



Embracing Conflict- Imagining Equitable Sustainability

Western Washington FOR 21st Annual Spring Assembly, Saturday, April 6, 2019
Fautleroy UCC Church, 9104 California Ave., SW, West Seattle

9:00 am: Register in the Front Lobby

Just inside the door to the big room, see the easels listing the four morning workshops and the three afternoon workshops. Choose one workshop from each list; notice their location. Fellowship Hall is the large room. The lounge is next to it.

Other workshop rooms are upstairs

Put printed materials, petitions, etc. on the rectangular Information Tables in the middle of the room

Post Announcements along the Announcement Wall between the Kitchen Area and the stage. We won't announce these so browse them.

Enjoy light refreshments while you meet old friends and meet new ones

10:00-10:05: Welcome to the Assembly: David Lambert welcomes you and provides information to help you enjoy today's activities

10:05-10:10 Meditation

10:10-10:15: Information about small group sharing

10:20-10:40: Sharing in small groups: gather and share in locations.

10:45-12:00: Morning Workshops: See back of page for description of workshops

12:05-12:50 Panel on Immigration/Refugee Issues

Lunch 12:55-1:55

2:00-3:15: Afternoon Workshops: See back of page for descriptions.

3:20-3:45 Closing Circle in large Fellowship Hall: Responses to day's events, action proposals or follow-up requests, support, or collaboration from FOR members, local FOR chapters, WWFOR? We can share these at this time, then end singing a closing song.

3:45: Adjourn: If possible, stay a few minutes and help clean up. Thank you.

Morning Workshops :

10:45-12:00

Tacoma Refugee Choir: Facilitated by Mike Collier:

Come find out about this unique choir that uses the gift of song to facilitate relationships among local immigrants and refugees.

Find out about this choir, one of only two in the US and five in the world and hear stories about our members, learn what we do and most of all: find out why singing is so important to those who are in a new land, how it creates relationships and helps members acclimate.

And: you might even sing!

Bystander Intervention workshop: Facilitated by Rev. Andrew Conley Holcomb of Admiral United Church of Christ, Seattle.

Harassment and hate speech are on the rise across the country. Effective intervention is difficult and risky. In this interactive, immersive workshop, participants practice intervention strategies and learn what works and what doesn't. We will use role playing, interactive games and follow-up discussion to begin to reprogram our automatic "fight/flight/freeze" reactions and learn to safely, respectfully de-escalate tense situations. This workshop is informed by Theatre of the Oppressed.

Tarika Powell, researcher, anchors Sightline's work on fossil fuel infrastructure development. In particular, her detailed research on the safety and climate implications of fracked gas expansion projects provides critical information to activists and policymakers alike. Tarika is a popular speaker and connects the dots between energy policy and environmental justice. A graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School, she received an American Bar Association fellowship in environmental law and interned at Southern Environmental Law Center. She holds a Master's of Education and undergraduate degrees in English and African-American Studies from Oberline College. Email her at tarika@sightline.org.

Rob Crawford: The forced displacement of people who seek refuge and work has become a global humanitarian crisis. But in receiving countries, migration has become a flash point that has ignited a rapidly growing, violent and electorally successful far-right. These simultaneous developments demand a new political thinking and response. The fates of both migrants and democracies hang in the balance. What can activists in

the U.S. learn from Europe where the so-called "refugee crisis" has transformed the political order since 2015?

Rob taught politics, culture, and history at the University of Washington, Tacoma until 2016. He co-founded and continues to facilitate the Washington State Religious Campaign Against Torture (wsrscat).

Afternoon Workshops: 2:00-3:15

Coalition Building Workshop by Washington Against Nuclear Weapons:

Washington Against Nuclear Weapons will present a participatory workshop on the strengths and challenges of coalition building. Based on our experience building a movement to abolish nuclear weapons, we will utilize role plays and discussion, to dive into the world of coalition work, collaborations and conflict. We will answer questions like: How can a creative tension be navigated to support coalition growth? How to build unity among diverse interests: And how to build a multigenerational movement for social change.

Carly Brook coordinates WPSR's nuclear weapons abolition program and coordinates the Washington Against Nuclear Weapons Coalition. They believe in building community power through grassroots organizing to build the world we want and need. Carly has learned from and organized with the International League of People's Struggles, One America, the People's Institute for Survival, and Beyond , and Northwest Detention Center Resistance.

Mary Hanson work with Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation, Friends Committee for National Legislative Advocacy Team, Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, and Nuclear-Free Northwest, in addition to Hiroshima to Hope.

Mike Yarrow Peace Fellowship Interns Workshop: Cherie's project includes working with a gallery on campus (WWU) to portrait Jordanian workers who work with refugees and describing why they choose to work with refugees. The goal is to raise awareness of the

ongoing refugee crisis using faces that I have known to draw the connection between the audience and Muslims who are in incredible resilience. MYPF workshops have been consistently popular with Assembly participants over the years.

George Miller, MSW, is a social worker and therapist at Refugees Northwest and oversees a network of 150+local medical and mental health professionals who conduct pro-bono evaluations for asylum seekers, providing evidence for their immigration petitions. Since 2011, over 400,000 individuals have fled persecution in their homeland , traveled ---sometimes thousands of miles on foot--to the U.S., and applied for asylum. This workshop will discuss some of the challenges that these survivors face and what local organizations are doing to help.