

# February Solidarity Calendar

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## Race Talks Joins Portland Jobs with Justice



"Talking about race is uncomfortable for all folks," says Donna Maxey, a retired PPS teacher and administrator of 20 years who founded Race Talks. JwJ is excited to have Race Talks join our ranks!

Race Talks is a free series co-sponsored by founder and director Donna Maxey, World Arts Foundation, Resolutions Northwest, and McMenamins.

**Race Talks: Opportunities for Dialogue** is a free all ages event hosted at the Kennedy School – Gymnasium on second Tuesday of the month. The series is generally kicked off by a short film or presentation, a panel Q & A, and facilitated small-group discussion. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., events start at 7:00 p.m. To learn more, [visit the Race Talks webpage](#).

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## Portland's new Comprehensive Plan is a fork in the road.



Choosing the path to a more equitable future is simple: **City Council must say "YES!" to the anti-displacement and affordable housing policies already included in the draft Comprehensive Plan.**

## Anti-Displacement PDX and Portland Jobs with Justice in Partnership!

Anti-Displacement PDX is currently working on a campaign targeting the City of Portland's 2035 Comprehensive Plan impacting 20 year land use, development, housing, transportation, economic development, and environmental management. The campaign is working to ensure anti-displacement policies are included in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

Portland Jobs with Justice is thrilled to sign onto the campaign as well as have **Anti-Displacement PDX** as a new coalition member!

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## Call Upon City of Portland to Divest from Private Prisons

**Portland Jobs with Justice signed onto a letter** calling on the City of Portland to divest from private prisons. This letter will be delivered to the City's Socially Responsible Investment Committee in advance of their next meeting on February 22nd, where they will discuss adding Wells Fargo to the City's Do-Not-Buy list. We believe Wells Fargo to be added due to their financing of the for-profit prison industry. If you would like your organization to sign on to this letter [please contact Amanda Anguilar Shank](#), Senior Campaign Organizer at Enlace.

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## PSU Graduate Employees Union



**Portland State Graduate Employees Union (GEU)** publicly launched a campaign insisting that PSU President Wim Wiewel and the rest of the PSU administration remain neutral and agree to recognize the collective bargaining unit. JwJ is proud to endorse this work and send a letter to Wim in support of GEU.

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## Strike Debt Portland

### Debtors' Assembly

**Thursday, March 12 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Strike Debt Portland invites students, debtors, teachers, artists, staff, professors, the public and allies to join us to share debt stories to talk about debt, to dispel stigmas, myths and taboos about debt, to learn about debt, and to organize ourselves to change the state of debt in our lives. [Find more information here.](#)



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## Northwest Oregon Labor Council

Resolution to Defend Public Employee Unions and Public Services

by Marching on the U.S. Supreme Court was passed by the Delegates on January 25, 2016. Portland Jobs with Justice endorsed the resolution to support our Public Employee Unions. See the in the attachments from the Northwest Oregon Labor Council [February edition of Information You Can Use.](#)

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## Fight High Rents and Low Wages Rally & Occupation

**Thursday, February 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Capitol Steps**

15Now, Portland Tenants United, Portland Rising Tide, and Right to Survive are sponsoring a unified message to the legislature to address rent control, just cause eviction, and \$15 minimum wage as well as restore local control by repealing the pre-emptions. This action prioritizes low-wage and marginalized communities. [For more information visit here.](#)

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## Poverty State University: Campus Fight for \$15

**Tuesday, February 23 at 3pm at PSU Smith Center**

Portland Poverty State University is a campus where students are dependent upon food pantries, campus workers are struggling with poverty wages and homelessness, and President Wim Wiewel makes over \$600,000 a year between his salary and benefits package.

Join us as we crown Wim Wiewel as the King of Poverty State University! Coalition of JwJ, PSU SLAP, AFSCME, SEIU 49

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## Faith Labor Breakfast

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016 from 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

**St. Andrew's Catholic Church**

**806 NE Alberta St., Portland, OR 97211**

We invite you to join us for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith/Labor Breakfast sponsored by Portland Jobs with Justice, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and Northwest Labor Council. In the past 14 years, our belief in the dignity of every worker has inspired our community to speak out on behalf of worker justice. We continue to work in coalition with unions, community groups, and others in order to show love to our neighbors.

To reserve your seat, buy tickets, and see the letter of endorsement [visit the Faith Labor Breakfast Page.](#)

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## Inner City Blues Festival

**Saturday, April 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge**

7611 N. Exeter; doors at 5:30 p.m.

Save the Date! Come see some great musicians and support Health Care for All Oregon. [Visit this page for details and ticket information.](#)



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**Women and Socialism: Class, Race and Capital**

**Wednesday, February 24, at 5:30 p.m. at PSU**

*Smith Union Room 238*

Author and activist Sharon Smith will talk about issues of female oppression from a Marxist perspective while focusing on the centrality of race and class amid the stirrings of a new movement today. This event is sponsored by International Socialist Organization and Haymarket Books.

For more information contact [pdxiso@gmail.com](mailto:pdxiso@gmail.com)

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<https://youtu.be/U2AIsBFO1ak>

See the [worker videos](#) that [Portland Rising](#) has put together where workers can tell you themselves the importance of the [Portland Area Campaign](#) for \$15.