

Women Occupy Weekly Call

Notes

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Thursday, 6/28/12, 4:00pmPT / 7:00pmEST

Call Host: Occupy Philly and Women Occupy

Call Facilitators: Nancy, Magda, Tricia

Maestro Board Manager(s): Iwanka

Note Taker: Nancy

CALL OBJECTIVES:

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A. Introduction and background about the Occupy National Gathering in Philadelphia for the FemGA/Women's presence in Philadelphia for new callers- 5 minutes
on the ground planning for FemGA, beginning tomorrow; People already arriving into Philly today;

info@occupynationalgathering.com with FemGA in the title to include you in the planning
Everything managed is through the website; we need volunteers virtual or on site
www.

B. Report backs

--Legal working with ACLU-PA, Know Your Rights pamphlets, NLG number, packet will have the info; Tricia will get the number out to use; Legal collective phone; write on your arm: (484) 758-0488

--Media (Press release, FemGA, WO occupy Iwanka has two volunteers; they are willing to do some writing for the FemGA. use the FemGA press release, Press release should go out tomorrow should be one person; emails gathered for press team

--Social Media (livestream @occupyfreedomla) NatGat tweet team will be tweeting the FemGA, use #FemGA, use #natgatifemga, we never had people to raise hands at the end of the call, reach out to twitter team for natgat already; Iwanka can introduce

--Action We are waiting for the FemGA put it together; there's a FOX News Station and on certain days they have live programming; I haven't heard about another direct action; we could also do a casserole for education; banging pots and pans; there's open space to put things together;

--Outreach (local and national), Locally Philadelphia is conservative; it's a tough crowd, keep the FemGA focus and interesting; local groups are aware of it; a lot of orgs to outreach we can reach out face to face

--Facilitation email info@occupynationalgathering.com with FemGA in the title to be included in the planning of the FemGA.

--Video Still shooting a video there; Lisa has a video camera; not sure how soon I can get it up on YouTube; by the end of the week I should have it

Tricia: FemGA agenda; we are using the agenda that was used in New York WOW group; we are going to try to add the declaration to add as a goal; We are not getting a permit; the 1st amendment is our permit

Melanie; Tweet out the live stream right away; #NatgatFemGA should have their own tweet team; Melanie will be in Philly on Sunday....Excited!!!! Yippeee!!

Iwanka: OccupyCafe host virtually support, visioning that you can join; Kelly is working with OccupyCafe phone conversation about beyond Patriarchy conf call go to OccupyCafe website;

To become an Occupy Cafe Host register here:

<http://myaccount.maestroconference.com/conference/register/1U0HI7A2DC6UL705>

Christina; legal observer in PA; send yogadelphia@gmail.com info

C. Women's Declaration (5 minutes) -- send a

Post declaration on FemGA NatGat Facebook events page; Tweet out the FemGA; put them all in Googledoc for any comments, questions or concerns

Rachelle and Tricia can work offline

Tweet team for FemGA gathered emails

Press team for FemGA gathered email

D. Closing Comments/Housekeeping - 3 minutes

See you in Philly!

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Setting the stage.

B. Report backs (Check ins)

--Email invite Magda- made a flier, not sure whose sending out the flier, flier is ready to go!
sending out to the local womens organization, pushing it out to social networks, need to get list together, need a list!!! maximizing time

check in with eve ensler, they have a organization tool online where you can create an account and send out official invites and manage the databases

madga wants to know who were mailing it to.

Who is the audience??????

live stream possibly? , friends? WHO IS THE WHO

nancy-want to make it available on the womens occupy website, womens occupy lister, active people on the conference call, gather email addresses so madga can send the email.

keep building on what people have already built

Caroline dixon -raised her hand confessed where to get the connect with the conference participants

nancy-adding her to the email list

elizabeth -creating a web, wants to add people to the networking list, she worked and started peace alliance, wants to see how we can all connect, by connecting all the list together. cohesieve!

