ACTION: You may have heard about the arson fire at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, a cultural hub in Seattle’s International District, with the loss of irreplaceable historic records. If you are able, make a donation to the building restoration fund at https://www.seattlebetsuin.org/fire/ or send a check payable to “Seattle Buddhist Church” at Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle WA 98144.

Here are some CALENDARS with upcoming events relating to the GAZA WAR

- Compiled by CodePink, https://www.codepink.org/events
- Compiled by World Beyond War https://events.worldbeyondwar.org/

Please email us information about other calendars and events!

ACTIONS. More useful sites to **help end the war in Gaza:**

- AFSC’s page 6 ways you can support Palestinians in Gaza at https://afsc.org/news/6-ways-you-can-support-palestinians-gaza
- Win Without War’s Congressional Ceasefire Tracker at https://winwithoutwar.org/congress-ceasefire/ Note that neither Washington Senator has taken a stand for a Ceasefire, and in the
House only Rep. Jayapal has taken this stand. The rest need to hear from us!

Our organizational information such as how to contact us is at the end.

UPCOMING EVENTS LIST (click on links to fast-scroll to event details) [+ indicates FOR or FOR-cosponsored event]

- Jan 7 – March 17, Antiracism Book Group for Whites, Zoom
- Jan 7 – June 2, Antiracism Skills Building for Whites, Zoom
- Jan 7, Free Nonviolence Workshop, online or Beaverton OR
- Jan 7, Death Penalty Action Webinar
- Jan 7, Solidarity Dinner for Gaza, Redmond
- Jan 8, Earth Ministry Legislative Priorities Training, Zoom
- Jan 9-13, MLK Day Workshops, online
- Jan 10, Guantanamo to Gaza: Resisting State Violence, online
- Jan 10, 3rd Anniversary of Insurrection Attempt in DC, Zoom
- Jan 10, Gaza War: Short- and Long-term Implications, Webinar
- Jan 10, What Creates Social Change? Webinar
- Jan 11, 22nd Anniversary of Guantanamo Prison Opening
- Jan 11, Women’s Chapter Black Prisoners Caucus Event, Seattle
- + Jan 12 & 13, Emergency Summit for Gaza, Chicago or online
- Jan 12, Guantanamo, Where Do We Go From Here? online
- Jan 13, March on Washington for Gaza, Washington DC
- Jan 13, MLK Day Vigil against Nuclear Weapons and War, Poulsbo
- Jan 13, MLK Celebration & Human Rights School, online
- Jan 14, Relationship As and With Native People, Olympia
- Jan 14, MLK Day Youth Event, Seattle
- Jan 14, Youth Led MLK Celebration, Bainbridge Island
- Jan 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, everywhere
- Jan 15, MLK Day Workshops, Rally & March, Seattle
• Jan 15, MLK Lobby Day, Olympia
• Jan 15, Two MLK Day Celebration Events, Edmonds
• Jan 15, MLK Celebration at NW African American Museum, Seattle
• Jan 15, MLK Commemoration at WA History Museum, Tacoma
• Jan 15, City MLK Celebration & Awards, Tacoma or online
• Jan 16, Nuclear Weapons Abolition Book Club, Zoom
• Jan 16, Immigrant Justice Advocacy Training, online
• Jan 17, Ranked Choice Voting Lobby Day, Olympia
• Jan 20 & 21, Poor People’s Campaign events, Longview WA
• Jan 20, Undocumented Resource Fair and Film, Seattle
+ Jan 21, Anniversary Treaty Prohibits Nukes, Olympia
• Jan 21, Voices from the Holy Land Film, Zoom
• Jan 22 – 26, Democracy Lobby Week, Olympia & Virtual
+ Jan 23, FOR-USA Gathering Voices Conversation, Zoom
• Jan 23 – March 5, Nonprofit Fundamentals, online
• Jan 24, ACLU Criminal Legal System Reform Advocacy, Olympia
• Jan 31 – March 27, Nonprofit Fundamentals, Lewis County
• Feb 4, Death Penalty Action Webinar
• Feb 7, Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day, Olympia
• Feb 8, Interfaith Advocacy Day, Olympia
• Feb 12, Nonprofit Action Day, Olympia
• Feb 21 – April 17, Nonprofit Fundamentals, Stanwood
• Feb 22-24, Climate Change & Native Solidarity, Seattle
+ March 2, Poor People’s Campaign March, Olympia
+ May 3-5, 2024, FOR-USA Summit, Atlanta GA

**Weekly & Ongoing Events**
• Saturdays, Lake Forest Park Peace Vigil
• 1st & 3rd Fridays, Mt Vernon Abolish Nukes Bannering
+ Olympia FOR Weekly Peace Vigils, Weds and Fridays
+ Fire Mt. FOR Centralia Weekly Peace Vigils, Saturdays
CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE EVENT

Mon Jan 1, 1-3 pm, at PCC Columbia City 3610 S Edmunds St, Seattle;

Join If Not Now Seattle on New Year's Day in asking constituents of Rep. Adam Smith to call his office and demand that he support a ceasefire and an end to military aid to Israel. We will be connecting with others who want to support Palestinian human rights and a just and peaceful future for all in Israel and Palestine.

Rep. Smith is the ranking member of the house armed services committee, and so it is especially important that we continue to pressure him to do the right thing.

RSVP at  https://mobilize.us/s/NPqlIQB
Our Revolution puts on this event with Barbara Lee, the only person in Congress to vote against a War on Afghanistan on Sept 14, 2001. FOR is a 501c3 non-profit organization which does not endorse candidates, but we honor this elected official’s consistent stand for peace!

RSVP at
https://act.ourrevolution.com/signup/OR_townhall_peaceforall_2312_Jan4/

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PREP FOR LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING

Sat Jan 6, 9 am – 12:30 pm Pacific time, virtual

The League of Women Voters of Washington presents a free live training, Speak Up School

Learn about engaging with the legislature in a separate session on January 6. Called “Speak-up School,” this session will include the following topics:

- How to use the legislative web site for legislation and additional background
- How to use the League's legislative newsletter
- How to testify effectively
- How to talk to legislators in one-one or small group meetings

This session will also prepare League members and others for Democracy Lobby Week with Fix Democracy First, to be held the week of January 22-26, 2024. Info about that week at
https://lwvwa.org/event-5475122
Free Registration at https://secure.everyaction.com/UGEjbQ4A-kC4w6OoteCvgA2

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PROTEST FOR PALESTINE MARCH

Sat Jan 6, noon, at Starbucks Roastery, 1124 Pike St, downtown Seattle, and subsequent Saturdays

Join us for our weekly protest. We won’t stop until the siege on Gaza is broken! Free Free Palestine!

