

April 4th Run-of-Show

Background/Vibes

Less than a month before student debt payments resume, this action aims to escalate pressure on President Biden to #CancelStudentDebt through executive order. Channeling collective righteous anger, debtors and allies will demand full student debt cancelation and a pathway to tuition-free college. Much of this action will be rooted in the spirit of a Jubilee — a recurring biblical celebration in which debts were abolished and debtors rejoiced. We'll have a brass band, lots of stadium horns and vuvuzelas for folks to make noise. The event will begin with a Debtors Assembly — a meaningful time for debtors to speak to the experience of indebtedness and to share their personal stories. Because debt is so deeply entangled with shame and stigma, collectively and publicly sharing stories is a critical organizing task. Debtors' assemblies help debtors realize they are not alone — and not a loan. We'll march around the Department of Education 7 times while we chant, a biblical reference to marching around the walls of Jericho. After our 7th cycle, we'll regather in front of the Department of Education and end with a debt-burn. Debt-burns are safe, powerful ways for debtors to showcase their refusal to pay student debt and the simplicity in which debt can be canceled. Watch a debt-burn here.

11:30AM - 12:00PM - Crush Funk Brass Band Welcome

12PM - 12:30PM - Introductions + Action Orientation

12:30PM - 12:45PM - Crush Funk Brass (& the Jubilee Horns) Musical Interlude

12:45PM - 1:15PM - Radical Joy Intervention

1: 15PM - 2:45PM - Debtors Assembly

2:45PM - 3:30PM - Jubilee March "7x" (3x) around DOE building led by Dream City Brass + Debt Collective Leaders

3:30PM - 4:00PM - Debt Burn & Finale

4PM - Buses Depart

4:44PM - Grounding Mantra and Affirmations