

Rise and Resist General Meeting: 7.23.2019

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 - Meetings: Every Tuesday at 7pm at the [People's Forum](#), 320 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018
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Facilitators: Livvie and Kellen, **Note Taker:** Elizabeth

Welcome:

- NYPD announce yourselves, Journalists
 - Just because none do doesn't mean there aren't any police in the room. Be mindful that conversations in this room may be overheard by NYPD and Journalists
- Everybody - go around and say name, pronouns in use
- Greeters - Alex
- MetroCards - If you need a MetroCard, speak with Kellen when they arrive
- Sign-language Interpreter is not here tonight
- All people are invited to participate - if this is your first or your hundredth R+R Meeting. All persons in attendance are eligible to vote on actions, and are encouraged to ask questions and engage

REPORT BACKS:

- **Riders Alliance Rally** - June 17th
 - Elevator Action Committee - represented by Jennifer
 - Rally at Pershing Square next to Grand Central with Cardboard Cuomo
 - Focus on how we want Cuomo to spend capital funds
 - Riders Alliance used "Accessibility" - which had been a push for them to get on board with multiple platforms
- **MTA Board Meeting** - June 24th

- 9:30 am 2 Broadway - MTA HQ
- Trying to use up all of the speaking time with coalition organizations from Elevator Action Committee, and Riders Alliance
- The current Multimillion \$ plan doesn't mention accessibility - focus to push towards
- 8:30 - Tim has suggested that people sign up to speak - for funding the elevators - people should sign up to speak between 8:30 am and 8:45 am.
- Transportation & Congestion pricing - concerns about \$ going to subway, and fears, historically in the city, that \$ to accessibility doesn't overall support the health and functionality of the MTA for all people

UPCOMING ACTIONS:

- **No Raids/Close the Camps/Abolish ICE**
- Thursday - July 25th at 5:30
- Oculus (WTC) - New Structure - 1 World Trade Center - Fulton Station
- Donna reporting -- Urging people to come to the Immigration Demonstration indoors
 - The last demonstration occurred in Grand Central and was very positive
 - 150 people signed up as "going" on FB currently, 1000 interested
 - Silent demonstration - photographs from camps, banners, and leaflets to hand out to people to explain the purpose of the demonstration
 - Martin (comment): To post within the action and discussion part - reminding folks who RSVP to attend - - This is primarily a note to remind, internally, to the communications team and other verified posters to do this
 - Jamie (comment): Concerns about counter-protesters, and hecklers, particularly as this is a large demonstration. Because this is a large demo, we need Marshalls - if you're holding a banner, or you are next to someone who seems not to "know the drill" - let them know to de-escalate
- **Impeach Demo: Stop the Attacks**
- Monday, August 5th
- 5:30 pm
- Trump Hotel - 1 Central Park West - NY, NY
 - Jamie (presenting)
 - Rev up another Trump Impeach Action - Monday, 8/5 at Trump Hotel
 - Stop the attacks on Tlaib, Omar, AOC and Pressley
 - Trump International Hotel & Tower - NY Central Park
 - Object is to give people an opportunity to come and speak out about this
 - Visibility is high - due to location

Rise and Resist Picnic

- Saturday, July 27th

- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- The Pool, Central Park - West 103rd Street Entrance and Central Park West © Train to 96th or 103rd Street
 - Diane (Presenting) and Alexis (Presenting)
 - All potluck -
 - Permitted convening -
 - Primary start time at about 11:00 am
 - If you will need a chair - pick up or bring a folding chair
 - R+ R will bring a few tables

Climate Action Group

- Action to brainstorm about next steps on the State's flawed environmental bill passed this past session
 - Bill has long timelines - - shorter timelines need to be more urgent
 - Pressuring for amendments to make the bill stronger
 - Starting in October, we need to start working to push Albany to put more budget (decided in April 2020) towards environmental action
 - Representative from New York Renews felt they had not relied enough on Direct Action to push the envelope and get people to be more aggressive and more assertive
- Climate Action Group met and had a call last night (Monday, 7/22) on the next steps with coalition members
- Working not only at the State Level, but planning on programs for the Climate Summit at the UN Summit in September

FACILITATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Collect Rent
 - This is a primary revenue stream for R+R
 - For paying for space at TPF, and for ASL Interpreter
- If you have a complaint about the People's Forum - come to R+R Facilitators/leaders
 - People's forum - if you have concerns or complaints about the People's forum, contact R+R Facilitators
- July Tasks and August's Tasks
 - Signup for August Tasks -