--Historical research research from philly womens movements

tricia-philly hall was on 6th and race, the great abolitionists and suffrage movements worked on that building before it was burned down working with nick finemen work on a philly peoples history tour

edward-he wants femga to be a direct flushout to empower women in the occupy movement and beyond

people want this to be on the agenda, how are we going to come out with a strategy,

--Outreach (local and national) -- Nancy on national outreach codepink has been busting out in action and is getting ready to occupy philly, excited to see allys women headed to philly nancy will have numbers connected on the weekend through codepink

women can register online to see how many women are actually coming

tricia- femga hashtag is a great hashtag is great a lot of attention had a good conversation with womens action and freedom very interested in occupy women, there interested in the femga had a interview wai, pacifica radio interview coming up,

NEED FLIERS to reach old school people without access to comp

--Video -- Lisa not on the call

need creative videography to raise spirits and put together a good start to the event

--Facebook event page

nancy saw the page and it was awesome

madga- asks that everyone rsvp for the event and share it every other day on peoples personal pages, hopes everyone individual participates,

nancy sending facebook page link out , with the email as well

madga- you can search the fem agenda search on fb if your not on it

--Facilitators outreach

nancy-some people in codepink volunteered to facilitate, are people in philly going to help?

? theres and occupy facilitators in jersey and a man in philly , lets bring young women, make it a co thing

iwanka- we have visioning process, iwanka has a meeting with them on sat, we can train people, all we need is women who are interested, can train on the spot,
`nancy and jody stepping up?

nancy- is there a day or a time, where we can meet for a facilitating meeting

iwanka-getting the final schedule tonight, waiting before she sends out

rochele-has questions, is the femga voting on issues is there a way women can connect together at once, wants a an action with the media, wants that to be an action, should be a high priority for women because of the history with the media , wants to know the status of her action proposal,

wants to know whose really making the decisions about the future actions

tricia no plan to have a declaration so far

edward-wants people to ask one question at a time, so we can get information

nancy-wants to take questions at the end go through the agenda

--Flier -- Magda-

--Blow out women's dance party (evening and time?)

nancy- didnt set a date or time, do we still feel like these momentum behind it

temperature check on direct action and media

and temperature on dance party and blow out

tricia-monday night july 3rd? full moon

nancy-well go ahead and pencil that in on july 3rd

nancy - we go 35% hands up, we will go ahead and put that in the notes

margret-not sure if she can go to philly but she still wants to support and say thank you

--Housing

tricia-looking for housing available and open

apple housing philly 38 dollars a night

chanamondy 20-23 a night good if your driving

a lot of hotels and deals shes looking more contacts

theres availability in the hostels, doesnt want to broadcast it ladies here first

lisa the videography is staying chanmy

yogadilpha@gmail.com ?

nancy-if your going and need houses book now, toursit might get there first MAKE is a

PRIORITY

elizabeth-wants an action with the media if her computer working

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C. Action (Discussion)

--Messaging - Equality for All, stickers

nancy - wants to do popcorn of actions doing something around the womens movement directly in california

marela-thinks its imporatat we have an action in philly, it should focus on womens issues womens issues being everyones issue wants it to be primary focus equality, job, pay, women being an active part in govt, theyve yet to have a women major or govt in philly, wants womens right to be approcaitely respected

nancy-thank you for sharing, any other ideas

rae- curious if theres a place where there is media will be at the action, double wambie at an action that already has attention

michelle-mayor is giving out joyas

fox news is around the corner,... juicy target?!!

any ideas

nancy- fox news sleep in great way to focus on the media

carolyn-thinks its very important to stick to womens issues, ditto to michelle, no taxation without represanation , start a movement where women dont get taxed on there income until women are 52% in congress

nancy-a lot of energy for fox news

rochelle-she wants declarations, no men of color no women no native americans present, she wants women to take control of declartion, general assembly with be nothing but a party,us is ranked 71 as represtation in the world wants to stronlgy encourage a womens declartion!!!

an entire declariton of the entire occupy movement, enocourage women to fight for the declariton

trikai- none planned, agrees the suggestion is very cool, whose going to get the ball rolling,

everything happening so fast, were all so new at this , if we can really do this, lets do it
nancy- thank you so much tricia for everything your doing with iwanka
rae-got goosebumps thinking about decalrtion on the fourth of july! thinks its a great idea big
parade

the money thats going into our taxes isnt going toward the people, new phrase for taxation new
slogan?

nancy- thank you so much rae for wrapping it together,we need to wrap it up take the
suggestions, ppl who arent on the list we want to bring you onto the gmail list
nancy-thanks everyone

madga-another place for people to connect is the womens occupy facebook page

nancy-one final call next thursday, final call before the big weekend at the occupy national
gathering

--Props

--Costumes

--location -- Women's Suffrage/Abolitionist Movements/Declaration for Interdependence??