End the siege on Gaza! Stop All US funding for genocide! Free all Palestinian prisoners! End media complicity

Sponsors

- Samidoun Seattle. https://www.instagram.com/p/Cyjt0UCPYc4/
- Falastiniyat. https://www.instagram.com/falastiniyat/?g=5
- SUPER UW: Students United for Palestinian Equality and Return https://www.facebook.com/SuperUw/
- Palestinian American Community Center of Washington State https://www.facebook.com/groups/paccwa/
- Seattle Jewish Voice for Peace https://linktr.ee/jvpseattle

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ANTIRACISM BOOK STUDY GROUP FOR WHITE PEOPLE

Jan 7 – March 17, alternate Sundays, 1-3 pm, Zoom

Book Study Group. 7-session deep dive into the book Nice Racism – How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm, by Dr. Robin DiAngelo. We will create a supportive and challenging space in which we, as white progressives, can explore how to get as free as possible of our racialized conditioning; reduce the harm we cause; and work effectively with others to build the foundation for a healthy and just multi-racial society.

Cost: Free! Facilitator: Suzanne Engelberg

Info and registration email info@breakingwhitesilencenw.org

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ANTIRACISM SKILLS BUILDING FOR WHITES

Jan 7 – June 2, 5 sessions first Sunday of month, 7-8:30 pm, Zoom

Book-Based Practice Group – Deepening Skills in Holding Constructive Conversations around Race, based on The Facilitator’s Guide for White Affinity Groups by Robin DiAngelo and Amy Burtaine

We will practice using skills described in the book to address common challenging situations faced by anti-racist allies at work, in families and in the community. Each session will have 3 elements:

- clarifying the ideas and strategies presented in the selected book chapters
• practicing using the skills in small group simulations, and
• supporting each other in addressing current challenging situations

Cost: Free! Facilitators: Paul Finley and Yarrow Durbin

Info and registration email info@breakingwhitesilencenw.org

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FREE NONVIOLENCE WORKSHOP: LIVING THE NONVIOLENT LIFE

Sun Jan 7, 1-5 pm, at Spirit of Grace in Beaverton, OR, or online

After a grounding in the Principles of Kingian Nonviolence experienced nonviolence specialists from On Earth Peace, will involve us in exploring our ability to use active nonviolence in our lives. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with each other and practice these life-changing approaches. There will be a time to share our concerns and seek solutions.

Agenda
• Explore key elements of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation.
• Prepare your spirit and your approach to respond to challenging situations.
• Practice engaging with others using a nonviolent stance.
• Explore how to channel anger and use conflict as a constructive tool.
• Build community, have fun, and create a pathway for further involvement.
Register for the in-person event with this form:
https://forms.gle/ohyzZ4WSjJ9Rg9Zw6 or by emailing WelcomingNonviolence23@yahoo.com

Register for online participation at
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-the-nonviolent-life-nonviolence-workshop-registration-752405193187

Donations gratefully accepted.

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DEATH PENALTY ACTION WEBINAR

Sun Jan 7, 6 pm Pacific time, Webinar

Join Death Penalty Action for a review of the issues and action opportunities surrounding the next several executions scheduled in the United States. This project of Death Penalty Action recurs (normally) on the first Sunday of each month.

Death Penalty Action works to stop executions and abolish the death penalty through advocacy, education, and action.

Registration https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GQi-Z-U0QyyvVOoYaL3nA

Info info@deathpenaltyaction.org or https://deathpenaltyaction.org/

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MLK DAY WORKSHOPS

Tues – Sat Jan 9-13, online

Seattle MLK Jr Organizing Coalition presents several online workshops in the days leading to the Jan 14 official MLK Day Holiday.

Info https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/workshops-2024

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SOLIDARITY DINNER FOR GAZA

Sun Jan 7, 7-9 pm, at Muslim Association of Puget Sound, 17550 NE 67th Court, Redmond, WA 98052

Come together to support those who have inspired the world. KinderUSA is the leading American Muslim organization focused on the health and well-being of Palestinian children. We envision a free, just and peaceful Palestine where children thrive and look forward to a productive future, like children everywhere.

Every year, KinderUSA extends a helping hand to Gazan families, assisting them in recovering from economic losses that persist in their lives. With your support we look forward to continuing this essential work by providing additional support to families in need. Currently, ninety percent of Gazans rely on humanitarian aid to meet their daily nutritional needs.
Come join for an evening to support the work of KinderUSA as they serve and support Gazans on the ground today. Enjoy a traditional Palestinian meal and listen to inspirational speakers.

Tickets $30. Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ADAD23ABF4C61-46875837-buytickets#/. You can also make a donation at this site.

Info https://www.gazadinner.org/

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EARTH MINISTRY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TRAINING

Mon Jan 8, 6-7:30 PM, Zoom

2024 Legislative Priorities and Faithful Advocacy Training. Each year, the Earth Ministry/WAIPL community raises up a multifaith voice for environmental justice in the state legislature. We will offer a virtual community-wide webinar that will offer a refresher on faithful advocacy and an overview of our legislative priorities.


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FROM GUANTÁNAMO TO GAZA: RESISTING STATE VIOLENCE AND OCCUPATION

Weds Jan 10, 10 am – 12:30 pm Pacific time,

January 2024 marks 22 years of U.S. detention of Muslim men and boys at the Guantánamo Bay prison. Thirty Muslim men remain at the notorious facility: most have never been charged with a crime despite spending decades behind bars, and none have ever had access to a fair trial.

Unjust detention, torture and abuse, the demonization and dehumanization of Muslims under the guise of national security, and impunity are essential pieces of why Guantánamo remains open and how and why such brutal and unlawful practices are being replicated around the world. Join us for a webinar focusing on these threads and the manifestations and connections to state violence, arbitrary detention, and occupation in Iraq and Palestine.

This virtual event is co-sponsored by the Center for Constitutional Rights, Muslim Counterpublics Lab, and Adalah Justice Project. ASL and CART will be provided.

Speakers
• Katherine Gallagher, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights
• Mansoor Adayfi, writer, activist, and Guantánamo survivor
• Sahar Francis, Director, Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association

Co-moderated by Aliya Hussain, Center for Constitutional Rights, and Dr. Maha Hilal, Muslim Counterpublics Lab

Registration [https://ccrjustice.org/civicrm/event/register?id=997](https://ccrjustice.org/civicrm/event/register?id=997)

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3RD ANNIVERSARY OF INSURRECTION AT THE CAPITOL

Weds Jan 10, 5 pm Pacific time, Zoom

Fix Democracy First holds a special Democracy Happy Hour to mark the 3rd anniversary of the Jan 6, 2021, attempt to stop the Congressional role in the peaceful transition of power in the US.

