



ACTION CAMP



The DC Counter-Inaugural Welcoming Committee seeks not only to disrupt the inauguration procession on January 20th, but also every repressive measure that Trump would try to inflict on our world and the people in it.

To make this happen, The Welcoming Committee has put together this weekend of trainings and workshops to prepare people for upcoming inauguration actions to prepare them for the next 4 years and beyond.

In these trainings, we will analyze and discuss why material, collective resistance is necessary during the Trump administration, how we can resist, and what future our actions are building towards.

We have a core set of trainings on direct action tactics, legal trainings, and digital security that we hope all attendees participate in to prepare for inauguration actions. In addition to this core curriculum, we have a series of trainings to help develop organizing skills, social theory, and people's histories to help activists develop their strategies going forward.

We hope all participants learn as much as possible to bring back to their communities to fight against the repression of Trump's America. **We are the heroes we have been waiting for.**

All sessions marked with an asterisk () will have Spanish translation available.*

Todas las sesiones marcadas con un asterisco tendrán traducción al español disponible.

SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

9:30am-6pm

Registration, Tabling, and Open Space Sign-up – SIS Atrium

10am-12pm

Decolonize the Sh!t and Let's Move*

Ward Circle Building 113 – Emem Obot is a member of The Darkening.

This session is a discussion on the process of unlearning white and western thought and the importance of this process from everyday life to community organizing.

Climate Science and the Politics of Resistance

Ward Circle Building 104 – Brittany is a social scientist, activist and educator who has been a part of climate justice movements in the US and the U.K. since 2009. Gustavo is a phd researcher at Johns Hopkins who specializes in the effects of climate change on indigenous peoples in Latin America. In this workshop, we want to provide an interdisciplinary introduction to the science and politics of climate change, from what's likely to happen in terms of international agreements in 2017, to confronting lifestyleism as a distraction from collective action, the limitations of climate science, the decades-long resistance of the global climate justice movement to market based solutions like cap and trade, the collective utopian spaces and visionary politics created by resistance movements around the world.

12pm-1pm

Lunch

12:30pm-2pm (Bring lunch)

From May 1971 to A16 & Beyond: Learning from Past DC Blockades

SIS 233 – L.A. Kauffman is a longtime organizer and movement historian.

Her book, Direct Action: Protest and the Reinvention of American Radicalism, will be out next month. Lisa Fithian is an anti-racist direct action organizer and trainer who has worked for nonviolent social change since 1975 with many movements. More about Lisa can be found on her website Organizing for Power. As people prepare to disrupt the inauguration, what can we learn from previous attempts to shut down the city? We'll discuss the organizing models and blockading tactics used in several important past efforts, including the Mayday 1971 antiwar actions, the April 16, 2000 anti-globalization protests, and the M19 Iraq War protests of 2008.

1pm-2pm

Legal Training*

Ward Circle Building 113 – This training will be led by experienced protestors and legal observers. It will take participants through the basics of dealing with law enforcement in DC, what police departments we have, and what we expect legal repercussions to be.

The Next System: Changing the Rules of the Game

Ward 104 – Historian Gar Alperovitz is the author of several books, most recently *What Then Must We Do? Straight Talk About the Next American Revolution*, and is co-chair of the Next System Project as well as co-founder of the Democracy Collaborative.

2:15pm-6pm

Direct Action Training

Kay Chapel & SIS 233 – This training will take participants through the basic tactics and strategies that have historically leveraged mass action for political change.

2:15pm-4:15pm

Bystander Intervention Training*

Ward Circle Building 113 – Noor Mir is a DC-based anti-war organizer with the Washington Peace Center and the Muslim American Women's Policy Forum. In the current context of Islamophobia and spike in hate-based harassment (over 700 hate crimes reported since November 9th alone), attend this interactive workshop to learn the basics of bystander intervention within the context of Islamophobia in the United States. Participants will be briefed on how Islamophobia is currently exerted by the state (Muslim registries and countering violent extremism) and will then be taken through a bystander intervention training where they will learn how to recognize subtle signs of aggressive behavior and use bystander intervention strategies to stop harassment.

Transforming Enemy Imagery: Building Our Capacity to Connect Across Differences

East Quad Building 205 – Kevin Spangenberg is a Nonviolent Communication coach and group facilitator currently living in an intentional community called Rainforest Lab in the Pacific Northwest. In this interactive and experiential workshop, we will explore what it might look like to create satisfying relationships in our lives which prioritize safety, trust, and care for all.