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B. Guest Speaker: Mel with WOWNYC who cocreated the OWS FemGA.

C. Report backs

--Logistics (time, date, place of FemGA) -- Tricia/Iwanka

--Outreach (local and national) -- Nancy on national outreach

--Video -- Lisa

--Facebook event page -- ??

--Media (blogging, tweeting, press)

D. Outreach

--Email invite send to 40 women/women-identified, organizations

--Housing

--FemGA facilitation team

--catering

--poets, artists, musicians, dancers

--tent/canopy

E. Action (TABLE FOR NEXT CALL)

- Ideas
- Banners, signs
- Mr. 1%...Mitt Romney rally on July 4th??
- Props
- Costumes

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B. Report back on last Women Occupy conference call (Virtual FemGA with Women Occupying Wall St in New York leading to FemGA in Philly) - 2-5 minutes
Nancy-We held a great virtual FemGA Women Occupy call last week.

C. Introduction and background about the Occupy National Gathering in Philadelphia and needs for the FemGA/Women's presence in Philadelphia - 5 minutes
Tricia:Great to be on with so much women power. There is a concern with gender balance.

I'll tweet the pic from the Philly Inquirer from our press conference.

There will be big numbers of us, that's my goal. Philly has a great history to share. Glad everyone showed up to participate. You can reach me at yogadelphia@gmail.com

wanka-challenge is that feminist voice is not coming clear, a woman standing up for all people. It's time for women to ... (gather the cattle and horses?-couldn't hear) We have a different way of living our lives. We need to create a cooperative, inclusive....

Leadership in visioning process. Request:be positioned so the whole NatGat that follows FemGA will be influenced by it.

Jodie-media has been a problem forever , 3% of media is from women. We need to deliver a message that shocks, surprises, inspires. What can we say, do, be that captures the attention we're missing?

Name? Rachel?-Media is key. Not hearing enough from women. Women's representation in US has fallen to 78th in the world. We need to focus on this.

Pots & Pans, we need prominent women involved, too man women are complicit We have less representation in the US than in ___? ___ and Iraq. Media is the fourth branch of

government, and it's failed women and decent men. We need to get Occupy to focus on this.

Tricia-NatGat is aware and our communication is all from 1 man, 1 woman. At our press conference most of the reporters who showed up were women. Let's bring casseroles with food, feed people, then bang the casseroles, people need food and support. We need to be careful of our messaging. Our image is the red balloon.

We're working with organizer Ann Gimmel sp? She always gets press. We want to create a safe space for voices. I appreciate the passion here.

Janet- Please no balloon release, bad for animals

Tricia. Yes, noted. We are thinking about having the balloons on sticks like in the old days

D. Stay in the big room

1. Media/New Media (Facebook event page, promotional video, twitter promotion #FemGA, media list local and national)

Nancy: Who can bottom line?

Iwanka-NatGat organizing group will set up FB page (today?)

Rache:Please make sure it's interactive so we can cocreate the event

Nancy-who can do promo video?

Lisa:I am an amateur videographer and I will do it

Tricia?-Let's get the thought leaders involved, People with followings, livestreamers etc.

Naomi Wolf retweeted us

Janet: I'll tweet in advance and live tweet the event. I wrote a post about how to tweet leading up to an event. I'll share it.

Nancy-collecting email-will follow up

Jodie: Once details are in place, I'll get Eve Ensler to tweet it

Jane-I'm happy to promote this in advance, on a/my Pacifica radio show KFCX?

Tricia-anyone with media contacts please forward to me,, national or any other outlets

Rachel-I don't use facebook or Twitter, a lot of people don't. Can we use an email list? We need to occupy w gender balance. I'm gathering women in the movement who have websites. I have a media list. I want to work on drafting a press release and help distribute it. We need to recruit women are stakeholders.

Iwanka-I'll work on getting a page up in the next week (Didn't catch where- On NatGat site?) (Please make an interactive section)

Leslie- Is there a central place to send info?

