

W. Mass. Social Forum - Schedule at-a-glance

Time & Location

SATURDAY April 14, 2007

9:00-9:30
SOM lobby

Registration coffee/tea & bagels

9:30-10:40
SOM 137

Welcome
Opening ceremonies
Social Forums: From the World to Western Mass.

10:45-12:15

Workshop A

EJ HR ES WP CW CA

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Workshop A-1
SOM Rm 117

Targeting Hunger: What we can do to Achieve community Food Security - Andrew Morehouse, Tasha Moultrie, Food Bank

x x x x

Workshop A-2
SOM Rm 118

Report from the World Social Forum: catalyst for global social movements - Agustin Lao-Montes, Sergio Reyes, Sonia Alvarez

x x x x x x

Workshop A-3
SOM Rm 119

Reducing Toxic Chemical in Our Communities - Tina Clarke, Clean Water Action & A.J. Juarez, Mass Public Health Assn.

x x

Workshop A-4
SOM Rm 123

Healthy Food, Community, and Sustainability
Ryan Voiland, Red Fire Farm, Helen Scharber, CPE

x x x

Workshop A-5
SOM Rm 124

Econ 101 - The Basics of Neoliberalism - Dale Melcher, Umass Labor Center, Heidi Garrett-Peltier, Center for Popular Economics

x

Workshop A-6
SOM Rm 125

Inside 'N Out: Queer Youth and the Prison Industrial Complex
Out Now

x

Workshop A-7
SOM Rm 126

Uncommon Conversations
Paula Green & Olivia Dreier, Karuna Center

x x x

Workshop A-8
SOM Rm 127

Organizing Against Genetic Engineering at Massachusetts Town Meetings - Ben Grosscup, NOFA/Mass Social Action

x

12:15-1:15
Newman Center

LUNCH
bring your own brown bag lunch or \$3 for pizza/drink/cookie

1:15-2:45

Workshop B

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Workshop B-1
SOM Rm 117

Bringing the Federal Budget Home
Anita Dancs, National Priorities Project

x x

Workshop B-2
SOM Rm 118

An Introduction to the Israeli/Palestinian Situation - Joel Dansky, DeAnne Riddle, Joe Levine, Middle East Peace Coalition

x x x

Workshop B-3
SOM Rm 119

Immigrant Workers Today - Harris Freeman, Umass Labor Center; Ruth Trujillo, Greensboro Justice Fund, Lisa Henderson, 5 College & Community Immigration Group

x x

Workshop B-4
SOM Rm 123

Teaching students about war
John Fitzgerald, Historians Against the War

x

Workshop B-5
SOM Rm 124

Building Community Economies in the Pioneer Valley
Janelle Cornwell, Karen Werner, Ted White, Community Economies Collective

x x x x

Workshop B-6
SOM Rm 125

How to Support Your Young Revolutionary & 101 Things Not to Say to Adults - Youth Leadership in the Arts

x x x x x x

Workshop B-7 SOM Rm 126	Simbolos de un Mundo Nuevo (Symbols of a New World) Manos Unidos		X				X	X
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Workshop B-8 SOM Rm 127	It's Time to Get Yourself a Union - Jon Weissman, WMJwJ; Jerry Friedman, labor historian; David Cohen, UEW; Jessica Levy, Student Labor Action	X	X					
2:45-3:15	BREAK & Step it up activity to stop global warming by campus pond							
3:15-4:45	Workshop C							
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Workshop C-1 SOM Rm 117	Why we do not need the death penalty in Mass., the USA and the world - Bob Lawson, Mass. Citizens Against the Death Penalty		X					
Workshop C-2 SOM Rm 118	A Revolution in Money and Banking (from the Bottom Up) Chris Lindstrom, E.F. Schumacher Society	X		X			X	
Workshop C-3 SOM Rm 119	Another World Is Here: Lessons from the Real World W. Mass. Economic Alternatives Network	X		X			X	X
Workshop C-4 SOM Rm 123	Building Community Owned Assets Lynn Benander, Co-op Power & Larry Union, Northeast Biodiesel	X		X			X	
Workshop C-5 SOM Rm 124	Responding to The War Against Nature: Direct action and community-based action in defense of the planet D.O., Jean Grossholtz, Tina Clarke			X				
Workshop C-6 SOM Rm 125	Mini-Help Increase the Peace Project Three local youth HIPP trainers	X	X			X		
Workshop C-7 SOM Rm 126	80 Years of Organizing: Mistakes made and lessons learned Susan & Rene Theberge, SAGE		X			X		X
Workshop C-8 SOM Rm 127	The Real Costs of War W. Mass Chapter of Veterans for Peace	X				X		
4:45-5:45 Mahar Aud.	Reflections on the day Step up Improv for Truth on Tap Reflections on the day & what's ahead on the program (open space intro & sign-up)							
5:45-7:00 Student Union	DINNER catered by Earthfoods in Cape Cod Lounge & Earthfoods Dining Room, Student Union							
7:00-10:00 Mahar Aud.	Celebration! Performance & Open Mic Featuring Emcees: Kim DeSheild & Ziggy Willep & DJ: Henry C. Performances include: youth from Project 2050, Youth Leadership in the Arts (YLA) and Video Vanguard as well as elders from the Raging Grannies. Local songster Tom Neilson, poet Alice Lovelace and many more! Open mic - bring your talents or just your willingness to share.							
SUNDAY April 15, 2007								
9:00-9:30 Mahar Aud.	Registration, coffee/tea							
9:30-10:00 Mahar Aud.	Welcome & Intro to the day icebreaker							
10:00-11:45	Open Space Technology - a process where participants self-organize sessions based on the issues that they are passionate about.	EJ	HR	ES	WP	CW	CA	
rooms to be assigned	Story Telling and Strategies for Social Change Liana Foxvog & Raul Matta, STORY							X
	Anarchist Organizing & Etiquette reVoltaire: Anarchist organizing in the Pioneer Valley							
	Radicals at Work Lynn Williams, Joe Phillips, Solidarity & the Rank-and-File Youth Project	X	X					

11:45-12:00	BREAK
12:00-1:00 Mahar Aud.	Next steps: US Social Forum, Wmass Movement Building Closing ceremony