2020 Southwest Workers Union

Membership Open House

Report Backs:

During our Member Open House, we discussed areas of Southwest Workers Union’s work and let the member’s discuss strategy and intention for 2020 programming. Below are the notes from each group to further guide the collective vision for a more sustainable community. We invite you to join us at future meetings to further expand these conversations.

IMPORTANT 2020 DATES:

- Climate Justice Alliance OPC Meeting
  March 27 - 29

- Comadre Econ Pop Up Market
  Spring 2020

- May 1st Rally - Friday May 1, 2020
  **Member Vote: 24 - Marcha 7 - May 1st Clinica

- Climate Justice Alliance National Convening
  July 22-26

- SWU 2020 Member Assembly
  **Aug-Nov, will continue dialogue around political moment**

- 2020 Elections
  1. March 3 - Texas Primary
  2. November 3 - General Election

- SWU - Youth Leadership Organization (YLO)
  June 16 - August 6 [ Youth Ages 12-18 are encouraged to apply ]

**Will discuss these events more in depth at the next Member meeting: Sat. March 7, 2020 11am**

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Creating Spaces to Build & Solidarity:

- We need space to breath/exist/live
- Our issues are connected & stronger together
- How to create togetherness & the network
- Realized were not talking to each other on the Eastside
- Take back our land - displacement, building sustainable homes
- Need to create space for healing our traumas to be able to work together and build solidarity
- Reconnecting with the land.
- Healing Intergenerational Traumas

Clean Food & Environmental Justice:

- More Spanish led gardening workshops
- Workshops about body, mind, environmental wellness connection
- Helping people start gardens (Food not Lawns)
- Rate Payers Union
  1. Flyering
  2. Education workshops
  3. It’s unfair, not a way of life!
- Air Quality & Urban heat island
- Spruce Coal Power Plant
- Reusable Energy

Additional Suggestion:  SA Climate Ready Implementation Working Groups now accepting applications, can many of us sign up to ensure equity focus?

Leadership Development:

- Education is power, Uplift Power of Youth
  1. mentors
- Building on the work already started youth will be the next leaders
  1. intentionally intergenerational
- Creating lateral power
  1. trainings broaden your horizons
- Empowering other to empower others in the community
- Healing through education
- Check in on our -isms (in a loving way)
- Sharing spaces of empowerment
- Leading each other to become leaders
- New leaders can bring innovation.
- Leadership as a tool to harmonize

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Leadership Development: (continued)

- Consent is a part of effective leadership
- Be in community w/ likeminded people.
- Dismantle Patriarchy, ReMatriate SWU.
- Creating spaces to share best practices & language within movement.

Civic Engagement / Elections

Integrated Voter Engagement Campaign Areas:

1. Feb 4 Primary Get Out the Vote Campaign (GOTV) begins. **Texas Primary**
   **Tues. March 3, 2020**
2. May - Home Weatherization Campaign
3. Get Out The Vote - General Election Campaign. **Presidential Election Tuesday**
   **November 3, 2020**

- Tenants Union
- Safety from Animals on Westside
- Energy Democracy
- Health Care
- SWU has a background for training the trainer to empower and share resources and connecting.
- Creating Greater Community Power/Renters
- Tabling/ Getting the word out on important issues
- Assure we engage the community to vote.
- Connecting folks to the structures.