NEW ACTIONS:

- **Eve of Trump Speaking at the UN General Assembly**
- Monday, September 23rd; Trump speaking on Tuesday, September 24th
- Martin (Presenting)

- March and Chant, but no rally - asking the UN to address some of the concerns about Trump's human rights abuses
- Feedback -
- Trump always comes the Tuesday of the General Assembly - -
- Comments & Concerns: 2 years ago when we did a smaller march for Trump presence at the UN; concerns about an unpermitted march, and police presence, as there was heightened policing the last time Trump was in town and people were arrested by the police at a demonstration in 2017
- Comments & Concerns: It's also Climate week - what if there are members/groups that want to speak and address issues of climate change rather than Trump's human rights abuses - xenophobia, racism, changing asylum proceedings
- Comments & Concerns: (Rob) - Opportunity to use the Illuminator (display) on the UN?
- Comment (Rob): Also a non-nuclear meeting in NYC during that week, so the opportunity to speak about those issues in conjunction with Trump's presence
- Comment (Rick): Lead focus should be whatever motivates and gets people into the street - hybridize as necessary, but climate might be one of the best means of collecting people
- Comment (Simone): Global Student Strike (9/20) and Student Strike on 9/27 - - Connecting with student organizations who are engaged and interested in participating in protest
- Comment (Alexandra): To counter what Mel is saying, I think we need to rally folks around the links between climate and refugees
- Organizers (Jamie & Martin): Let us go back and come back with some logistics and a proposal, and bring some of those things back. People are conceptually interested in doing a big march the night before Trump speaks at the UN.

Facilitation:

- New people who've come in - - agendas, greeting, and notes for follow-ups.

New Event:

- **Close the Camps Demonstration - Cosecha NYC**
- August 10, 2019 (Saturday)
- Coalition Action
- 3 different organizations - Cosecha, Extinction Rebellion, EarthStrike (Direct Action Orgs)
- Went to a nonviolent direct action workshop this past Saturday, and while it was a 2 hour workshop, Alexis thought it was extremely well done, and she went to see if this is something she could recommend to RAR members, based on their seriousness, concerns, tactics, etc.
- Details - for folks to get more plugged in - the focus is a landlord of an ICE Administrative Office

- The US Govt Can't sustain illegal activities against immigrants without private profiteers (Landlords) - - seeking to get landlords, and other tenants of office building to protest the presence of ICE.
- Rally - Sat. Aug. 10th - Madison Square Park
 - 20 minute walk to the TARGET (of the action)
 - Vague action around the TARGET (of the action)
 - If folks are interested - Speak with Alexis about further details
 - There is a call for marshalls
 - There is a call for picketers
 - There are multiple workshops for people to plug themselves into on the website
 - Closethecampsnyc.com
 - There will likely be a pre-action meeting on August 8th or August 9th
 - The organization is looking for an endorsement:
 - **Straw poll - - do we feel like we can vote on the action and that we have enough information?**
 - **Multiple hands - YES**
 - Reminder to new people: You are welcome to vote on any and all items called to a vote here

Existing Event

- **Civil Disobedience Training held by RAR**
- August 3, 2019 (Saturday)
- Tompkins Square Library - 11:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Question: If people took the course previously, do you recommend people attend the course again?:
 - Primarily for people who haven't taken it before, but if you'd like to be refreshed, please come along!

New Event (proposed by Jamie)

- **Trump's calling out "The Squad"** and by the Republicans' complicity with it
- Racist, misogynyst, xenophobic, sexist
- Plan to go INTO Trump Tower and tell Trump to stop attacking
- Trump Tower - the Atrium is a "Privately operated public space" - it is open to the public, so you have a right to go in there - there are rules about what can and can't be done
- Structured demonstration that is completely legal according to the Trump Tower rules, but will bug them: One thing that you CAN do, is to wear a T-shirt with any message. You cannot bring a sign or hold a sign in - - You can't leaflet in there. You can't yell and scream. You can make a statement quietly - get a small group of people to go into trump tower, essentially wearing a "Stop the Attacks on Rashida Tlaib" "Stop the Attacks on AOC" T-shirt - - using photo transfers ironed onto T-shirts semi-professionally
- Go in in the middle of the day, hang out, be visible, use photos and social media to further disseminate messages