Tricia-yes email me at yogadelphia@gmail.com

Leslie- Will there be a stage , speakers , music ?

Tricia- yes we have a push to do this

Iwanka- I'll set up a youtube account today

Jodie: Women Occupy already has all the tools. We don't need to reinvent the wheel.

Nancy-Women Occupy is a wordpress blog with forum for discussion, people can contribute ideas, provide links to different women occupys, gender equality working group. Also tools and list serve

Tricia- We're looking for graphics: logo, art, images

2. Merchandise/Store (Swag/gift bags, glow sticks, t-shirts/hats/parasols, water bottles, folders)
3. Graphics/Design (Petitions, handouts, graphic logo)
4. Action/Props (messaging, banners, signs, costumes)

Nancy?-Action: casseroles, banging pots, costumes, What's our message ? Banner?

Tricia- the fact that we're having a FemGA is a direct action. His is not my forte. I'd like for Codepink to deploy something that's worked before.

Melanie- Sorry I'm late. I just read an email from Janet about a delegation?

Tricia- It's going to be confusing for people. We're having concurrent events. We're going to keep it peaceful and share the space.

Janet- Everyone post to list serve

Kasha- There's a struggle with the F word. Perhaps we message "Feminism means equality for women" Every time women say "guys" it's a generic insult. We have to take back who we are.

5. Outreach (Women's org, housing, FemGA facilitation team, catering, poets, artists, musicians, dancers, tent/canopy)

G. Closing Comments/Housekeeping - 5 minutes

Iwanka- Planning next call. A lot of people who want to be involved work. Let's make the next call after work hours?

Discussion ensued... :result: next call Thursday 7pm EST/4PST

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Lexcellent - bringing issues of elder women and intimate violence

2. Introduce FemGA (history of women in your Occupy) – 5 minutes

We are having a virtual General Assembly this afternoon. May 17 OWS Feminist Direct Action held a first Feminist GA, others around the country. Our agenda for today's call is modeled after the OWS Fem GA

Melanie G - so excited to talk about Fem GA and have this convo nationwide, calling in from OWS, idea for FemGA came with purpose to refocus on the idea that bringing world peace is actually a feminist notion, and the tenets of occupy is a very feminist way of working - horizontalism, inclusivity, etc. Wouldn't it be great if all our GAs were feminist?

Dior - Involved in the OWS Fem GA, thankful for huge turn-out, featured in *The Nation*, many articles, glad that people felt that this was a timely thing to do, next one is June 18, try to do one on the 18th of every month

3. Shared values: (shared values to find commonality and a values framework for action) - 10 minutes

How does this process work at OWS? Important to establish common ground

What are the feminist values, and the values in general that have brought us together?

Popcorn style - shout out - at OWS to create a long list of shared values, plan to continue at next Fem GA to delve deeper into what the values mean to us (i.e. horizontalism, transparency,

how do these principles get expressed?)

Peggy, Vermont - eco-feminist values, anti-domination, understanding of working with nature instead of against/conquering

Rae, SF - assuming good intent, step up/step up - wanting to hear from as many voices as possible

Kasha - being genuine, listening for commonality, active listening

Janet, SF - valuing women living and past as theorists and big picture thinkers (did this come up at ows? may have, gratitude for those that have come before us was expressed)

Isabelle, Chicago - here to listen

Lisa, Maine - cooperation, sharing of resources

Darlene, Nashville - in opposition to a trend of sincere resistance to critical voices in feminism and Occupy: being open to critique, taking time to actively listen

Lorena, NJ - part of the OWS Fem GA

Lexcellent - glad to see this happening and want to see this happening more, everyone is very brave organizing this in NYC and all over

Pat - acknowledging the value of world peace

Eliz, Nashville - at local Fem GA saw the need to get together as women to discuss differences and similarities and to organize to meet the opposition from patriarchy, would like to set up regional meetings for peace and equality and econ justice

4. Story telling/consciousness raising: find 2-3 people you don't know...suggested questions: – 5 minutes

- a. What personal experiences have drawn you to, or alienated you from, feminism?
- b. How does being a feminist make your life easier or harder?