On January 6, 2021 an attack happened not just on the U.S. Capitol building and the attempt to stop the electoral vote, but also on democracy and the rule of law. It’s been three years since that attack. Join us for this special event to discuss the event, what’s happened since, and what might have happened if it was ultimately successful.

Registration https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uJAlc-yppjstDIEL3JGv7m62A9TlapYR6g#/registration

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GAZA WAR: SHORT- AND LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS

Weds Jan 10, 4 pm Pacific time, Webinar
Richard Falk, Irene Gendzier, and Assaf Kfoury on the Gaza War, Short & Long Term Diplomatic Imperatives, Implications for the Middle East and Geopolitics

What must be done to end the war? To prevent escalation to a still more catastrophic regional war? To begin the difficult diplomacy to ensure that the rights, dignity and security of both the Palestinian and Israeli peoples? To create U.S. policies that defuse rather than exacerbate militarism, divisions and tensions across the Middle East? To restore essential services and begin reconstruction for more than two million people?

Join our panel discussion with three extraordinarily experienced and well informed Middle East scholars who have long been devoted to creating a just Israeli-Palestinian and Middle East peace.

Richard Falk is Albert G. Milbank Professor Emeritus of International Law at Princeton University and served as UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Palestine and is currently Co-Convener of SHAPE (Save Humanity and Planet Earth.)

Irene L. Gendzier, Professor Emerita at Boston University, Dept. of History and Political Science, and member of the African Studies Center.

Assaf Kfoury is a Lebanese-Palestinian mathematician and professor in the Computer Science Department at Boston University and a long-time associate of Noam Chomsky.

Info and registration
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3bx1nQUoQrGAV__F9ZqEkw#/registration

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WHAT CREATES SOCIAL CHANGE?

Weds Jan 10, 7 pm, Webinar

A webinar by Lynn Fitz-Hugh, director of Restoring Earth Connection

Tired of the way things have been going? Worried about how our ecosystem survives and our democracy endures? Looking for hope and comrades for a better future. Lynn Fitz-Hugh, lifelong activist and veteran of anti-nuclear weapons, anti-nuclear power, anti-war and militarism, prisoner’s rights, and 18 years of climate activism talks about what history and recent research tells us about how to create effective social change. There is more to it than voting and protests.

Register for the webinar
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEscuyhqzwvHNb6rIHtj4KKNcE1pSKfbTb

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ANNIVERSARY OF GUANTANAMO PRISON OPENING

Thurs Jan 11

On Jan 11, 2002, the first prisoners were brought to the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. See
https://humanrights.ucdavis.edu/projects/the-guantanamo-
Almost 800 prisoners were at Guantanamo Prison. 30 remain, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_current_detainees_at_Guantanamo_Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_current_detainees_at_Guantanamo_Bay). Some of these prisoners have been at Guantanamo since 2002. Many were brought after imprisonment and torture at other prisons.

To our great shame, there are still 30 prisoners there. Most of these prisoners have never been charged with any crime. Many have been tortured.

Their treatment is a disgrace to our country.

Witness Against Torture [https://witnessagainsttorture.com/](https://witnessagainsttorture.com/) lists these actions everyone can take:

- Email President Biden [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov) to free 16 men cleared for release and 3 men still not charged after 20 years of incarceration
- Donate to the Guantanamo Survivors Fund to support the many transferred men living in dire circumstances [www.nogitmos.org/guantanamo-survivors-fund](http://www.nogitmos.org/guantanamo-survivors-fund)
- Mail a post card to Secretary of State Antony Blinken saying immediately resettle or find a lawful solution for all the detainees still held at Guantánamo (Secretary Antony Blinken, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520)
- Join the GTMO Clock: Take your photo with the poster to tell Biden that 8,036 days is too long for Guantanamo to be open. See [https://gtmoclock.com/](https://gtmoclock.com/)

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BLACK PRISONERS CAUCUS EVENT: SOLIDARITY & SISTAHOOD

Thurs Jan 11, dinner 5:30 pm, program 6:30 pm, at Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

Join the Black Prisoners Caucus Women’s Chapter for a community discussion as they uplift and bring awareness to the work of women who are just coming out of prison, formerly incarcerated women, and women behind bars who deserve their freedom to come back home to their families and community. There is no charge to attend!

Info [https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/](https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/) and [https://www.blackprisonerscaucus.org](https://www.blackprisonerscaucus.org)

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EMERGENCY SUMMIT FOR GAZA: CEASEFIRE, SAVING LIVES, BUILDING PEACE

Fri Jan 12, 9 am – 4 pm, Pacific time
Sat Jan 13, 7 – 11 am, Pacific time
At Rainbow PUSH Coalition Headquarters, 930 East 50th Street Chicago, IL 60615 or online

We are faith leaders, and civil and human rights advocates, all united in this moment of moral reckoning to affirm the sanctity of all human life. We call on the Biden Administration and Congress to act for justice and the preservation of Palestinian and Israeli lives now.
Speakers include: Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Fahed Abuakel, Dr. James Zogby, Peter Beinart, Congressman Johnathon Jackson, Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Rabbi Phyllis Berman, Dr. Nina Turner, Illinois State Representative Abdelnasser Rashid, Rev. Frederick Haynes, Wesley Granberg-Michaelson.


Info and in-person attendance registration
Info and online attendance registration
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScb5HfAhcRsitkYKgdEuIB74AONcmcKMizbxVkJwP4PN-gfZg/viewform

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GUANTANAMO, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Fri Jan 12, 2 - 3:30 pm Pacific time, online

Thirty Muslim men remain detained as the Guantanamo Bay prison enters its 23rd year of operation. Sixteen have long been cleared, some for as long as twenty years, while billions have been spent keeping them there. Why is Guantanamo still open? Will the Biden administration fulfill its goal of closing the prison? What can we do?
Join us for a virtual conversation with the former UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counterterrorism, a Guantanamo survivor, and experts from Amnesty International USA and the Center for Constitutional Rights. Panelists will discuss the current status of the prison, the conditions faced by men who have been released, and where we go from here.

