



August 2024 Solidarity Newsletter

A Note From Nada!

Hello everyone!

I hope you are all as well as can be in these very challenging times!

Here at WESPAC, the work continues!

I wanted to put on your calendars our launch in September of our Solidarity Socials that is kindly being organized by our Solidarity Singers! These will be monthly potlucks where you can come and meet and engage with others in our community as well as share the campaign that you are personally working on and potentially receive support for! If you are not currently engaged with a campaign and would like to connect with the local Westchester social, economic, racial and environmental community, do attend on September 24th and please let me know as well at wespacfoundation@gmail.com so that I can be sure to make sure you have some time to give a brief update about your work.

I hope you find the updates posted below helpful! A huge thank you to Ainsley for helping to put this all together!

With my very best wishes,

Nada

WESPAC Solidarity Social

WESPAC is having a solidarity social potluck for connecting, a shared meal, movement mapping, and song. More details on the attached flyer!



Economic Democracy Training with the Prout Research Institute (PRI)

By: Ainsley Zimmer, WESPAC Digital Media Coordinator and Administration Assistant

This past week, I had the privilege of joining folks to experience the Prout Research Institute's first-ever Economic Democracy Training in Marshall, North Carolina! While attending the training, I toured the [Earthhaven Ecovillage](#), experienced the incredible work of [Poder Emma](#), a housing cooperative in Asheville, and learned all about economic democracy, Progressive Utilization Theory, Cooperative Business Models, permaculture, and becoming better activists from the folks at PRI as well as Westchester Cooperative Network's own Rob Persons. Thank you to WESPAC for this incredible experience! I hope everyone [keeps an eye on and supports PRI's work](#) and continues to educate themselves on how we can achieve economic democracy. Read more about the event [here!](#)





Concerned Families of Westchester (CFOW)



Concerned Families of Westchester is a peace & justice group organized in the wake of the 9/11/2001 events. We are based in the Rivertowns, from Yonkers up to Tarrytown. Each Saturday we have a vigil/demo in Hastings. We also have a [weekly newsletter](#) and a [Facebook page](#), and we meet frequently via Zoom. Our recent vigils have demanded an end to US support for Israel's war on Gaza. This month we (and Westchester) lost one of our hardest-working advocates for peace and justice, Vanessa Merton. A law professor with a focus on immigration, Vanessa guided her students and assisted hundreds of immigrants to exercise their right to asylum. In the picture below, Vanessa is speaking at a rally in Hastings for reproductive rights. To learn more about Concerned Families of Westchester, email fbrodhead@aol.com

Second Annual Conference on Building Anti-Racist Multiracial Community

September 27 – 29, 2024
Rutgers Law School
Newark, New Jersey

Building anti-racist multiracial community is vital to WESPAC's work. That's why

we are a mission-aligned partner for the The Center for the Study of White American Culture's Second Annual Conference on Building Anti-Racist Multiracial Community. If you are interested in joining the conference, please register [here!](#)



White Plains Rally (7.18.24)



Westchester Cooperative Network

If you are part of a group that is seriously considering forming a worker owned business, the Westchester Cooperative Network can connect you with the necessary training, legal assistance and financial support to make this vision a reality! All details and the application form are



Join the WESPAC Liberation Book Club!



Join our Liberation Book Club!

There are **two separate groups**, one that meets **second Tuesdays at 1 PM** monthly and one that meets **second Wednesdays at 7 PM** monthly. **We meet at the WESPAC Office**, 77 Tarrytown Road on the upper level, Suite 2W in White Plains, NY 10607 across the hallway from the State Farm Insurance.

Please email ajz9tye@virginia.edu if you are interested in joining us! This month, the **Wednesday group is reading *Be a Revolution* by Ijeoma Oluo**. **We meet next Wednesday (8/14) at 7 PM**. The Tuesday group is taking a break for the month of August and will meet again in September.



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