Tricia Shore, Philadelphia - helping to plan the national gathering of Occupy in Philly June 30-July 4, excited about planning the feminist gathering, one of 5 daughters who grew up in the '70s, had no idea that patriarchy existed until grew up... welcome everyone to come and have a feminist voice in Philly, great feminist history in Philly of women activism, have an opportunity to gather together and make sure our voices are heard. Occupy is an aggressive movement and

within that we have brought domestic, fun, family-friendly, abundance energy.

Dior - When it comes to feminism it can be harder for women of color to embrace it, a lot of latino families very conservative, hard to embrace it, but with the struggle it makes you more passionate. It's not a white women's issue, it's everyone's issue. Important to focus on our similarities

Darlene - the word feminism can be alienating, can be very hard, had a hard time at Fem GA locally, lack of support in TN, not space to have conversations

5. Break Out Group Discussion – suggested questions: – 10 minutes

> What do you think are the three main goals for feminism today?

Lisa - access collective wisdom of women worldwide, keep biosphere from crashing so that it can no longer support life, to reclaim our narratives from the patriarchy

Pat - honor girls' experience, find collective voice of women like at UN women's conference

Melanie - women's issues are humanitarian issues, fukoshima example of interconnected emergent issues, patriarchy would like us to ignore these issues and we must not.

Lorraine - women aren't less than men

Joan - we don't feel as open and connected as we could, end isolation

Samantha Dear - just graduate from college, young activist... equality of women in society, magazines sending messages about women's image, health issues

Rae - counter corporate greed, war and occupation, and militarism as all being in opposition to feminist values, feminism isn't just about

Mary - 66 years old, see young women that don't want anything to do with "F" word, didn't have to deal with negative stereotypes, we can redefine what feminism is, it's a humanitarian movement, a movement for all people, excited about opening the discussion to trans people and all people who want to discuss the prison of gender stereotypes

Peggy - been an activist since the early 70s, women's human rights, eco-feminism, solidarity among women (women so afraid of it, trying to be everything to everyone), value ourselves and each other, peace and justice, getting tired of being ghettoized into issues, want women to be at the table and on the world stage, crazy to leave the global housekeeping to people who don't know how to clean up their rooms like the people in charge of Wall Street

Saphira Rain, Kansas City - grandmother, participated in consciousness raising in the 60s, radio program in which commentator warned about young feminists not being caring and conscious of the struggle, thrilled to hear you all

Carolyn Dixon, Alaska - calling in from afar, only opportunity to participate in Occupy is via computer, get women in power and in the front lines of media coverage, equity, equality, equal respect for all is the key to world peace

> What are you already doing regarding these feminist goals, or would you like to do for them?

Eliz - Develop allies to have the support to move forward, in Occupy we haven't been thinking of our allies as much, there's hundreds of progressive thinking groups that are all hung up in their own turf, we need to join together because there are more of us than there are of them, we

haven't been impressive enough in the streets yet

Tricia - we do have the numbers and need to show them, fun, family oriented direct action demonstrate a different paradigm than the patriarchal, masculine, me vs you, get smarter, more strategy, more joy attractive for people to join in on

> What help do you need from your allies? What can we collectively do to bring about change toward these goals moving forward?

Janet - progressive stack in the GA - gender representation alternates between genders, media representation - talked to Laura Flanders about how even in alt media women are under-represented in the theory and big picture thinking pieces especially

Packed call with so many people wanting to get a word in! Apologies to those who didn't get a chance to speak

6. Occupy National Gathering - create committees/working groups - 5 minutes

Tricia - expecting 1,000-5,000 people to come to Philly for the National Gathering, thinking ahead to the process and challenges, outreaching to endorsing voccupies to make sure women are represented, will have a feminist GA in front of the historic site of Suffrage movement on 6th and Chestnut

Iwanka - also in Philly working on the National Gathering, hoping for big numbers

Check out the websites:

www.occupycaravan.org - how to get there? Take a ride across the country starting on the West Coast June 11!

Google search for Occupy National Gathering

Create care package kits for people going

Who is interested in attending the National Gathering or working on it?

Lisa Savage

Tricia

Mary Warner

Darlene

Eliz Barger

Atiya

Marad7

Pacifica

Lorena

7. Closing Comments/Housekeeping - 3 minutes

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Connect women and feminists across the occupy movement

Increase awareness and understanding using Twitter in the OWS movement

Rae gave the welcome, introduced facilitation team, and reviewed call objectives and call guidelines (see Call Participation Guidelines at bottom). If you have additional questions, please contact Abigail at abigail@turnerstrategies.com, Rae at codepink.rae@gmail.com or Janet at janet.weil13@gmail.com.