- **Moderator**—Rich Sroczynski, Close Guantanamo Coalition
- **Presenters**: Fionnuala Ni Aolain, former UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, was, in 2023, the first official UN expert to visit and investigate Guantanamo.
- **Mansoor Adayfi** is a writer and a former Guantánamo Bay Prison Camp detainee, held for over 14 years without charges as an enemy combatant. He was released to Serbia in 2016, where he struggles to make a new life for himself and to shed the designation of a suspected terrorist.
- **Daphne Eviatar** directs Amnesty International USA’s Security with Human Rights program. She leads the organization’s advocacy related to US national security policy, focusing on detention, interrogation and use of lethal force.
- **Aliya Hana Hussain** is an Advocacy Program Manager at the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), where she manages CCR’s advocacy and campaigns on indefinite detention at Guantanamo, the profiling and targeting of Muslim, Arab, and South Asian communities, and accountability for torture and other war crimes.

Co-sponsors: Amnesty International USA, Center for Constitutional Rights, Massachusetts Peace Action, Kairos Community, Upper Hudson Peace Action, Witness Against Torture, World Can’t Wait, Center for Victims of Torture, September 11 Families For Peaceful Tomorrows, World Can’t Wait
MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR GAZA

Sat Jan 13, 1 pm, National Mall, 1600 Constitution Ave NW, Washington DC

Demanding a #CeaseFireNow and an end to Israeli occupation of Palestine

A massive national March for Palestine, initiated by the American Muslim Task Force for Palestine, which includes many of the most important national Muslim-American organizations. The ANSWER Coalition has been invited to be the national partner for this next massive mobilization and is organizing buses from many cities.

March information, and transportation from many cities, is being coordinated at the website March4Gaza.org

Sponsored by many organizations including American Muslim Task Force for Palestine https://www.ampalestine.org/, Council on American Islamic Relations CAIR https://www.cair.com/, Muslim Students Association https://www.msanational.org/, ANSWER, see endorsers at https://march4gaza.org/endorsers/
Additional DC event added 1/6/24: multiple Christian denominations will come together outside the White House at 4pm on Jan 13 to ask Pres. Biden and Congress to respond to their November 9 letter condemning the collective punishment of Palestinians, asking for adherence to the Geneva Conventions, a stop to West Bank settler attacks, no additional military aid to Israel, and a ceasefire.

MLK DAY VIGIL AND MARCH AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WAR

Sat Jan 13, noon – 1:45 pm, at Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW, Poulsbo WA

noon Meet at Ground Zero for march to Trident Nuclear Submarine Base Gate

12:30-1:15 Vigil at Gate

1:15-1:45 Return to GZ for debrief & potluck lunch

info railsback.kathryn@gmail.com or www.gzcenter.org

CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. LIFE & WORK &
INAUGURATION OF LUCY PARSONS POPULAR HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL

Sat Jan 13, 10 am Pacific time, Zoom

Join Alliance for Global Justice for a celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King and an Inauguration of the 2024 Lucy Parsons Popular Human Rights School Human Rights Defender/Observer class.

We will examine Dr. King's Letter From a Birmingham Jail, which presents a clear analysis of human rights abuses in the US and issues a clarion call to work for positive social change.

Please find and read MLK's "From a Birmingham Jail" before the webinar class at the following link: https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html

To enroll in our 9-week course starting January 20th, go to: https://afgj.org/hrs/apply Deadline to apply is January 14th, 2023.

Registration for Jan 13 https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_d0zKt3iLQIelkG_2cRXXBg

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RELATIONSHIP AS AND WITH NATIVE PEOPLE

Sun Jan 14, 1 - 3:30 pm, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1515 Harrison St NW, Olympia
Learning Right Relations Gathering with Mark Kremen (Tswana/Skokomish). Mark will share his story of who he is and will speak about the assimilation era, church and Native spirituality, Mother Earth and our relationship as native people, and more. Please save the date, and plan to bring a healthy dish for the salmon potluck. See you there.

LRR Statement of Purpose: We walk a path of learning and living to address the historic marginalization and ongoing inequities experienced by our Coast Salish neighbors, and we share the responsibility to care for this place, their homelands, where we mutually abide.

Info learningrightrelations@gmail.com or https://learningrightrelations.org/

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MLK Day Youth Event

Sun Jan 14, 2 p.m. at the McKinney Center, 2120 S Jackson St, Seattle, WA 98144

Seattle MLK Jr Organizing Coalition presents an event planned by youth

Annually, the Seattle Martin Luther King Jr Organizing Coalition proudly presents an inspiring internship program crafted to nurture and empower emerging young leaders. As a culmination of this transformative experience, we invite you to join us for the 2024 Young Talent & Development event tailored for aspiring leaders like you.
This event represents the pinnacle of our internship program, offering a platform for young leaders to exhibit their talents, connect with community leaders, and engage in meaningful discussions. Join us for a cultivating experience with the community!

Info

YOUTH LED AND YOUTH-DEVELOPED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION: SEEDING THE DREAM

Sun Jan 14, 2:30 – 5 pm, at Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, 550 Winslow Way East Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Join Kitsap ERACE, Living Arts Cultural Heritage Project and more at BIMA for this year's youth led and youth-developed Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. We will examine contemporary impacts of Dr. King’s legacy and its inspiration of a new generation of youth leaders, activists, and artists. Featuring poetry, dance, oratory presentations, music, singing, and community voices, this event captures the energy, excitement, and earnest exuberance of modern day dreams of social justice.

Event partners: Kitsap ERACE, Living Arts Cultural Heritage Project, Living Life Leadership


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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY

Mon Jan 15, all day, everywhere


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MLK DAY RALLY, MARCH, WORKSHOPS, CAREER FAIR

Mon Jan 15

Traditional MLK Day events on Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday include Rally, March, Workshops, and Career Fair.

Opportunity Fair 8:30 – 11:30 am, Job Fair and Resume Review, at Garfield High School Commons, 23rd and Jefferson, Seattle, info https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/opportunityfair

Workshops 9:15 am at Garfield High School classrooms, 23rd and Jefferson, Seattle, info https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/workshops-2024

Rally 11 am, at Garfield High School Gymnasium, 23rd and Jefferson, Seattle
**March, 12:30 pm, Kickoff from at Garfield High School parking lot, 23rd and Jefferson, Seattle**

Look for details at [https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/](https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/)

See also [Jan 9-13 online Workshops](#) and [Jan 14 Youth Event](#)

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**MLK DAY AT NORTHWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM**

Mon Jan 15, 10 am – 5 pm, at Northwest African American Museum, 2300 S Massachusetts St, Seattle, WA 98144-3817

Join NAAM for our annual King Day celebration honoring the life, legacy and sacrifice of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Enjoy a day at NAAM full of music, movies, motivational speakers, and activities for the entire family.

