



August 2017 Jobs with Justice Solidarity Calendar

Reject Economic Ableist Limits Joins the JwJ Coalition!



We are very excited to announce that Reject Economic Ableist Limits (REAL), an economic and disability justice initiative of The Disability Art and Culture Project, has joined the Portland Jobs with Justice coalition!

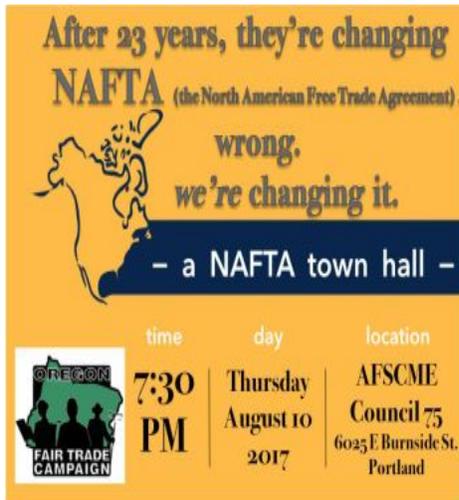
REAL's vision is to empower the disability community and its allies in promoting employment justice and advancing disability justice. REAL seeks to build economic

opportunities by addressing systemic barriers to employment, fostering cross-disability leadership, and building partnerships to address economic injustice. REAL prioritizes voices of disabled people with their multiple identities, who experience the brunt of such injustice. REAL ultimately seeks to build a statewide disability justice coalition in Oregon.

REAL is organizing a Disability Art and Culture Leadership Institute, which runs from September 16 - October 28. Leaders will participate in interactive training sessions featuring disability culture and art, race and racism, intersectionality, using relational access and engagement of our bodies for liberation, capitalism, policy change, internalized oppression and truth-telling, and more.

If you or someone who know is a disabled activist who is interested in being part of this important leadership institute, [Click Here to learn more and download the application form.](#)

NAFTA Town Hall



After 23 years, they're changing
NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement).
wrong.
we're changing it.
- a NAFTA town hall -

time	day	location
7:30 PM	Thursday August 10 2017	AFSCME Council 75 6025 E Burnside St. Portland

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It is likely that Trump is going to try to make changes to NAFTA, which is a free trade agreement that has been disastrous for workers in both Mexico and the US.

The NAFTA politics — where do they stand? Who will be the winners of a NAFTA renegotiation?

Could it be labor and environment and community groups?

Only if we show up.

Get answers to these questions, and join forces — for *all the reasons* that the NAFTA legacy cannot go on —

to move us toward greater global justice in this unique 21st-century moment, by looking hard at a late-20th-century trade-policy paradigm.

This **Oregon Fair Trade Campaign** town hall will seek to educate the community on NAFTA and build a campaign to ensure that labor, the environment, and our communities are the winners in any NAFTA renegotiations. **Thursday, August 10 at 7:30 pm at AFSCME Council 75** (6025 E. Burnside St).

[Click Here for more information.](#)

Faith & Why Unions Matter Forum



Join the Portland Jobs with Justice Faith-Labor and Portland Rising Committees at **St Philip Neri Catholic Church** on **Tuesday August 22 at 6:30pm** (2408 SE 16th Ave) for our second panel and discussion on why unions matter from a faith-based perspective.

The last few decades have been marked by aggressive attempts to weaken if not actually destroy labor unions in order to roll back the gains that they have won for their members and the broader working class. One consequence of these attacks is that families today are facing a world shaped by

diminishing employment opportunities, ever more precarious working conditions, deteriorating social services, and growing social divisions.

With national "Right to Work" looming at the federal level, we have never needed to strengthen public understanding of and support for unions more than right now.

Historically, faith leaders and faith communities have played vital roles in important social movements and the same is true today. Pope Francis has called inequality "the root of social evil" and consistently defends workers against a profit-first mentality. Other faith traditions also have strong roots in justice for workers and the rights of families to just, living conditions.

Why do unions matter? Why do unions and social justice matter to people of faith? Why should we defend unions from attack? What can faith leaders and faith communities do to help strengthen local labor and social justice movements?

Join us for a panel and discussion of these important questions. Light refreshments will be served.

[Click Here for more information.](#)

Rally for Legacy Emanuel Hospital Workers



Hospital workers at Legacy Emanuel are in contract bargaining and they need community support! Come out and support them at a rally on Labor Day, **Sept 4th from 11am-2pm at Dawson Park (2926 N Williams Ave).**

Legacy bought an insurance company and is also part of a debt collection co-op. What does that

look like? Legacy raised its insurance rates, making healthcare unaffordable for its own hospital workers. Then when these workers need intensive or sustained hospital care of their own and are going into deep medical debt, Legacy is profiting off of their suffering through their collections co-op. The workers are justifiably fired up and need your support!