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Cynthia Papermaster – Berkeley, CA – OSF and OO and little bit with Occupy Berkeley – longtime accountability and torture protest activist.

Robin Ryan – working with OSF and especially housing coalition and peace and justice league from Jan 20 action. Very interested in this call. One of my goals is to overcome my aversion to twitter. Thinking of relocating to Louisiana and looking of tools to bring back with me.

Joanna Clancy – Wilmington, NC – occupy Wilmington – excited to learn these tools better because I don't have \$50K to donate to a political campaign. Anything that helps us to be more effective and making some noise to get good things done is very welcome.

Madeleine – Women's Media Center in NYC – I do twitter from WMC and always open to learning more.

Rae introduced the guest trainer Abigail Collazo, Project Manager of Turner Strategies :

Abigail handles social media outreach, online communications, and progressive advocacy efforts, in addition to serving as the editor for Feminism2.0. She has extensive experience in grassroots organizing, social justice advocacy, and media relations. Beginning in 1999, Abigail served as a Motivational

Speaker for Free the Children, delivering presentations to over 8,000 young people about youth empowerment, globalization, international human rights, and child labor. Abigail then worked for 3 years on the staff of Senator Amy Klobuchar, handling a wide range of policy issues including foreign affairs, defense, and global women's issues. She also served as the Communications Director for the Women's Congressional Staff Association. Abigail has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Mount Holyoke College. She is a Fellow with the Partnership for a Secure America as well as a Truman National Security Project Congressional Security Scholar.

Abigail: I'm going to talk about how to use twitter in the Women Occupy context. #pinktweet is the hashtag for livetweeting during training.

How has twitter been used in the occupy movement – how has it been useful?
Some of you have already been using twitter; I've been looking at your profiles.
Twitter is for spreading info about events. It's about being local, in the moment, reporting in real time.
Twitter broke the news about Occupy Wall Street! You don't have to wait for a mainstream news organization to decide that something is "newsworthy."

Liza Sabater is one of the leaders of OWS and women there; great account to follow, @blogdiva.
(Melanie G gave a twinkle for her!)
To put a comment on a retweet – put it BEFORE the copied tweet.

Main difference between Facebook and twitter: Facebook is connecting with people you already know, and twitter is about meeting new people and connecting with organizations.
Twitter lists can be about anything, such as lists of reporters, or friends, etc.

Using new hashtags is a way to reach out to new communities. Example: using #enviro or #clean to draw in eco-minded folks to an occupy event instead of always #ows

Questions and answers:

Jacqueline: [question about finding a hashtag when you don't know what a certain organization is using.]

Abigail: hashtags are fluid and quick. Use google search to find hashtags. Look at some of the tweets that organizations are commonly using. Hey people using "workersrights", what other hashtags should I follow? People on twitter absolutely will respond.

When I was tweeting about workers' protest in front of the Super Bowl, people suggested a Super-Bowl-related hashtag which was really useful.

Magda: when we're livetweeting this training, what's the hashtag to use?

Abigail: #pinktweet

Cynthia: I am completely lost. I don't know how to get on twitter. Can I learn this on this call?

Abigail: We have a multi-level training here. The best thing is to go to twitter.com. It will ask you for a handle and a password. Type in the search box #ows, and then all the tweets that people are putting up, and see what people are tweeting about, and see who you'd like to follow. Spend a couple of weeks following people and seeing how they tweet.

Rae: Those of us in the SF office are a great resource, so if you're looking for help, please contact me

and Janet.

Pasha: I'm curious about tracking the whole movement – can you tell us where there's more action, needs to be more unity and discussion? How can we make the movement larger?

Abigail: Great question, something that a lot of people are talking about. Some of the blog posts on the powerpoint deal with this. I don't think that there's a lack of conversation on twitter; the mainstream media have stopped reporting about it (largely). There's offshoots, such as occupy housing, tax day, budget, etc. A lot of it is that the occupy movement still exists! Reply to people via twitter to make connections.

Rae: Thank you so much! I've learned a lot on this call.