During the celebration, we will be debuting a new exhibit entitled Interrupting Privilege hosted by The Center for Communication, Difference, and Equity (CCDE). This interactive exhibit will be an immersive mixed-media experience where attendees learn the history and methodology of Interrupting Privilege and have the unique opportunity to listen to recorded dialogues as we honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Free. Info [https://www.facebook.com/events/669441852054477](https://www.facebook.com/events/669441852054477)

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY COMMEMORATION

Mon Jan 15, 10 am – 5 pm, at Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

Performances at 11 am and 1 pm
Theater performances at the History Museum will bring to life Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy. Tacoma Arts Live presents Where Blooming Flowers Meet the Sky by Darryin B. Cunningham.

Follow the story of Zhuli, a young artist writing a new book of poetry, as she is visited by three prominent ancestors from the 1960s civil rights era. Each one gives her a piece of wisdom from their experience, helping her to find her voice.

Mobility-accessible. Exterior ramps provide building access, elevators access all floors in the building, and wheelchairs are available at admissions.

Free for all! Info https://www.washingtonhistory.org/event/mlk-2024/

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CITY OF TACOMA ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & CITY OF DESTINY AWARDS

Mon Jan 15, Community Outreach Fair: 10 - 11 am, Celebration: 11 am, at Greater Tacoma Convention Center, 1500 Commerce St, Tacoma, WA 98402
The City of Tacoma announces the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration. The annual event includes community service awards, recognizing excellence with the Lifetime Service Award and the Emerging Leader Award, as well as a celebratory program and community outreach fair.

This year’s event theme is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration: A Community Blueprint - Building Block by Block. The program will highlight the present and the future of Dr. King’s impacts and will feature local performers and speakers who work and volunteer to ensure the community embodies equity, hope, and continuing to rise no matter the challenges faced.

Street parking is free, including the Convention Center parking garage.

Watch the event on TV Tacoma or streamed live on tvtacoma.com or Facebook. It will be televised throughout January 2024 on TV Tacoma.

Info Ashley Young communityevents@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 573-2523 or https://www.tacomavenues.org/mlk-celebration

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MLK LOBBY DAY:  A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Mon Jan 15, 9 am, at The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St NW, Olympia, WA 98501
Join Statewide Poverty Action Network in their annual lobby day. See the registration site for availability of transportation, accommodations, and childcare options.

Join us this lobby day to...
- Build your story-telling and advocacy skills
- Connect with other community members who share our vision for change
- Share your story directly with your state representatives

MLK Lobby Day is a free event. You do not need to pay for tickets.
Registration
https://secure.everyaction.com/ClBa0avIfUuX7w4W8RfESA2

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MLK CELEBRATION
LIFT EVERY VOICE LEGACY: INSPIRING A BELOVED COMMUNITY
In Song, Spoken Word and Dance

Mon Jan 15, events 9:30 – 11:30 am & 5 - 8 pm, at Edmonds Waterfront Center, 220 Railroad Ave, Edmonds

MORNING: Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. includes a free family event in the morning (9:30 to 11:30 a.m.).

EVENING: reception (5 p.m.) plus jazz and storytelling program (6 to 8 p.m.)Join us for an uplifting evening at the 6th Annual Tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Inspiring A Beloved Community
The program will feature long time community activist and leader Wallace "Wally" Webster II, who has dedicated more than 40 years of his life elevating the quality of life of marginalized communities and building bridges between 'haves' and 'have-nots'. With a focus on this year's theme "Reclaim The Dream", Josephine Howell, Pacific Northwest renowned Gospel, R&B, and Jazz Vocalist, will be highlighted in a special tribute performance with her band.

Influencing a community of justice, equity and inclusion, this event is a heartfelt commemoration of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In recognizing how Dr. King's values live in our life today, LEVL will also honor two unsung heroes with it's Beloved Community Award.

Come and be part of this empowering event, where we will inspire, enlighten, and engage audience members to carry on the values of Dr. King.

Tickets are $15 for the evening. at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/levl-presents-the-6th-annual-tribute-to-the-rev-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-tickets-779830131917](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/levl-presents-the-6th-annual-tribute-to-the-rev-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-tickets-779830131917)

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION READING ROOM
New Book Club

Tues Jan 16, 7:30 pm, Zoom

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility is offering a new book club called the “Nuclear Abolition Reading Room.” This is the first
introductory meeting. Following that, we'll be meeting monthly every third Tuesday with a different book to discuss, the first one being John Hersey's “Hiroshima”.

Our goal is to engage, educate, and support people new to nuclear weapons issues. All are welcome!

Registration [https://secure.everyaction.com/iT3HlZeLbE-z9x4DPBl-ZA2](https://secure.everyaction.com/iT3HlZeLbE-z9x4DPBl-ZA2)

**IMMIGRANT JUSTICE ADVOCACY TRAINING**

Tues Jan 16, 7 – 8:30 pm Pacific time, online

Join Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice Northwest for Take Action for Immigrant Justice: A JCIJ Advocacy Training to kick off Legislative Session.

Hear WA Immigrant Solidarity Network’s Policy team share about legislative priorities and make an individual action plan for this legislative session.

This is a free virtual event, and registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Hope to see you there!

Info and registration [https://givebutter.com/jcijadvocacy24](https://givebutter.com/jcijadvocacy24)

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RANKED CHOICE VOTING LOBBY DAY

Weds Jan 17, 7:30 am – 4 pm, at Washington State Capitol Building, 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98504

Join FairVote Washington for our first ever Lobby Day! Together, we will show our legislators that Washingtonians are not just ready for ranked-choice voting -- we're demanding it Now!

Throughout the day, we will meet with legislators, join together for actions on the Capitol Steps, and learn more about ranked choice voting in breakout sessions.

Before lobby day, you can expect to be trained on: 1. Talking points for our bill 2. How to have an effective meeting with your legislator 3. Logistics, carpooling opportunities, and community building. We're so grateful we're on a team together, and look forward to showering our Capitol with excitement for RCV!

Accessibility questions? Reply to your registration email to confirm your requirements or request more information.

Info and registration
https://www.mobilize.us/fairvotewa/event/589773/

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POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN MARCH, SPEAKERS, WORSHIP SERVICE

Sat & Sun Jan 20 & 21, in Longview WA
**Saturday** Unity March; gather at Civic Circle, 1525 Broadway St Longview, WA 98632, at 11 am and march to Victoria Freeman Park, 951 Delaware Street Longview, WA 98632, beginning at 12:30 pm. There will be a variety of speakers speaking and a lighting of an "Eternal Flame" at Victoria Freeman Park.