Disability 101

Ward Circle Building 104 – Shayna Cook is a research assistant and student at American University; they run 21stcenturycoping.com, a collaborative resource-in-progress for disabled people. Disability 101 will discuss what disability as a lived experience and identity is, a very brief history of disability activism, and what it means to be disability-inclusive in activism planning, direct action events, and in day to day life.

4:30pm-6pm

Migration and Deportation: Breaking Down Stories*

Ward Circle Building 104 – Arianna Montero-Colbert is organized as part of the educational development team for Anakbayan New Jersey, a comprehensive progressive youth organization advancing the movement for a national democracy and genuine liberation from imperialism in the Philippines. Jo Quiambao is the Secretary-General for GABRIELA DC a grass-roots-based alliance of progressive Filipino women's organizations in the United States seeking to wage a struggle for the liberation of all oppressed Filipino women and the rest of our people. Jhonry de la Cruz is focused on organizing Filipino-American Youth with Anakbayan and recent immigrants to the US with Migrante rooting their experiences here to the conditions in the Philippines. This workshop will start from the context and history of Filipino women, youth, and migrants and then break out into groups to discuss larger immigration narratives as well as participants' own personal organizing and migration stories. The workshop will include a basic overview of foreign policy between the United States and the Philippines centering discussions of imperialism and human trafficking.

Picket Training

Ward Circle Building 113 – Ben Egerman & Kieran Knutson are organizers with the IWW. This training was developed after several harrowing incidents in which IWW members on picket lines and at protests were assaulted, hit by cars, or prevented by liberal marshals from confronting neo-nazis who were taking video of potential targets at a may day march. Discussions of useful roles to have ahead of time, ways to approach interference from police or others, and past successes and failures aim to give participants the kind of skills and confidence to plan the kinds of pickets and marches needed to scare the crap out of the ruling class.

6pm-8pm

Dinner **St. Stephen's**

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

9:30am-6pm

Registration, Tabling, and Open Space Sign-up – SIS Atrium

11am-12pm & 3pm-4pm

Digital Security

East Quad Building 205 – Learn to use Signal, device encryption, and other digital security tools. Workshops will be WoC/nonbinary/trans-centered spaces.

10am-12pm

Combating Threats to Unions, Workers, and the Labor Movement*

Ward Circle Building 104 – Jonathan Williams is the communications manager for UFCW Local 400. Allison Burket is an organizer with UNITE HERE Local 23. Elizabeth Falcon is the Executive Director of DC Jobs with Justice. This interactive Union 101 workshop to deepen understanding of unions and what's at stake in federal and local fights to undermine union power. Learn about collective action, worker leadership, and protections for immigrant workers.

Fascism 101 & Lessons Learned for Today's Movement Strategy

Ward Circle Building 113 – Walda Katz-Fishman is a long time movement organizer and professor of sociology at Howard University, and a founder of Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide. Britany Gatewood is a second year doctoral student in sociology at Howard University. Anthony Jackson second year Masters students in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Howard University. In this workshop we will develop our movement analysis of fascism in the US as a racial and gendered corporate and military state, and its relation to capitalism in the current political moment and the 2017 Trump presidency. Vision the world we want and need, and think together about movement strategy using lessons learned from historic movement struggle

10:30am-12pm

Mobile Training Team

Kay Meeting Room – Join the Mobile Training Team as we prep to field small mobile crews to deliver **SHORT** 30+ min trainings on site at J20 and the Womens March as folks gather or get off buses. Help participants understand strategic nonviolent action, tools & tips for street smarts/safety, and connect with movement work

What's Race Got to Do With It? Things White Activists Need to Know

SIS 233 – SURJ DC facilitators will work with participants to examine those intersections, both in this moment and as they continue to take action. A handout with 3 key questions from that curriculum will be shared that trainees can take with them and use for future conversations with other white folks they engage with during the inauguration activities and beyond.

12pm-1pm

Lunch

1pm-5pm

Direct Action Training*

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White Supremacy, Capitalism, and Resistance

SIS 233 – An interactive discussion with Linda Leaks of Empower DC, Kevin James aka Son of Nun, and Daid Thurston from the Black Alliance for Just Immigration.