Announcements: We'll have another WO call soon – stay posted. Show of hands of people on the call who want to be added to the WO listserv. For feedback on calls, email rae@codepink.org. Please keep sending your twitter handles to the WO list.

May Day, General Strike, is a major mobilizing day.

May 17 – Feminist General Assemblies around the country.

More info coming out about how to have a lively presence, online and in the streets!

Mere (sp?): From Michigan: I got on because I thought you were going to be doing Facebook. Will you be doing a Facebook training?

Rae: Great suggestion and that's a suggestion for a later training.

Elsa: My question: I'm in Europe, most activists are not tweeting. Is there a way to convey this to a new community?

Abigail: Much harder question. If they're not on twitter, then this is not the platform to use. Fundraising is not successful on twitter, for example.

Rae's note: For more advanced twitter use that twitter.com cannot support, it's suggested to use hootsuite or tweetdeck. (Tweetdeck is simpler, but the latest version of it for Macintosh is very buggy.)

Magda: Tool to help us follow conversations between certain people? More specific than a hashtag.

Abigail: Let me look and get back to you.

Jacqueline: Thank you for all of this. The site you can use for uploading photos – is there one you prefer?

Abigail: The only reason to have an account with yfrog or twitpic is to have all your photos of an event all together (similar to flickr). Right now, most people are snapping photos on their phones and hitting the upload to twitter button; or use the regular twitter uploader.

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Women Occupy twitter handles

Women Occupy - @womenoccupy @womenows @wowsnyc (Women Occupy Wall Street Caucus)

Abigail Collazo - @abigailcollazo and @fem2pt0

Alice Slater - @aliceslater

Barbara Heisler - @barbara07040

Celia Alario - @celiaalario

Colleen Kelly - @colleenkelly, @insteadofwar, @stloccupy and @stlpsc

Cristina Castro - @crisforpeace

Dorothy Abbott - @womenoneworld

Eliz Barger - @1377Eliz

Elizabeth Coss @ChangeThruArt

Ellen Sturtz - @eos16

Janet Weil - @JanetRWeil and @wardollarshome

Jo Beall - @freespiritnc

Jodie Evans - @heartofj and @billionRiseLA

Lacy MacAuley - @lacymacauley

Liz Butler - @lizdc1

Magda Freedomrod - @occupyfreedomla

Melanie G - @gomelanie

Nancy Mancias - @nancymancias

Nelini Stamp - @nelstamp

Nicole Corre - @nicolecorre

Nina Klooster - @ninaforpeace

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Connect women and feminists across the occupy movement

Develop next steps for Women Occupy to build for a solidarity feminist GA for May 17th

Welcome

Nancy introduced facilitation team, welcome, and reviewed WO’s previous focus on Intl Women’s Day actions, current call objectives and call guidelines (see Call Participation Guidelines at bottom).

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Caroline, from Alaska, not currently in an occupy, interested in joining WO because she's furious about underrepresentation of women in media coverage of occupy movement, and verbal sexism within the movement.

Pat from OccupyChicago and Chicago area Code Pink [guest speaker].

Alice, OWS, antiwar and environmental solidarity working groups there [guest speaker].

NATO protests and organizing

Discussion & Q & A with Pat Hunt, Chicago-based co-organizer for the People's Summit, anti-NATO march and actions.

Pat: We've been organizing since June 2011. We found out at the beginning of March that the G8 is moving to Camp David, MD. NATO is meeting May 20-21. A lot of actions involving many groups. Pat's working with [CANg8](#) on the People's Summit, May 19 -20; on Sunday, May 20 we're organizing a rally at Daley Plaza and march to McCormick Place. Yesterday we went to the administration law hearing to appeal denial of march permit; if our appeal is denied, we will have to go back to the coalition. [Network for NATO-free Future](#) is holding a counter-summit, May 18 - 19. The idea of both counter-summits is to put forth better futures and alternatives to NATO and G8. What would a world without war and the G8 look like? There will be panels and workshops at both counter-summits - creative, intellectual and interactive.

Eliz: Good to be here! We had 2 wonderful young women from Chicago at Occupy Nashville and they got us all excited about what's going on. They brought materials about the NATO protests and were very impressive. I think we'll have some people come up from Nashville.