- Would like to do this as a Rise & Resist Action
- Seeking to make a quick, clear, graphic statement at Trump Tower
- Lori (Comment): In the spirit of Occupy, and looking at 60 Wall Street - another Privately owned public space - which had been used during Occupy as a meeting hall - why not call a "Town Hall" meeting in Trump Tower, and organize a meeting of the public to air what is on people's minds, and use it as a chance to occupy that space as a public space, which pushes it in a more irreverent way, bringing in people and the press.
- Jamie (follow-up): This action I see as a very particular message that I think needs to be said there. Donald Jr. has been shooting his mouth off about this, and he has been working there.
- Rob (He/Him) - Suggestion - that if folks want to attend, they could buy their own T-shirts, and have 12 or so folks in participation
- **Vote: Votes in favor of the action**
 - Jamie asks for participation

Presentation and Discussion on the RAR Survey and on Meetings/Meeting Structure

Sandy Radoff

- May 14th meeting - - concern/discussion of attendance at the Tuesday general meetings
- Issues raised at the May 14th meeting - brainstorming on why and what could be done
- Brainstorming - and Study - - Workgroup setup - to address questions about meetings, and running through the process of setting up a survey for folks who don't participate as regularly
 - Sandy Radoff
 - Donna Gould
 - Susan Lee
 - Diane Lent
 - Betsy Malcolm
 - Timothy Lunceford-Stevens
- Next step - - Potentially implement the survey - and what are the Objectives of the RaR Survey
 - How to make the weekly meetings more interesting
 - What we want to get out of the meetings
 - How to get them to serve us better organizationally
 - How we'd like to see the meetings change, if needed?
- Alexis - I'm wondering if one of the questions we want to ask is "how come you can't show up"?
 - Draft survey set up at this time - - core outline:
 - What affects how often the respondent attends?
 - What the respondent values about the meetings?
 - What the respondent doesn't like about the meetings
 - What changes would make the respondent more likely to attend?

- How important the respondent feels the meetings are
- Demographics
- Survey to be programmed and done online - - Email invitation to survey to be sent to 3000 e-mail addresses
- Anticipated that from 5-25% will respond - giving a base of 150 to 600 for analysis
- It will be important to spread the word about the survey as well as send one or two email reminders
- Begin - sending survey out in the middle of August
- Concerns and thoughts - - would it be better to put a survey out later? (September) - when people are back from Summer vacations?
- Some folks thought that - people who have students/youths in their lives, that after Labor day, it can be harder for people to attend and be engaged in events, activities, meetings
- Bringing thanks to Sandy for sharing her professional experience & expertise in market research with this project

Sign-on to letter to NYC Members of Congress about Impeachment

- Presented by Martin:
- Presenting for Justin Hendricks - - March for Truth - Liaison for March for Truth, Hands Off Mueller, Impeach Trump -
- Letter that they would like to send to NYC Representatives: Clarke, Engel, Espaillat, Jeffries, Maloney Meeks, Meng, Nadler, Ocasio-Cortez, Rose, Serrano and Veazquez
- Request for RAR to Endorse
- **Vote to Endorse - - Voting for endorsement**

Finance

- Rob - We collected 175 tonight. 12,100 balance last week, likely the same this week.

Non Rise & Resist Actions & Announcements

Youth Caucus of Rise & Resist

- Youth Caucus of RAR was founded a few years ago, and many folks have moved on from other orgs/conflicts, etc.
- Contact Simone if you're interested in being part of the youth caucus

ACT UP

- ACT UP Meeting last night - - Volunteer to bring names and posters of HIV+ persons who died in ICE Custody to have at the RAR Action at the Oculus this Thursday, July 25th

Robert Lopez

- Had been working w/Refuse Fascism, and now working with SOS America 2019, SOS America 2019.com - <https://www.sosamerica2019.com>
- Verbal invitation to folks to use the app, Telegram, to organize mass protests - SOS America has set up multiple channels to give information on this
- If people don't want their personal phone number to be used, you can either get a disposable phone number, or you can choose to hide your number so it isn't visible publicly
- <https://t.me/joinchat/KtIURxSggNVMcZ3wi5maWw>
- <https://t.me/joinchat/M15y8hXkqhwG8o9IxdH8BQ>
- Also on Twitter <https://twitter.com/sosamerica2019>

Friday, September 20th

In anticipation of Climate week -

- Youth Strike is Friday, September 20th
- Seniors - & Die-in & arriving 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Greta Thurnburg
- Proposed Route, pending permits
- Bway & 48th - Broadway & Madison Square Park

New Tshirts! ! Omar & Pressley & Tlaib & Ocasio-Cortez

<https://www.redbubble.com/people/roblives4love/works/40187955-the-squad?asc=u>

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