

May 2017 Jobs with Justice Solidarity Calendar

The following events were endorsed by the Portland Jobs with Justice Steering Committee for the May 2017 Solidarity Calendar. How will you show up for other people's struggles this month?

Canvass for Corporate Taxes



Oregon is facing a massive \$1.6 billion budget shortfall. Our lawmakers in Salem recently came out with proposals for billions in cuts to state services, yet they are still silent on asking corporations to pay their fair share in taxes.

That is unacceptable. If lawmakers do not show leadership and ask corporations to pay

more, the results will be devastating: 3,000 teachers could lose their jobs and 350,000 Oregonians will be kicked off their health insurance.

We need to tell our elected leaders it's outrageous to ask Oregonians to accept deeper cuts while Oregon ranks dead-last in corporate taxes.

Join A Better Oregon on **Saturday May 13** from **10am-2pm** at the Our Oregon office to hit and the streets and knock on doors in Portland to make sure legislators hear from their neighbors and constituents.

[Click Here for more details and to RSVP](#), and be sure to say that JwJ sent you!

Solidarity with Immigrant Detainees in The Dalles!



Over the past three weeks over 700 immigrant detainees at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma have participated in a hunger strike, and the resistance has spread to NORCOR in The Dalles.

After six days of no food, the NORCOR hunger strikers won microwaves so they can have more than one hot meal per day, radios, and access to programs that other detainees get to enjoy. But the

struggle to improve the horrible conditions at NORCOR, and the struggle to get ICE out of Oregon is not over. Why does NORCOR have a contract with the federal government to hold ICE detainees when Oregon is a sanctuary state?

Rural Organizing Project and other organizations out near The Dalles are organizing ongoing solidarity support and to build this resistance, and they are asking organizations around the state to adopt a day to bring a contingent to The Dalles. **Portland Jobs with Justice is heading out there on Monday May 15 from 1-8pm** (leave 1pm, get back to PDX around 8pm) to help with volunteer work and participate in the daily rally. Can you join the JwJ contingent to NORCOR in The Dalles?

Email justin@jwjpdx.org for more information and to RSVP!

Rally for Fair Wages



Rec Center workers and other union city workers here in Portland are currently bargaining for new contract. They are asking for fair wages of \$15 per hour, but contract negotiations have stalled because the city is only willing to pay these city employees the new upcoming Portland area minimum wage of \$11.25. For a city that claims to support \$15, this is unacceptable!

May 24th at 9:30 am at City Hall, Join Laborers Local 483, Portland Jobs with Justice, and city workers to **testify in support of fair wages of \$15/hr** for all city workers at Portland City Council. Then join us for a **rally for fair wages at City Hall on May 25th at 3:30 pm**. Come out to help us pressure our city council into living up to its own values!

JAIL NO: Demand Decriminalized TriMet



TriMet is now committed to a budget of \$11M for a new police station and added fare enforcement. This militarization threatens Portland's communities of color, invests in continuing disproportionate enforcement, and drains resources we could be using to improve the system: lower fares, frequent service, improved bus stops, and more. These out of touch decisions come from TriMet's management, and a Board of Directors who don't hold them accountable. The results are unjust.

Join OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon on **May 24th, 9am** at the **World Trade Center** in downtown Portland to rally and testify in support of decriminalizing Trimet. Together we CAN transition our transportation system to community-defined justice!

[CLICK Here for more info and to RSVP.](#)

Summer Solidarity Celebration!



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There has been a lot of beautiful and much needed solidarity going around since last year's election of an administration that poses a real and serious threat to our communities.

Solidarity and showing up for other people's struggles is the foundation of JwJ, and we believe that the upsurge in solidarity we've seen recently is something worth celebrating. Building a movement to strengthen and defend our community against reactionary forces is long and hard work, and we all need to be sure we are taking time to relax, replenish, and have some fun so we can continue to be effective in our work.

So **let's celebrate!** Join Portland Jobs with Justice on **June 23rd, 7pm at Ecotrust** in downtown Portland for our Summer Solidarity Celebration, and **meet our new Executive Director, Will Layng!** There will be food, alcoholic drinks for purchase, great people, and a DJ. You don't want to miss out so get your tickets now!

[Click Here to RSVP and get tickets.](#)