

## 1.15.19 Rise and Resist General Meeting

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- Meetings: Every Tuesday, 7pm at The People's Forum 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018

Facilitators: John, Jay

Interpretation: Elizabeth

Notes: Livvie

**New Rise And Resist board elected:** Donna, Kellen, Stuart, Jay, John W., Joan B., and Mary H. Reiteration that board holds no real power, but is necessary for non-profit status.

**Announcement Re: United Against Racism and Fascism** - Andy

### **Extinction Rebellion**

Started in London months ago. Recently started here in NY at first to disarray; by Jan 12 a meeting filled Friends Hall. It's going strong.

Planning January 26 worldwide demonstration

Christina Windsor, coordinator in NYC, spoke at meeting inviting folks to train for actions.

Direct action on Saturday January 26. Options for arrest or not. Unpermitted. Meeting at 59<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, marching to undisclosed site, will cause a disruption. Around midday.

Claire, Cherie, Stu, John want to participate.

**Elections: Albany Report Back** With True Blue NY, a collection of affinity issue groups, we put together a People's Platform that includes a press release and a legislation scorecard. This goes back to the IDC fight, turning NYS Senate from Red to Blue. Our trip to Albany is following up on that work, following through by pressuring for legislation. What passed today: early voting, consolidated single primaries, portability of voter registration, same day registration, no excuse absentee ballots, preregistration of 16 and 17 year olds, LLC will be held to same limitations as corporations.. Zellnor Myrie is fighting hard for progressive legislation, and he's eager to work with True Blue and progressive activists. We're fighting for matching funds for elections.

All of this is about getting money out of elections and getting it into communities.

GENDA passed today as well! It prohibits discrimination based on gender expression. Conversion therapy was also banned in NYS.

These developments are the results of activism. We helped elect those that are advocating for this legislation, and it's up to us to keep these legislators honest.

Thank you everyone that wrote a postcard, that came to an IDC protest - we won. We made a difference.

If you want to be updated on legislation developments, you can go to the NYS Senate website (even though sometimes it's tough to decipher).

We will hold Cuomo's feet to the fire, and monitor his responsiveness to the progressive movement.

### **Immigration**

Vivian Farmery spoke spent a month at the Tijuana border. She helped to raise money and bought stuff needed by the people who had walked from Honduras. Mud, rain, solitary confinement, icebox detention - horrible conditions. All trauma work because everyone was traumatized. Worked with 55 LGBTQI people, concerned that news of their abuse is not being reported.

Asking for primary sponsors (required) and secondary sponsors and commissary sponsors for group homes for LGBTQI people seeking asylum. If you would like to help please email [info@riseandresist.org](mailto:info@riseandresist.org)

### **Action Committee: Oculus Action. *Seeking Asylum is Not a Crime***

Stu, Kellen

5:30 Thursday, lowest level of the Oculus, in the center. 1 and E trains open into the Oculus at Cortland St. stop. Other trains stop at Fulton. Heckler problem - they're trying to get a reaction, film it, and stream it. Assigned marshalls will defuse.

### **Three State of the Union actions *Arrest Trump***

Jamie

January 29, for State of the Union, one "vague," two banner drops (banners says Arrest Trump), and a more general action. Some things done earlier than the 9:00 State of the Union. Demo at rush hour. All depending on whether the State of the Union happens that day in some form. Action Committee meets January 16, 6-8, UAW building, 12th floor.

### **Read and Resist**

Good and Mad by Rebecca Traister Saturday, January 26.

### **Trump response action**

Jamie

Protest if/when Trump declares State of Emergency. Just in case. Social Media Massing in front of Trump Hotel at 5:30, meet at Columbus Circle.

**Vote to approve passes.** Facebook event has now been created:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/738461629861369/>

### **Non RaR action**

Move On doing a nationwide action on January 29 to reopen government, encourage folks affected by the shutdown to tell their stories.

### **Valentines Day Postcards**

Mary Hawkins

South American Day of Love and Friendship tradition. Patricia wants to re-focus attention on Separated Children on February 14 by having kids fill out Mary Hawkins-designed cards to kids in Tornillo where there will also be an art exhibit. Need more info - Mary will come back.

### **Healthcare**

Mark Hannay and Alexandra

Reporting back on progress of NY Health Act.

Want to expand work with Elections and work with The Peoples Forum to hold a Town Hall about NYHA. Action in March planned about pharmaceutical profiteering, especially Pfizer.

Health Care heroes: going back to NYHA-positive state senators to persuade them to push.

Congressional health care bills being worked on by Senate and House due in a month. Health care barnstorming will happen around that.

### **Womens Non March**

ERT approved endorsing the Women's March in Foley Square, January 19, 10am - 2pm.

Our RAR Non-March taking place from 2-4:00pm in Grand Central, meeting near the clock.

**APPROVED BY FLOOR:** ERT vote

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### **Elevator action group**

Jennifer

Albany day of action February 11 with lots of other groups to push Andy Byford's plan for accessibility.

### **Immigration**

Jody

Immigration group is taking a hiatus, but will still work with Actions group behind the scenes.

### **Billboard**

Mary Hawkins

Billboard In Westchester area near Gavin McInnes house. Hate Has No Home Here.

**Finance**

Over \$14,000.

Susan going on tax break until April 15, Jennifer B taking over deposits.

**Announcement**

Guy from DSA NYC Thorn weekly newsletter to keep people up to date.