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INAUGURAL DMV DEMOCRACY FESTIVAL!
Saturday, October 26, 2024, 1-6pm
Friendship Collegiate Academy, Washington, DC

12:45-5:00: DemFest registration

ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE DAY

1. **Child Care, 1-6pm, B344:** Democracy games + arts for kids ages 6 and under.
2. **Democracy Games, 1:15-4:45pm, B345:** Interactive games for kids ages 7+, and adults.
3. **Democracy Wall, 1:15-4:45pm, 3B Hallway:** Write, draw and design your answers to the question "what does democracy mean to you?"
4. **Democracy Market (1:15-4:45pm, Entrance + 3B + 4B Hallways):** Learn and find opportunities to engage in democracy via info and activity tables run by democracy-related nonprofits, government agencies, and businesses.
5. **Youth Assembly on Mental Health, 1-5pm, Cafeteria:** Gather with DC area youth ages 12 to 25 to learn, deliberate and develop policy proposals for how to address the youth mental health crisis in America.

1:15-2:15: FIRST-ROUND SESSIONS

1. **Comedy Show for Democracy (Theater):** A quiz show by Grassroots Comedy featuring Donald Trump and Kamala Harris impersonators. PG-13. Suggested donations: \$15 to \$50.
2. **Family Diplomacy, B348:** Join families in Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia live via Zoom to learn about and discuss their experiences of democracy, or the lack thereof.
3. **Polarization & Authoritarianism, B440:** learn about and discuss the state of polarization and authoritarianism in the USA, and how to address these problems
4. **Your First Amendment Rights, B441:** how to organize a rally or demonstration + file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.
5. **Democracy in the DC Region, B443:** learn and discuss what is going on with democracy in the DC region, and how you can get involved
6. **Economic Democracy, B446:** learn about and discuss the history of DC cooperatives.
7. **Political Parties 101, B448:** learn about and discuss what the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green Parties stand for, and alternatives to the US two-party system.
8. **Careers in Politics, B449:** learn about and discuss career options with people working diverse jobs in politics.

2:15-2:30: BREAK

2:30-3:30: SECOND-ROUND SESSIONS

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1. **Join or Die, 2:30-4:45pm, Theater:** A documentary film about why you should join a club, and why the fate of America depends on it. After, discussion about democracy and associational life in the USA.
2. **World Democracy Trends, B347:** learn about and discuss what is going on with democracy across the world.
3. **Democracy & Disinformation, B348:** learn about and discuss disinformation, how it threatens democracy, and how to address it.
4. **Democracy Innovations:, B440** learn about and discuss ways democracy is being innovated across the world.
5. **No Sense of Decency, 2:30-4:30, B441:** a dramatic play reading by Tonic Theater about how U.S. Senator Joe McCarthy's 1950s crusade against communism and homosexuality led to the death of a fellow U.S. Senator. After, discussion with the playwright, Richard Vetere. Suggested donations: \$15 to \$50.
6. **Strengthening Self & Community in Ward 7 & 8, B443:** learn about and find ways that you can get involved in the DC community East of the Anacostia River.
7. **DC Statehood, B446:** learn about and discuss the movement to make Washington DC the 51st US State.
8. **Develop Your Voice as an Advocate, B448:** Learn about and get practice in becoming a more effective advocate in government on issues you care about.
9. **Regional Democracy Community Visioning, 2:30-4:45, B449:** Join up to 30 stakeholders from the DC region to help envision what a DMV democracy community might look like.

3:30-3:45: BREAK

3:45-4:45: THIRD-ROUND SESSIONS

1. **Community Organizing 101, B348:** Learn and gain some practice in mobilizing people for public action on issues you care about.
2. **The 2024 Elections, B440:** learn about and discuss the 2024 elections.
3. **Democracy & Media, B441:** learn about and discuss the changing media environment, challenges facing news media, plus implications and solutions for democracy.
4. **Citizen Diplomacy 101, B443:** learn about and discuss how ordinary citizens are engaging in international diplomacy for a more connected, peaceful world.
5. **Lightning Talks, B446:** DemFest tabling organizations talk about their work, and how you can get involved, followed by mingling to network.
6. **Democracy, Race, Gender & Immigration. B448:** learn about and discuss how race, gender, and immigration shape and are impacted by politics in America.

4:45-5:00: BREAK

5:00-6:00: CULMINATING CELEBRATION!

Join us in the cafeteria for sweets, mingling, brief closing remarks, and announcement of the raffle winners.