



April 2018 Solidarity Calendar

The following events, actions, and campaigns for March were endorsed and approved at our Steering Committee meeting. Come out and show up for other people's struggles!

I AM 2018 MLK Moment of Silence



On the evening of April 3rd, at the historic Mason Temple, the Church of God in Christ International Headquarters, Dr. King delivered his famous "Mountaintop" speech. Less than 24 hours later, he was gunned down on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

On **Wednesday April 4** from **4:01-5:01pm** at the **Convention Center MLK Statue** (307 NE Holladay St) as a community, we will honor his legacy by observing a one minute moment of silence.

[Click Here](#) for more info and to share this event on social media.

Portland Clean Energy Fund



The Portland Clean Energy Fund will be a November 2018 city ballot measure that would raise \$30 million per year to weatherize homes, build rooftop solar, provide jobs for low-income people and communities of color, job training and paths

to union apprenticeships, grow local food production, and fund green infrastructure. Right now, we cannot depend on the federal government to fund a green economy and resilience to climate change. We cannot wait: it's up to us.

GET INVOLVED: Don't miss the Portland Clean Energy Fund Volunteer kick-off event

and training session on **April 7th** from **1-4pm** at **Central Lutheran Church**(1820 NE 21st Ave). Organizers will share an overview of the initiative and explore ways you, on your own or in teams, can join in making Portland history.

To make this policy a reality is going to take a massive grassroots effort - are you ready for action?

[Click Here](#) for more info and to share this event on social media.

Real Choice Initiative



The Real Choice Initiative (RCI) is a new local organization by and for people with disabilities working on a rights-based approach to housing justice for people with disabilities.

Simply put, people with disabilities are excluded from suitable housing because of a lack of accessible units rented at prices that are unsustainable for people who are often on fixed incomes and live below the poverty line. RCI's approach challenges structural barriers to living independently while identifying existing opportunities and supporting people who live in group homes to achieve their goals. JwJ is proud to have endorsed The Real Choice Initiative.

If you are interested in helping with this extremely important effort in our community (with the understanding that able-bodied people are there to assist and not lead), the next organizing meeting is on **Wednesday April 11** at **6pm** at **SEIU Local 503** (6401 SE Foster Rd).

[Click Here](#) for more info and to share this event on social media.

Portland Metro People's Convention



Over the last year, the Portland Metro People's Coalition has been meeting with dozens of organizers from over 35 groups in the Portland metro area to build a broad, inclusive and visionary Bill of Rights to guide our collective work. Under each right, some of these groups have contributed their priority policy proposals: Actionable demands that each group

has been working on and intends to actively organize around in the next year or so.

At the Convention, Participating Groups will ratify the Bill of Rights to establish our vision for a sustainable, healthy and welcoming community for everyone who lives here without exception. We will also pass a 2018 Policy Platform to foster the democratization of power and resources, especially toward marginalized communities. Finally, we will discuss and build a framework for collaboration to strengthen our grassroots power moving forward.

The Convention is **Saturday, April 14th** from **10am-3pm** at **SEIU Local 503** (6401 SE Foster Rd). Lunch and childcare are provided.

If you are not a member of a Participating Group, you are welcome to attend, observe and provide community input! Please RSVP here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/portland-metro-peoples-convention-tickets-44473721097>

[Click Here](#) for more information and to share this event on social media.

7th Annual Inner City Blues Fest - Healing the Healthcare Blues



The 7th Annual Inner City Blues Festival, "Healing the Healthcare Blues" to benefit [Health Care for All Oregon](#) is coming up on **Saturday April 21** from **5pm-midnight** at the **North Portland Eagles Lodge**.

In addition to the great music that this festival always has, there will be food for purchase, two bars, a community village full of information tables and local artists, a silent auction, and raffle prizes. Stop by the JwJ table and say hi!

[Click Here](#) for more information and to get tickets.

[Click Here](#) to share this event on social media.

Holgate Manor Tenant Union Picnic



Holgate Manor in SE Portland was recently bought and the new owners are trying to push the current and mostly immigrant residents out so they can remodel the complex and implement a massive rent increase. The tenants, however, want to stay and they are fighting back! They are calling on Princeton Property Management and Fred Kleinbub to meet their demands for safe and dignified housing, with long-term

security against large rent increases or no-cause displacement. And they are calling the city to purchase the complex and convert it to permanent affordable housing.

Join the tenants and other community members for a solidarity picnic on **Saturday April 28** at **Holgate Manor** (3577 SE Mall St). The exact **time is to be determined**. Watch our weekly Upcoming Events emails each Wednesday, or our [Facebook](#) page for updates.

Transportation Fairness Portland Rally



The City of Portland is considering code changes to regulate Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft. We believe that your voice as a driver matters and should be considered to make sure the structure works for TNC companies and drivers. We know that there are significant concerns from drivers and the community about fairness as it relates to every component of our transportation system, especially TNCs. As a city, we need to strive to ensure that advances in the transportation system don't perpetuate inequities which have existed for decades.

That's why the Oregon AFL-CIO and our allies are proposing a solution to ensure the voices of those who have been left behind are elevated. We are asking the City of Portland to establish a structure where Portland's transportation inequities can be analyzed and fixed through a transportation commission.

Join Uber and Lyft drivers and their allies for a **rally on Monday April 30th at 12pm at Portland City Hall** to help make the demand for solutions to the issues faced by these workers!

Portland Debtors' Assembly



You are not a loan. 70% of Americans are in debt. 62% of bankruptcies are from medical debt. Students now owe over \$1.4 trillion in student loan debt. We buy

[Click Here](#) to read "The Debt Resisters' Operation Manual" for free.

Join [Strike Debt PDX](#) for a Debtor's Assembly on **Saturday May 5th** at the **First Unitarian Church** in downtown Portland to share your story, hear other people's debt stories, and be part of a discussion on the idea of starting a public bank here in Portland that would benefit the people of this city and not rich Wall Street banksters.

Do you value the Portland Jobs with Justice weekly events calendar as a resource to help keep you connected to and engaged in the local movement? Then consider making a donation or becoming one of our sustaining members with a monthly contribution of \$5 or more.

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