



The United States Social Forum – June 27- July 1, 2007

PLAN IT!

BUILD IT!

BRING IT!

*The US Social Forum will be a unique opportunity for all participants to develop relationships, collaborative campaigns, and a greater awareness of others' issues and programs. The Forum will bring hope, insight and inspiration to all those who attend. The USSF will send a powerful message to people's movements around the world that there are active movements in this country that oppose US policies and are developing strategic community-based alternatives to our current destructive economic systems. The USSF will gather social and economic justice organizers, environmentalists, peace & justice activists, community-based organizations, Indigenous nations, unions, and students to confront our most pressing contemporary concerns. The US Social Forum will address key issues facing our communities such as white supremacy, local/global economic justice, and movement building. **Your minds, hearts, visions, voices, and hands are needed!***

ORGANIZE & REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY!

- ❖ **Bring a delegation** = Organizations and sectors around the country have committed to mobilizing young people, women, regional caravans, and members. Host educational events to prepare and organize buses to come to Atlanta. *For example: Sister Song Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective is coordinating a national women's caucus to participate and generate ideas.*
- ❖ **Bring a Workshop, Strategy Session, Cultural Project, Action Plan, or Celebration** = The Program Working Group will coordinate with facilitators and presenters to provide a broad spectrum of activities in order for all participants to learn, share, and strategize. If you want to submit a proposal to present a workshop, read the guidelines and fill out the form online.
- ❖ **Plan your annual meeting/gathering to coincide with the Forum** = Gather your members and meet in Atlanta during this unprecedented national forum. Holding your meeting during the Forum will allow your leaders and constituents to build bridges with others, connecting issues and groups. *Jobs With Justice, for example, is committed to hosting their 1,500 person Annual Meeting in Atlanta at the USSF.*
- ❖ **Organize a Tent** = Social Forums are open spaces. Apply to set up a tent to host events on any issue or to gather people and discuss specific strategies to move your work forward. Coordinate with the Local Logistics Working Group to establish site – You will be responsible for bringing what you need. *For example: the Poor People's Economic & Human Rights Campaign is planning to set up a Bushville Tent City and lead actions on water rights. The Youth Working Group will host a Youth Tent.*

PARTICIPATE IN THE US SOCIAL FORUM!

- ❖ **Register!** Organizations at \$125-\$300 sliding scale & Individuals at \$15-\$100 sliding scale. Register online and/or send in the Form.
- ❖ **Bring your work** = Reserve a table throughout the forum to present your information. Tables cost \$50 and you bring the whole set-up. To register for tabling or to sell merchandise or food, contact Alice Lovelace at alovelace@ussocialforum.org or 404.586.0460 ext.32
- ❖ **Participate in the national planning process by becoming Organizational Sponsors** = Participate at 3 different levels: Movement Builders (participate, raise money, and mobilize members), Movement Mobilizers (bring a delegation), or Supporters (contribute financial resources).

GET INVOLVED! MAKE IT HAPPEN!

See reverse for US Social Forum planning committee contacts including Working Groups and Regional Committees & go to www.ussf2007.org for more information.

PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

Bring your skills & Share your resources = If you have specialized skills (including medical, media, technological, translation, documentation, volunteer coordination, training, etc.) participate in the Working Groups. Dedicate organizational staff or intern time to work on this monumental event. Call or email Alice Lovelace, USSF National Lead Organizer at 404.586.0460 ext.32 or alovelace@ussocialforum.org
 Questions? Need more information? info@ussocialforum.org

Join a Working Group:

| Working Group | Responsibilities | Contact Person – National |
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| Program | to develop themes, content, and flow for the Forum | Colin Rajah, National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights: crajah@nnirr.org Maria Poblet, St. Peter's Housing Committee: maria@comitedevivienda.org Allison Budschalow, AFSC: abudschalow@afsc.org |
| Culture | to work closely with the program group and organize cultural workers to participate | Melanie Joseph, Foundry Theatre: mjoseph@thefoundrytheatre.org Alice Lovelace, USSF National Organizer: alovelace@ussocialforum.org |
| Fundraising | to organize resources for the infrastructure of the USSF | Michael Leon Guerrero, Grassroots Global Justice: michael@ggjalliance.org |
| Outreach | to engage organizations and plug them into the process | Tammy Bang Luu, Labor Community Strategy Center: tammyluu@mindspring.com Cindy Wiesner, Miami Workers Center: cindy@theworkerscenter.org |
| Communication | to develop media and communication strategies | Josue Guillen, The Praxis Project & May 1 st : josue@thepraxisproject.org |
| Youth | to ensure youth participation at all planning levels and to develop youth recruitment | Monica Cordova, SouthWest Organizing Project: monica@swop.net |
| Logistics | to work with the Atlanta Organizing Committee to address logistical questions | Jules Dykes, Taskforce for the Homeless: julesdykes@earthlink.net Dianne Valentin, Atlanta Organizing Committee: diannevalentin@hotmail.com |
| Atlanta Organizing Committee | to develop local plans around fundraising, logistics, & actions | Glory Kilanko, Women Watch Africa: Gloryk_99@yahoo.com Jerome Scott, Project South: Jerome@projectsouth.org |
| Women | to develop national outreach plan for women & provide program on gender issues | Loretta Ross, Sister Song: Loretta@sistersong.net |

Join a Regional Organizing Committee:

| Region | States & Territories | Contact Organization |
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| Alaska | Alaska | * Tom Goldtooth, IEN: ien@igc.org |
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| Midwest/Great Lakes | Illinois, Indiana, Iowa Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin | Tom Goldtooth, Indigenous Environmental Network: ien@igc.org |
| Northeast | CT, Delaware, Maine, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, Rhode Island, VT, & DC | Suren Moodliar, NAFFE: suren@fairjobs.org Sung E Bai, CAAAV: jbai@caaav.org |
| Northwest | Washington, Oregon, Idaho | *Tammy Luu, LCSC: tammyluu@mindspring.com |
| Pacific Islands | American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii | *Michael Leon Guerrero, Grassroots Global Justice: Michael@ggjalliance.org |
| Rocky Mountains/Plains | Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, ND, SD, Montana, Wyoming | Ricardo Martinez, Padres Unidos: ricardo@padresunidos.org |
| Southeast/Appalachia | AL, Arkansas, FL, GA, LA, KY, Mississippi, Missouri, NC, SC, TN, Virginia, West Virginia | Project South: general-info@projectsouth.org or 404.622.0602 / Rev. Kenneth Glasgow, The Ordinary Peoples Society: topssociety@yahoo.com |
| Southwest | Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas | Genaro Lopez Rendón, Southwest Workers Union: genaro@igc.org |
| West | California, Nevada, Utah | Steve Williams, POWER: power@unite-to-fight.org |

- * = Acting chair until permanent representatives are selected from the complete Working Group or Region