**Sunday.** There will be a Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival themed Worship Service. There will be songs from the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. The service will be held at Longview Presbyterian Church, 3808 Pennsylvania Street Longview WA 98632, beginning at 10am.

ALL are welcome and encouraged to join us for both events! Info [washington@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:washington@poorpeoplescampaign.org)

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**UNDOCUMENTED RESOURCE FAIR AND FILM**

Sat Jan 20, 1-4:30 pm, Centilia Cultural Center, 1660 S Roberto Maestas Festival St, Seattle, WA 98144 Seattle

The Scholar Fund Undocumented Resource Fair and Film Screening. This celebration is a special gathering aimed at connecting our community and providing essential resources and opportunities for undocumented individuals in Seattle.

Community Resource Fair (1-3 pm): Explore a variety of resources, programs, and services provided by organizations dedicated to supporting immigrant communities.
Film Screening (3 -4:30 pm): Join us for a screening of El Digno Retorno by Jose Eduardo Aguilar, a powerful film exploring the nuances of return migration in Mexico.

Info [https://www.scholarfundwa.org/events](https://www.scholarfundwa.org/events)

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CELEBRATE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Sun Jan 21, 2-3 pm, at the intersection of Division St. and Harrison St in West Olympia. Meet at West Central Park, on that corner.

Join our gathering to celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons going into effect: The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW) is one of many organizations worldwide celebrating the 3rd anniversary of when the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons went into effect on Jan. 22, 2021. The global organization that promoted the Treaty is the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, [www.icanw.org](http://www.icanw.org). They won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. See information about the treaty at ICAN’s website and at the “Nuclear Weapons” part of Glen Anderson’s blog, [www.parallaxperspectives.org](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The TPNW bans a wide range of activities, such as using, possessing, developing, testing, and transferring nuclear weapons, making them illegal under international law as of January 22, 2021.

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation is a member of this coalition.
Info jdufour473@gmail.com

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GATHERING VOICES IN CONVERSATION WITH SOLDIER TURNED PEACEMAKER AND AUTHOR, DIANA OESTREICH

Tues Jan 23, 1 pm Pacific time, Zoom

Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR-USA) executive director Ariel Gold in conversation with soldier-turned-peacemaker, Diana Oestrich. Diana Oestreich served 407 days as a combat medic in Iraq. But when she was commanded to run over an Iraqi child to keep her battle buddies safe, she became a peacemaker instead. She is the author of the beautiful and gut-wrenching memoir, Waging Peace, which exposes the false divide between loving our country and living out our faith’s call to choose love over fear.

Speaking across the country, she empowers us to identify our own rural, urban, political or religious divides to cross our own “enemy lines” in order to remake the world and heal all that’s tearing us apart.

In advance of the conversation with her, pick up her book at https://waging-peace-book.square.site/s/shop (or you can download a chapter for free https://www.dianaoestreich.com/ to try it out) and catch up on her podcast (check out the episode with FOR Executive Director, Ariel Gold ) either on her website, see above) or Spotify https://open.spotify.com/show/5KWXzqBbIbPVchrEFfUedF
VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND FILM: SCREENING OF ISRAELISM

Sun Jan 21, noon Pacific time, Zoom

Israel is central to the political and cultural life of the American Jewish community. But it has also become a deeply divisive subject, as painful generational cracks have emerged within the Jewish community over the Israel-Palestine conflict, inspiring argument, protest and even censorship.

Focusing on the stories of two young Americans raised to defend Israel at all costs, Israelism traces their awakening to Israel's dehumanization of Palestinians and the ongoing violence of the occupation. The film explores the past, present, and future of the relationship between American Jews and Israel, as growing numbers question whether support for Israel should condition and define their Jewish identity. Featuring a range of American Jewish thinkers, community leaders and activists, Israelism asks how and why Israel became the cornerstone of American Judaism, what the consequences have been, and what will happen as divisions continue to grow.

Register below. Watch the film on our Vimeo link. Then join us on for a Q&A discussion of these topics in light of the Gaza war and Israel's response. Our panel will be:

- Erin Axelman: filmmaker, co-founder of Tikkun Olam Productions
• Simone Zimmerman: Jewish American activist, co-founder of IfNotNow
• Lubna Alzaroo: instructor at University of Washington specializing in settler colonialism

Our moderator will be Peter Beinart, who is editor-at-large at Jewish Currents, professor of journalism at CUNY and Publisher, The Beinart Newsletter.

NOTE: When you register, you will get a "You have successfully registered..." note - then look in your email for an email From: Zoom with the Subj: Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon: "Israelism" Confirmation. Use the link and password to watch the film.

Watch the Trailer: http://tinyurl.com/VFHL-IsraelismTrailer

Registration
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsfuigqj4vG9lc0mUlkDRrwkHHZXmUhr7f

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DEMOCRACY LOBBY WEEK

Jan 22 – 26,

The League of Women Voters of Washington’s annual Democracy Lobby Week with Fix Democracy First will be taking place again in January 2024. There will be nightly sessions plus the opportunity to meet with Legislators during the week.

Info https://lwvwa.org/event-5475122
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FUNDAMENTALS

3 sessions: Jan 23, Feb 13, March 5, each 4-6 pm, online

Join the Nonprofit Association of Washington for 3 free Webinars. Build a solid foundation for your organization through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series. Strengthen your board’s performance, decision-making, and ability to take action. Through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series, you have access to guides, activities, checklists, samples, reflection questions, and more that you can use immediately with your board and nonprofit. Register for the series and attend the following virtual workshops.

- **Boards in Gear: Jan 23, 4-6 pm**, Topics covered include: board responsibilities, board operations, composition and development, fundraising, and advocacy. Registration and info [https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-boards-in-gear-01-2024/](https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-boards-in-gear-01-2024/)
- **Finance Unlocked for Nonprofits: Feb 13, 4-6 pm**, Topics covered include: balance sheet, income statement, IRS Form 990, giving, and oversight. Registration and info [https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-finance-unlocked-for-nonprofits-02-2024/](https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-finance-unlocked-for-nonprofits-02-2024/)
- **Let's Go Legal: March 5, 4-6 pm**, Topics covered include: state law, federal law, fundraising, employment law, and intellectual property. Registration and info [https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-lets-go-legal-03-05-2024/](https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-lets-go-legal-03-05-2024/)
Or register for the full series at https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-nonprofit-fundamentals-series-2/

Info (855) 299-2922 x108 or learning@nonprofitwa.org

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ACLU & PARTNERS CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM ADVOCACY

Weds Jan 24, 9 am – 5 pm, in Olympia
Plus virtual training Jan 22 & optional community hour Jan 23

Join us in Olympia for a day of advocacy to transform the criminal legal system.

