



## **BASIC Community Engagement & Call-to-Action Event**

**Friday, May 23, 2025/ 10-1**

Berkshire Innovation Center

45 Woodlawn Ave, Pittsfield

[www.basicberkshires.org](http://www.basicberkshires.org)

*\*\*morning coffee/breakfast snacks & light bites and refreshments will be served*

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	Coffee & Mingle Table set up	Kitchen/downstairs
<b>10-10:45</b>	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ilana Steinhauer</b> (ViM/BASIC founder), <i>About BASIC</i></li> <li>• <b>Melissa Canavan</b> (Berkshire Immigrant Center), <i>"State of the affairs in Berkshire County"</i></li> <li>• <b>Eleanore Velez</b> (ViM), Volunteerism</li> <li>• <b>Leigh Doherty</b> (LitNet), About the day</li> </ul>	Downstairs auditorium
<b>10:45-12:45</b>	Visit tables of local organizations to learn about volunteer opportunities.  <i>The Brien Center, Community Health Partners, Elizabeth Freeman Center, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Literacy Network, Multicultural BRIDGE, People's Pantry, Railroad Street Youth Project, and Volunteers in Medicine.</i>	Hallways

**During this hour, attendees can choose to attend  
Session A or Session B or Session C.**

<p><b>11-12 Session A</b></p>	<p><i>"Train the Trainer: Know Your Rights"</i> Presentation by <b>Berkshire Immigrant Center</b> (**For Spanish speakers)</p> <p>Help your community stay informed and prepared. BIC seeks volunteers, especially Spanish speakers, to lead <i>Know Your Rights</i> presentations. These trainings cover legal rights, how to handle encounters with ICE or police, and resources to stay informed and prepared.</p> <p>We'll provide everything you need to get started. If you're comfortable with PowerPoint and public speaking, we'd love to see you at this training.</p> <p>Presented by BIC volunteers <b>Marcy Mann, Annie Maurer, and Jeremy Stringer.</b></p>	<p>Downstairs Auditorium</p>
<p><b>11-12 Session B</b></p>	<p><b><i>"Peer Coaching for ICE Preparedness: Supporting Local Businesses and Organizations with ICE Preparedness Plans"</i></b></p> <p>In this session, we will share the process of conducting peer coaching support for local businesses and organizations in their efforts to create ICE Preparedness plans for their specific site. Attendance at this workshop will provide an overview of the general steps, an important points summary sheet, and an opportunity to sign up to "shadow" experienced peer coaches.</p> <p>Presented by <b>Sabrina Allard</b> (Railroad Street Youth Project), <b>Leigh Doherty</b> (LitNet), <b>Jayne Smith</b> (Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative), and <b>Ana Suffish</b> (BCC), members of iBASIC's Institutional Policy Committee</p>	<p>Classroom B/Upstairs</p>

<b>11-12 Session C</b>	<p><b><i>Bystanding Training</i></b></p> <p>Presented by <b>Dena Fisher</b> (ViM Volunteer/BASIC member) and <b>Becky Meier</b> (BCC), BASIC's Community Engagement Committee, and other members of the Bystander Training BASIC subcommittee.</p> <p>This presentation will focus on what you should do and what you shouldn't do to support immigrants during an ICE arrest.</p>	Upstairs Auditorium
<b>12:15-1:00</b>	<p><b>What Can You Do?</b></p> <p>Attendees are invited to this open discussion facilitated by a team of BASIC affiliates.</p> <p>This will be a time to ask questions, share ideas, and connect and mobilize on efforts to keep our community informed and safe together.</p>	Downstairs auditorium  <b>Panel will include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melissa Canavan (Berkshire Immigrant Center)</li> <li>• Leigh Doherty (LitNet)</li> <li>• Dena Fisher (Community Member/ViM)</li> <li>• Emma Lezberg (Harvard)</li> <li>• Becky Meier (BCC)</li> <li>• Dr. Lara Setti (CHP)</li> <li>• Ilana Steinhauer (ViM)</li> <li>• Ana Suffish</li> </ul>

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