



Friends of the Congo at WESPAC, Thursday, April 12, 7:00 PM
WESPAC, 77 Tarrytown Road, Suite 2W, White Plains

Over six million Congolese have been killed in the past few years (more than half of them under the age of 5) due to proxy wars being fought in the Congo for access to the country's vast natural resources. Maurice Carney, Executive Director of [Friends of the Congo](#), speaks about the militarization of the African continent, the scramble for natural resources, and the people's resistance movements.



**Divest from the
War Machine**

Rally & Teach-In for Peace and Economic Justice, 11:00 AM,
Saturday, April 14, Greenwich Commons
290 Greenwich Ave, Greenwich, CT

Rally speakers will address the many destructive consequences of the wide and rapidly expanding gap between rich and poor. Carpools are being organized from White Plains. Contact: wespacfoundation@gmail.com, 914-449-6514. Live stream on Facebook from 11 am to 3 pm [HERE](#). Rally speakers will explain the intersectionality of wealth concentration, war, and racism as we call for an end to US wars and police oppression, divestment from the military/industrial complex, and creation of income equality. We're here to build regenerative peace economy that prioritizes people over profit. Speakers include Kate Alexander of Peace Action NY; Medea Benjamin, Co-Founder, CODEPINK / Divest From The War Machine; Taylor Rae Bundy of Local Liberation blog #ShiftPrivilege; Maurice Carney, Executive Director of Friends of the Congo; Marie Cruz-Soto of New York Solidarity with Vieques, Puerto Rico; Ellen Davidson of Veterans for Peace; Joe Lombardo, Co-Coordinator of United National Antiwar Coalition; Ralph Nazareth, President of GraceWorks International; and Hawk Newsome, President of Black Lives Matter/Greater NY.



Standing Up for Racial Justice – Westchester Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 16, 7:00 PM
South Presbyterian Church, 343 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry

We'll be talking about current events involving police and gun violence including the recently publicized police shootings and deaths of Stephon Clark and Saheed Vassell and the role of Stoneman Douglas high school students in the gun control debate. We'll examine how these events are symptomatic of the larger issue of racial disparity. Information at showingupforracialjustice.org. Contact: SURJWestchester@gmail.com, 914-295-2527.



People's Tax Day Action Festival
April 17, 5:00 PM, Foley Square, 111 Worth St, New York City

The event is the culmination of [Tax March](#)'s tour across the country to repeal the Tax Scam. We'll be engaging in fun and creative activities to draw attention to the human cost of the tax cuts for the rich as well as organizing in flippable red districts to turn Congress from Red to Blue. Come and connect with groups that are focusing on canvassing, door knocking, voter registration, phone banking, letter writing, and texting. RSVP <https://www.facebook.com/events/2126541897567732/>

UNDOING RACISM



Undoing Racism® Community Organizing Workshop

Thursday, April 19 – Saturday, April 21

Ethical Culture Society, 7 Saxon Wood Rd, White Plains

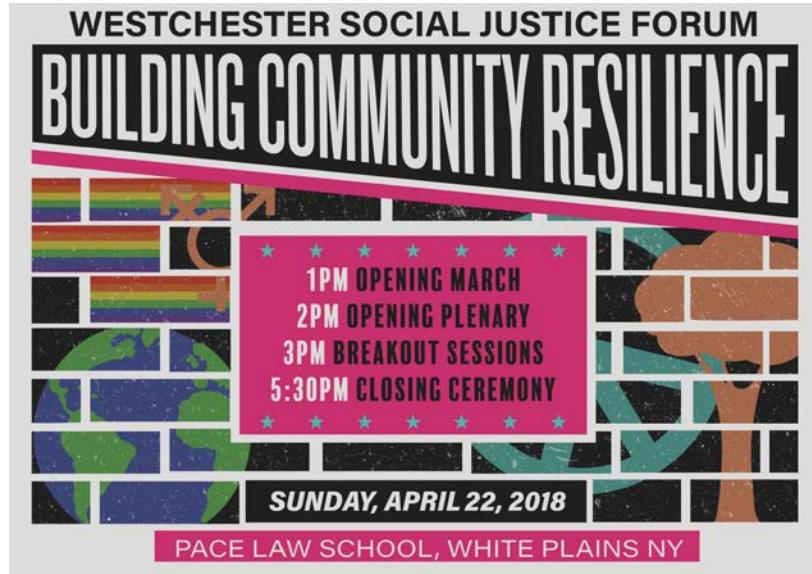
The Westchester Martin Luther King Institute for Nonviolence and the Westchester Coalition for Police Reform are proud to sponsor an intensive workshop conducted by the *People's Institute for Survival and Beyond*, www.pisab.org. Training information and Registration: <https://m.bpt.me/event/3323789>. **The cost is \$350 per person. FUSW can cover the cost if anyone wants to attend.**