The ACLU of Washington, partners from across the state, and community members who have been impacted by the criminal legal system will gather for our annual day of advocacy, and we hope you can join us.

We will bring our power and resources to Olympia to urge lawmakers to pass meaningful criminal legal system reform. This is an opportunity to learn about the legislative process and bills that impact communities, and most importantly, to have your voice heard!

Registration
https://secure.everyaction.com/1b18Qdf02E6CHGOhCI3vVg2

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NONPROFIT FUNDAMENTALS

Jan 31 – March 27, Lewis County

Join the Nonprofit Association of Washington for 3 free in-person Workshops. Build a solid foundation for your organization through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series. Strengthen your board’s performance, decision-making, and ability to take action. Through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series, you have access to guides, activities, checklists, samples, reflection questions, and more that you can use immediately with your board and nonprofit. Register for the series and attend the following virtual workshops.

Boards in Gear: Centralia, Jan 31, 11 am – 3 pm, info and registration https://nonprofitwa.org/event/centralia-boards-in-gear/
Finance Unlocked for Nonprofits: Salkum, Feb 28, 10 am – 2 pm, info and registration https://nonprofitwa.org/event/salkum-finance-unlocked-for-nonprofits/
Let's Go Legal: Salkum, March 27, 10 am – 2 pm, info and registration, https://nonprofitwa.org/event/salkum-lets-go-legal/

Info (855) 299-2922 x108 or learning@nonprofitwa.org

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DEATH PENALTY ACTION WEBINAR

Sun Feb 4, 6 pm Pacific time, Webinar
Join Death Penalty Action for a review of the issues and action opportunities surrounding the next several executions scheduled in the United States. This project of Death Penalty Action recurs (normally) on the first Sunday of each month.

Death Penalty Action works to stop executions and abolish the death penalty through advocacy, education, and action.

Registration [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GQi-Z-U0QyyvyVOoYaL3nA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GQi-Z-U0QyyvyVOoYaL3nA)

Info [info@deathpenaltyaction.org](mailto:info@deathpenaltyaction.org) or [https://deathpenaltyaction.org/](https://deathpenaltyaction.org/)

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IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ADVOCACY DAY

Weds Feb 7, 9 am – 6 pm, at 116 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Join Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) annual Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day; 2024 Día de Cabildeo de Inmigrantes y Refugiados de WAISN

WAISN's Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day is an opportunity to be present, visible, and vocal at our State Capitol and speak directly to our Representatives and Senators to demand change.

In addition to discussions with our elected representatives, we will have a day of skill-building workshops, training on our campaigns, a discussion panel with immigrant justice community leaders from around the state, and a rally at the Capitol steps, among other fun
activities. It’s a packed agenda! All programming will be bilingual in English and Spanish, and we will provide meals to sustain us while you do this important work.

Transportation: WAISN will be providing bus transportation from the following areas:
Eastside: Tri Cities, Yakima, Ellensburg
Westside: Seattle

Register by Jan 12 at https://actionnetwork.org/events/2024-immigrantrefugeeadvocacyday

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INTERFAITH ADVOCACY DAY

Thurs Feb 8, 9 am - 3 pm, at The United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Earth Ministry/WA IPL is honored to join with coalition and community partners during Faith Action Network's 2024 Interfaith Advocacy Day (IFAD). Earth Ministry/WA IPL will continue our support of this wonderful advocacy day by facilitating sessions on environmental justice.

During IFAD, you will be able to join plenaries and workshops that will explore the issues on FAN's 2024 Legislative Agenda, meet with advocates from your legislative district to prepare for your legislative visits, and meet with your legislator or their legislative assistant!
This year we are limited to 200 participants due to regulations at The United Churches of Olympia. We encourage you to sign up early so that we can guarantee you a spot. Be sure register, the deadline is January 29.

Info and registration
https://fanwa.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=266

Info https://fanwa.org/interfaith-advocacy-day/

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NONPROFIT ACTION DAY

Mon Feb 12, 9 am - 3 pm, at United Churches of Olympia, 110 Eleventh Ave SE, Olympia, WA, 98501

Nonprofit Association of Washington presents a day to Join nonprofits from across the state to advocate for nonprofit priorities. NAWA is organizing dozens of meetings with legislators and their staff. Register to advocate with other nonprofits from your district. We aim to foster deeper relationships among nonprofit partners and lawmakers and communicate nonprofit sector priorities for the 2024 legislative session.

To help you prepare for Nonprofit Action Day, you are invited to a brief orientation on Feb 6, noon–12:45PM. The orientation will be recorded and sent to all Nonprofit Action Day registrants, so if you cannot make it you can watch the recording.
Looking for something fun to do afterward? Become a member [https://nonprofitwa.org/membership/] to join the Legislative Reception 4-6 pm.

Accessibility: Interpretation: Please indicate during registration if you have an interpretation request. Typically, we need at least a month in order to schedule an interpreter. Visual Descriptions: Presenters will include visual descriptions of themselves and the slides to give a person who is low-vision or blind a sense of space and place. If you have additional accessibility requests, please let us know when you register.

Who Should Attend: Nonprofit leaders, staff, board, volunteers, and anyone who cares about nonprofits. Free. Info and registration [https://nonprofitwa.org/event/olympia-nonprofit-action-day/]

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NONPROFIT FUNDAMENTALS

Feb 21 – April 17, Stanwood

Join the Nonprofit Association of Washington for 3 free in-person Workshops. Build a solid foundation for your organization through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series. Strengthen your board’s performance, decision-making, and ability to take action. Through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series, you have access to guides, activities, checklists, samples, reflection questions, and more that you can use immediately with your board and nonprofit. Register for the series and attend the following virtual workshops.
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Finance Unlocked for Nonprofits: Stanwood, March 20, 9 am – 1 pm, info and registration https://nonprofitwa.org/event/stanwood-finance-unlocked-for-nonprofits/
Let's Go Legal: Stanwood, April 17, 9 am – 1 pm, info and registration https://nonprofitwa.org/event/stanwood-lets-go-legal/

Info (855) 299-2922 x108 or learning@nonprofitwa.org

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CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLIDARITY WITH NATIVE PEOPLES

Thurs – Sat Feb 22-24, Seattle

Ignatian Advocacy Summit NW 2024 by Seattle University Campus Ministry; youth led, adults welcome to join in these events

Thurs evening dinner, screening of Covenant of the Salmon People, discussion

Fri evening Intergenerational discussion on Faith and Justice

Sat morning, public witness and action on Salmon Watershed Protection and Native leadership

Registration $0 to $75, suggested $25. Info and registration https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ignatian-advocacy-summit-nw-2024-tickets-757929486497
POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN, MARCH TO STAY ALIVE

Sat March 2, noon, at the State Capitol, 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia

One of PPC gatherings across the nation!