1pm-3pm

Radical Cheerleading

Ward Circle Building 104 – Allison Aguilar has gained most of her shouting experience from the picket line. An expert breather from the diaphragm, and lady with mucho animo, she'll get you shaking and shouting. Emma Cleveland has a booming voice, can't sit still, and hates authority so she was destined to be a radical cheerleader. Elizabeth Falcon believes most things are made better with a pop song, good rhymes and smart puns. An interactive workshop to build a radical cheerleading squad for J20 actions! We will learn old cheers! Write new cheers! Rewrite our fave pop songs into radical cheers! Chants! Dance moves! More! Collaboratively build on each other's great ideas to create hilarious rhymes, uplifting beats and biting commentary for everyone on the cold J20 streets! Come! Bring your GRRRL power!

1pm-2:30pm

Press Strategy and Media Rapid Response Training*

East Quad Building 205 – Marzena is a DC-based activist, and works as the Earned Media Strategist for the National Domestic Workers Alliance. In this hands-on training, we will go over pitching, press releases, spokespeople, and tips for rapid-response when news breaks. We'll conclude with tactics for holding press accountable when they try to sanitize your radical message.

2pm-4pm

Walking Tour: Lessons from the Anti-Globalization Movement

Lincoln Theater at 1215 U Street NW - Join the Ex-Worker Podcast on a walking tour of sites from the Anti-Globalization Movement in DC. Learn subversive DC history, visit the DIY spaces where anti-capitalists organized their attacks on the World Bank and IMF, and listen to lessons from a visionary struggle for global liberation. The tour is just under 2 hours long, and is wheelchair accessible with only one detour.

2:15pm-3:15pm

How to Talk to a Nazi: Protection and Preparation for a Fascist Society

SIS 233 – Mike Isaacson is an anti-fascist activist and researcher and co-founder of Smash Racism DC. This workshop will go through how to safely engage with Nazis, how to suss out whether someone has Nazi leanings, what Nazis typically believe, and how you might reach them on a political and personal level.

3:30pm-5:30pm

How to Cop Watch

SIS 233 – Copwatch of East Atlanta has been intervening against the police at protests and on the block since 2009. Copwatching provides evidence of police misconduct and sometimes even stops cops from abusing people. Learn to record cops in a safe, legal, and effective way. Work in a small team to monitor police activity during large protests or everyday encounters in the neighborhood. It is highly recommended that participants also attend one of the legal trainings.

Facts of Organizing Training

Ward Circle Building 113 – Robby Diesu is an organizer, trainer, and movement queen who is a member of the DC Action Lab Collective. Using an episode of the 80s hit tv show the Facts of Life as a case study, The Facts of Organizing training will help give participants the skills to understand the importances of transformative as opposed to transactional organizing.

Fighting Racism and Anti-Semitism for Jews and Allies

Ward Circle Building 104 – Rebecca Ennen builds community through organizing and Jewish education & practice. Eliana Roberts Golding is a tenant organizer with a commitment to Jewish communal spiritual practice. In this workshop we'll unpack what anti-semitism is, historically and today, identify anti-Jewish oppression as it shows up on the Right and the Left, and talk about how Jews and allies together can resist all forms of racism.

4pm-5:30pm

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6:30pm-8:30pm

Dinner **St. Stephen's 1525 Newton St. NW**

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH

ST. STEPHEN'S

9:30am-6pm

Registration

Newton St. Entrance

10am-11:30am

Decision Making and Consensus Building

Sanctuary – Emma Lillian is an organizer and agriculturist from Vermont currently working in the climate movement. How to engender true consensus within communities: a discussion and participation heavy workshop that will cover the tenants of consensus building while working to subvert traditional concepts of group communication. Will address the issues of implied power and social conditioning as much as the tips, tricks, and techniques (the process) for making consensus work for your particular affinity group.

11:45am-12:45pm

Legal Training

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12:45pm-1:45pm

Lunch

2pm-6pm

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6pm-8pm

Dinner

Supporting organizations:

AU Student Worker Alliance

AU Black Student Alliance

AU Latino & American Student Organization

The Darkening

Transportation: The H2 & H4 busses stop at Tenley Circle at American University and provide transit near St. Stephen's Church at 16th & Irving St. NW. The closest Metro to American University is Tenleytown and the closest to St. Stephens is Columbia Heights.

Parking: Vehicles parked around American University will be subject to local ordinances. While there may be places for long term parking in the SIS building, the most reliable option is public transportation.

Privacy policy: Out of respect for the privacy of our participants, we kindly ask all participants not to film or take photographs in training spaces unless consented upon by all people present. Participants are welcome to take notes.

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