

June 2017 Jobs with Justice Solidarity Calendar

Check out the important upcoming events and that were endorsed and approved for our June 2017 Solidarity Calendar. And if you haven't gotten tickets to for JwJ's upcoming Summer Solidarity Celebration, be sure to click the link below and grab yours today!



Summer Solidarity Celebration!

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 **free food**, drinks for purchase, silent auction and raffle, **dancing, and a DJ.** You don't want to miss out so get your tickets now!

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!

Sponsored by SEIU Local 503, Carpenters Local 1503, Beaverton Education Association, PSU-AAUP, ILWU Oregon Area District Council, Portland Association of Teachers, and Right 2 Survive.

[Click Here for registration and tickets!](#)



Pitch A Tent 2017!

It seems to be almost daily that we can walk, bike, or drive around Portland and see tents being taken down and camps being dismantled as those in positions of power green light pointlessly pushing the houseless members of our community around from one spot to the next while doing nothing to solve the root problems

that cause houselessness such as greed, austerity, and an irresponsible lack of adequate mental health services. How many people died on Portland's streets this past winter?

Pitch a Tent is an annual event organized by **Right 2 Survive** that calls attention to the **hypocrisy and brutality of the criminalization of survival camping in the face of promoting recreational camping within the city**, particularly for the Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade. What justice is there in allowing camping in the city for a parade, but not for safety and survival?

The day before the Grand Floral Parade is the one day per year that city regularly permits camping within the city, and for years now Right 2 Survive and the houseless community have used the opportunity to highlight this hypocrisy and to advocate for the right to survive.

Come downtown on June 9th and camp for houseless rights! Bring your tent! Program includes a Right to Rest Act informational hearing, entertainment, speakers, and education on the criminalization of houselessness.

[Click Here for more information.](#)



Support Needed for Forest Grove School District Custodians

Custodians at the Forest Grove School District, who are mostly people of color or immigrants and are represented by **Oregon School Employees Association**, are bargaining for better wages. The janitorial services in the district are sub-contracted out to a corporation

named Sodexo. These workers are the lowest paid school district custodians in Metro area, and the corporation still refuses to pay them anything more than minimum wage, which is not nearly enough to get by and support a family in the Portland Metro Area.

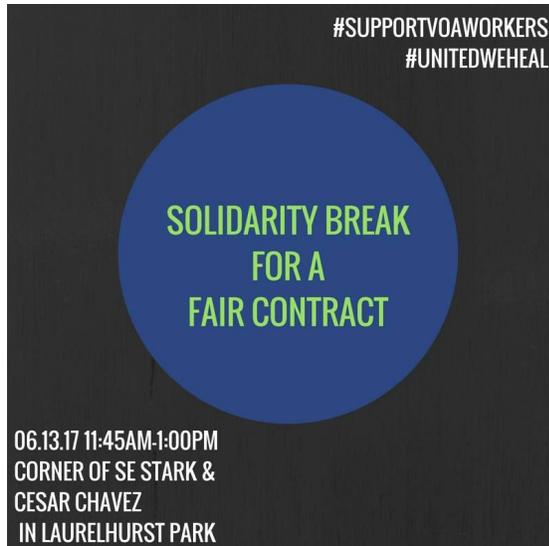
These workers need and are asking for your support. They need you to **call Forest Grove School District board members to demand a living wage for custodians!**

District Phone Number: 503-357-6171

Board Members: John Hayes, Charless Waterman, Lonnie Winkler, Kate Grandusky, and Fred Marble.

Also, please **attend the next school board meeting at 5:30pm on June 12th**, at the district office, **1728 Main St. Forest Grove.**

With your support we can pressure the district to ensure living wages for the custodians who keep our schools clean and healthy places for students to learn.



Solidarity Break for a Fair Contract

Workers at Volunteers for America (VOA) here in Portland recently unionized, and they are currently in the process of negotiating their first contract. However, CEO Kay Toran and her anti-union lawyer continue to stall and put barriers up to stop workers from getting a fair contract and establishing their union. It's time to let them know that the community has our eyes on them!

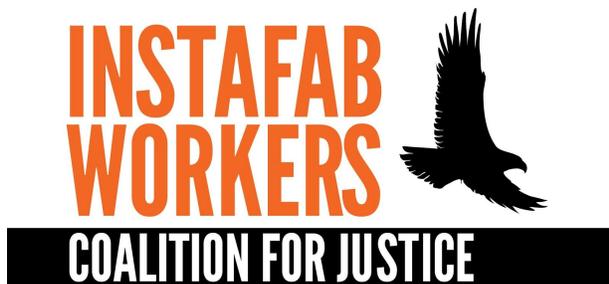
Join the Solidarity Alliance of Social Services in a solidarity break to rally for VOA workers.

**June 13th from 11:45-1pm at
Luarelhurst Park (corner of SE Stark & Cesar**

Chavez Blvd).

It's time to show up and **let the CEO know that it is time to listen to the VOA worker's union and to respect their voice and contribution!**

[Click Here for more information.](#)



Don't Let Instafab Continue Polluting Our Air!

Non-union Ironworkers at Instafab Company, Inc., an irresponsible construction contractor and metal fabricator in Vancouver, WA, have been on strike for almost two and half years now. They are fighting not only to make improvements to what goes on inside Instafab, but to change what goes on outside as well

with the horrible way the company treats our environment. **Instafab has operated for nearly 30 years without an air discharge permit** through the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA). Now, they want the SWCAA to allow them to continue to discharge toxic materials into our environment! **Tell the SWCAA not to tolerate Instafab's pollution!**

Join the **Instafab Workers Coalition for Justice** to rally on **June 14th at 6pm at 11815 NE 99th St. Suite 1295 Vancouver, WA.**



Safe Staffing Informational Picket & Rally at Kaiser Permanente

You never know when you or a loved one might require a hospital stay, a visit to a clinic, or medical attention in your home. The nurses and other health professionals at Kaiser, who are members of the **Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals**, want to be there for you. That's why they're taking action to **insist that Kaiser Permanente put patients first by hiring more frontline caregivers**. Kaiser enrollment locally has increased by 30,000 people, but they are not hiring additional staff to compensate for the new workload. Kaiser has a duty to provide enough resources and staff to meet patient's' needs.

Join workers and OFNHP on June 21st for an Informational picket & rally to support safe staffing at Kaiser Permanente!

Wednesday, June 21 from **12:00-1:00pm** at the Kaiser Permanente building by the Lloyd Center, **1314 NE Grand Ave**, on the corner of NE Grand and NE Multnomah. Because safe staffing is good for your health!

[Click Here for More Information.](#)