We will put our state legislature and our governor on notice in Olympia—far, far too many people in Washington live in poverty or are just one emergency away from it despite living in one of the wealthiest states in the wealthiest nation in the world.

we will shift the narrative and demand public policies that fully address the interlocking injustices we face every day. We will call for an end to war-first policies and demand investments in housing, health care, and education. A shift from death to life.

RSVP https://actionnetwork.org/events/wa-poor-peoples-campaign-day-of-action-in-olympia

Info https://www.washingtonppc.org/ or washington@poorpeoplescampaign.org

Fellowship of Reconciliation USA, WWFOR, and FOR chapters are PPC Partners

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NATIONAL FOR CONFERENCE

May 3 – 5, in Atlanta GA

Join FOR-USA the national Fellowship of Reconciliation in a conference “Forging Peace in a Violent World”

Info https://forusa.org/2024summit/

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ONGOING AND WEEKLY EVENTS BELOW

LAKE FOREST PARK PEACE VIGIL

Saturdays 11 am to noon, at the corner of Bothell Way NE (SR 522) and Ballinger Way NE (SR 104) Lake Forest Park 98155

Standing for peace every week since December 2002 with signs including “Abolish Nuclear Weapons” and “Renounce Militarism.”

Info Glen Milner 206-979-8319 or gk_milner@comcast.net

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MOUNT VERNON ABOLISH NUKE BANNERING
Twice monthly, 1st and 3rd Fridays, 3 pm, at the downtown Mount Vernon I-5 overpass, above the Skagit Valley Food Co-op parking lot

Bannering continues in downtown Mount Vernon! We will continue to protest nuclear weapons by bannering with our “NO NUKES” banner plus American, Ukrainian, and Peace flags.

Parking is available North of the overpass on Fulton Street, where the old YMCA was, or South in a parking lot for $1/hour, or on the street. Bring your own sign, use ours, or simply wave at motorists!

Info https://www.nomorebombs.org/

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OLYMPIA FOR VIGILS AND EVENTS

Wednesdays and Fridays

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter Wednesday Vigils, noon – 1 pm, NW corner of Sylvester Park, at Legion & Capitol Way, Olympia, PEACE VIGIL, come for all or part of the hour to witness in a friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Wear a facemask and stand at least 6 feet apart. Olympia FOR’s witness for peace and nonviolence is ongoing since 1980. info Glen 360-491-9093, glen@parallaxperspectives.org or Olympia FOR 360-561-3627

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter Friday Vigils, 4:30 – 6 pm, south end of Percival Landing, south of 4th Ave, just west of Water Street, Olympia; Please join Olympia FOR in a friendly PEACE VIGIL all
or part of the time. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. Wear a facemask and stand at least 6 feet apart. info Glen 360-491-9093, glen@parallaxperspectives.org or Olympia FOR 360-561-3627

FUTURE OLYMPIA FOR EVENTS will be posted at Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation | Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/groups/OlympiaFOR]

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FIRE MOUNTAIN CENTRALIA VIGILS

Saturdays

Fire Mountain Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter (Centralia-Chehalis area) Saturday Vigils. Every Saturday from noon to 1:00 pm, on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown Centralia, PEACE VIGIL is sponsored by Lewis County’s “Fire Mountain” FOR chapter. info: Larry Kerschner peacepoet@protonmail.com

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BELLINGHAM WEEKLY PEACE VIGIL

Fridays, Winter hours now in effect, vigil will start 3 pm (Spring-summer-fall hours 4-5 pm)

Fridays, corner of Cornwall and Magnolia, Bellingham; Longest running PEACE VIGIL in the Nation! Join the weekly Bellingham-Whatcom Peace Vigil, ongoing since 1966
MEANINGFUL MOVIES PERSISTS!

Ongoing, various dates. Now online, in-person, and hybrid events.

The Meaningful Movies Project started in 2003 as a project of Wallingford (Seattle) Neighbors for Peace and Justice, a neighborhood affiliate of SNOW (Sound Nonviolent Opponents of War) with free weekly showings of films with social meaning, followed by discussion. Other neighborhood groups all over Washington State and beyond joined in this project with film viewings in their neighborhoods. See a list of these groups https://meaningfulmovies.org/events/locations/

The pandemic motivated the project participants to convert to online formats which continue, along with a partial return to in-person events. See https://meaningfulmovies.org/events/ for scheduled films.

MMP films and discussions, in person or online, are free, but donations are needed and gratefully accepted at https://meaningfulmovies.org/donate/ or at Meaningful Movies Project, P.O. Box 31005, Seattle, WA 98103

GLEN’S PARALLAX PERSPECTIVES NEW PROGRAMS MONTHLY

Thurston County TV 3 times a week and on the Web Any Time
Watch on TV: cable TV subscribers in Thurston County WA can watch on cable channel 22: Mondays 1:30 pm, Wednesdays 5:00 pm, and Thursdays 9:00 pm.

EVERY MONTH a new program, see https://parallaxperspectives.org/ for a list of programs available online as well as the current program available on cable TV in Thurston County.

January 2024 program: Update on Nuclear Weapons Treaty. You can also watch this program through Glen’s blog: https://parallaxperspectives.org/11233-2

Info (360) 491-9093 or glen@parallaxperspectives.org

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Organization Information for Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR)

SUBMITTING EVENT INFORMATION: We are always happy to hear about additional events! On request we will consider posting events on our web calendar and in future WWFOR email messages. Please allow as much lead time as possible. We give priority to events by FOR Chapters and will consider all events consistent with FOR values. Submit events by email wwfor@wwfor.org, phone, or postal mail at the contact info below.

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HOW TO CONTACT US:

Postal Mail:
Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation
225 N 70th Street
Seattle WA 98103

Telephone: 206-789-5565
Email: wwfor@wwfor.org
Website: https://www.wwfor.org

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION:
We welcome checks at our postal address (see above), and online donations can be made through our website Donate - Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (wwfor.org)

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Best wishes from the WWFOR Office Volunteers