

Social movement forces, electoral politics & the revolutionary process ...

Consciousness, vision & strategy

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Context – crisis, resistance & the revolutionary process

Another world is possible. Another system is necessary! for Humanity & Mother Earth

The social forum was/is a movement building tool to connect our various fronts of struggle to the developing movement – locally, nationally, and globally – toward becoming a political force for systemic transformation.

Political framing – Where do we go from here? resistance to power movement strategy, movement culture & the revolutionary process

The current moment of economic, political, and environmental crisis threatens the survival of humanity and the planet. A huge and unified social movement in the U.S. with millions of politically conscious people is necessary to ensure victory for the arising social motion in the interests of the oppressed, exploited, and dispossessed – to protect Mother Earth and affirm life. A strategic US movement rooted in the dynamic interrelation of local and regional struggles, and the emergence of a national movement in relation to global movements is essential.

Our movement demands another world and another system that transforms the racialized, gendered, and class violence, militarism, and destruction of today's global capitalism into a cooperative, just, democratic, sustainable, and egalitarian society. Our movement forces must strive toward political alignment in modeling movement culture and developing movement strategy for system transformation. The political moment is urgent. But the opportunities are great. We dare not fail.

Workshop objectives

1. To deepen our understanding of the current political moment – the crisis of global capitalism & the planet, intensifying state repression and consolidation of fascism & the interrelations of economic exploitation, racial, gender & national oppression and dispossession in the US & globally.
2. To empower participants by sharing experiences, visions, and strategies for movement political education, movement leadership, collective political practice, and transformative change within the revolutionary process today.

Workshop agenda

1. Consciousness and analysis – what is the current political moment that informs our work?
 - The economic crisis
 - The ecological crisis
 - The political crisis
2. Vision the world we are fighting for – what does it look like and how do we get there?
 - What does a communal and cooperative economy look like?
 - What is real democracy for the people?
 - What is our relationship to Mother Earth?
3. Strategy & tactics in movement work – where are we in the revolutionary process today?
 - What is political independence and why do we need it?
 - How can our movement go from the defensive to the offensive?
 - How do transformative movement activists & organizers work in electoral politics & the reform struggle without becoming reformists?
4. Sum-up, evaluation & next steps

Readings/handouts

“Definitions of forms of struggle,” “Circles of our lives & struggles” katz-fishman & Scott, “Stages of consciousness” *Rally Comrades* & “Strategy & tactics” from *Concise Encyclopedia*, 4.29.2019