Navigating the River of Dreams, Saturday, April 21, 6:00 PM

JCC of Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Rd, Scarsdale

Join the Lower Hudson Valley Chapter NYCLU for a look into the personal impacts of President Trump's war on immigrants, and hear from a former Border Patrol agent who was on the frontlines of enforcing America's deeply flawed immigration laws. *Navigating the River of Dreams: A Discussion with a Hudson Valley Dreamer and an ex-Border Patrol Agent* will feature Laura Garcia, Hudson Valley dreamer and racial justice manager for the YWCA Orange County, and Francisco Cantú, author of [*The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border*](#). Cantú's just-published memoir tells the story of his four years as a Border Patrol agent in the Southwest and grapples with the complex issues surrounding our treatment of Mexicans desperate to leave their home country for the United States. Admission \$10 / Students free. RSVP by Wednesday, April 18. <https://www.nyclu.org/en/events/navigating-river-dreams-discussion> Contact us at 914-997-7479 or lowerhudsonvalley@nyclu.org for further information.



Westchester Social Justice Forum
Sunday, April 22, 1:00 PM
Pace Law School, White Plains

Join community organizations in Westchester for a social justice forum to exchange ideas and information, foster solidarity, and celebrate our work to create a more just and equal society. The day will include a people's march, workshops on organizing for social and ecological justice, and a cultural celebration! <https://www.westchestersocialforum.org/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestchesterSF/>



Cuomo: Walk the Talk on Climate!
Monday, April 23, Albany, NY

Join people from every corner of New York in a march on the State Capitol to send a strong, unified message to Governor Cuomo: The governor claims that New York is a "leader" on climate change but only 3% of our energy comes from wind and the sun. He declares it's "gross negligence" to not address climate change, but New York continues to be a conduit, storage, and dumping ground for the fracking industry. Our air, water, and atmosphere remain under assault by corporations that spew toxins without any accountability or cost. Buses available. cuomowalkthetalk.org.

STAND AGAINST RACISM

**Our Power, Our Mission, Our Future, Panel Discussion,
Thursday, April 26, 9:00 AM,
Westchester Community College's Gateway Center**

Presented by YWCA White Plains & Westchester Community College. As civil rights are eroded for communities of color, we look forward to focusing this year's Stand Against Racism on supporting full access and engagement for women and girls of color in the political process. Panelists include: Ariana Quinones, Rutgers University's Program Coordinator for BOLD Women's Leadership Network; Kitley Covill, County Legislator District 2; and Youth Representatives from WCC and YWCAWP. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-power-our-mission-our-future-tickets-44377567499>



**National Call About the Poor People's Campaign, Tuesday, April 24,
with leadership team member Pam McMichael and SURJ staff
members Evelyn Lynn and Z! Haukeness**

Register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/399f6c3bb2a6ae07c5b9141539e44ee6>

Call hosted by [Standing Up for Racial Justice \(SURJ\)](#). Fifty years ago last week, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, where he was to join with sanitation workers demanding better wages and working conditions. Before his life was cut short, King was working on the Poor People's Campaign, an effort to link racial justice work and economic justice work across the country as the next phase of the Civil Rights Movement. Now, a new Poor People's Campaign is emerging. SURJ has endorsed the [Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#), which aligns with SURJ's commitment to racial justice through a cross-class movement centering on poor and working people. One of the fundamental principles of the campaign is that poverty and economic inequality cannot be understood apart from a society built on white supremacy. Many SURJ chapters or SURJ-affiliated activists are already involved with the campaign in their local communities. We invite your participation. Begin by

getting connected to the work in the state where you live. Sign on to the campaign through the national website (www.poorpeopescampaign.org) or by reaching out directly to a state Tri-Chair. Learn who they are by contacting SURJ staff members Pam McMichael (pam.mcmichael@gmail.com), Evelyn Lynn (evelyn@showup4rj.org), or Z! Haukeness (z@showup4rj.org).

More About the Poor People's Campaign

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is a multi-year effort to unite the poor and disenfranchised and to challenge the interconnected pillars of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, and ecological devastation. The campaign was birthed in the conviction that a moral revival is necessary to shift the distorted moral narrative away from its current manifestations like prayer in school, guns and gay marriage to how society treats its residents, particularly the poor, and those marginalized. The Campaign builds on and recognizes the last 50 years since the 1968 Poor People's Campaign and looks to build power by lifting up the leadership of those most impacted through state-based organizing that is connected and moving forward in unity. The model is one of directly-impacted, moral leaders and advocates working together, and leadership in each state should reflect that. This Mother's Day, the Campaign will kick off with 40 days of Nonviolent Moral Fusion Direct Action, which will include education, organizing, cultural arts, coalition-building, and direct action. The commitment to nonviolence is central and the use of the word "fusion" addresses the intersectional connections of people and issues. There will be a national action in Washington, DC, on Saturday, June 23. The original goal was for the participation of 25 states... and now 39 have joined the campaign – from seasoned activists to many new faces. Toward those days of action, and in commitment to the principle of nonviolence, all states will be conducting Nonviolent Moral Fusion Direct Action Training on April 14. You can sign up with the campaign at www.poorpeopescampaign.org and that will connect you to the leadership in your state. States will be scheduling other trainings, as well.