Pat: Occupy Chicago is hosting the People's Summit and are putting a lot of energy into actions that week - they've been invaluable. Every Monday we meet at the Occupy Chicago headquarters. Occupy Chicago folks are engaged and energetic, it's a pleasure to work with them.

Eliz: A rider from [Ride to the End](#), just back from connecting with [Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers](#) in Afghanistan, will be headed your way (on his bicycle).

Nancy: If people are coming in from out of town, what is the housing situation and what should people bring? What's the legal and medic setup?

Pat: We're working on the housing board on www.cang8.org - should be up on Monday April 1. There are some churches, inexpensive hotels and a few other places. If you're not staying in a hotel, bring a sleeping bag, rain gear, container for water. Chicago is not camper-friendly; there are places outside of the city and then take public transit in. One of my associates created [a guide to getting around the area](#). We have not been told what the security perimeters will be; but we know they can't completely shut down the city for Sunday and Monday. **Public transit is by far your best bet.** If you come in a bus, we can give you a couple of places for them to park. Before and after the march, we'll have staging areas for buses. Chicago Action Medical is taking on responsibility of medical needs of people, as well as many field medics. National Lawyers Guild is spearheading legal observers; also people coming from the EU as international observers. We are anticipating a legal, permitted, family-friendly march with peace guides whose purpose is to direct folks on the route, diffuse tensions nonviolently. War Resisters League and Veterans for Peace are taking the lead on being the peace guides.

Discussion about the importance of protesting NATO and Q&A with [Alice Slater](#) of the OWS anti-militarism working group and Director of the [Nuclear Age Peace Foundation](#).

Alice: Happy to be here with all of you. Why do we want to protest? NATO is very 20th century. It was originally Western Europe confronting the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and Communist expansion. The US promised Gorbachev when Germany was reunited in 1989 and entered NATO as a single country that if the USSR didn't object, NATO would not be expanded (a grossly broken promise). It's become a military juggernaut; has bombed Serbia and Kosovo, and Libya; has violated UN laws against military aggression. The US is using NATO to protect resources and markets. Now, they're expanding this military alliance and pivot to the East. Russia is now surrounded by missiles and there's an expansion into the Pacific, US troops to Australia.

It's a terrible alliance, creating difficulties around nuclear disarmament. NATO is like the 20th century and it's not in keeping with the world we want. It shouldn't be up to some Western neo-colonialist nations to decide how the world is run. The US provides the bulk of the money and troops. NATO spends 70% of the world's military spending. US and NATO have military bases around the world.

It's been a victory for our people that they moved the G8 to Camp David. They know we're coming en masse, Pat.

Nancy: How do we bring in our feminine voice as women, Pat and Alice? What do we do with our messaging?

Alice: "Take the toys away from the boys!" The world is out of balance; controlled by a worldview that's hierarchical, patriarchal. [Alice's story: She asked a woman from the Chumash nation if she had heard that the US constitution is based on Iriquois law. The Chumash woman said, Yes, and did you know that a council of wise elder women in the Iriquois nation made the decision whether to go to war or not? Alice urged us to take our power back in the same way.]

Pat: May 13 is Mother's Day, an antiwar holiday. That's really important, because wars and militarism affect women and children on tremendous levels, connects to the global poverty issue. NATO kills people right away; poverty kills slowly. In many parts of the world, they don't have a way to have a voice like we do here. It's not only our voices, but the voices of women all over the world. Take the money that NATO gets, that the G8 dangles before other govts, and put it where it's needed - housing, food, etc. On May 20, no matter how tired I am, I come to a safe home. Women in Afghanistan don't come home to safety.

Eliz: We just had Kathy Kelly of [Voices for Creative Nonviolence](#) at our Peace Roundtable talking about wars and youth; she's just come back from Afghanistan. Kathy Kelly reported: These young men and women ask, "How can we make America like us better? What have we done?"

It moves me so, and it's so important to be very there with our feminism and nurturing and intelligence and sanity. Our voices are needed. We're having a Right to Exist event on Sunday at Occupy Nashville with Food Not Bombs and teach-ins, and spending the night (no tents) on Freedom Plaza. I've been putting out feminist signs, with clenched fist, with flowers; we're going to start flying kites. We're going to show color and beautiful things.

Discussion to build for a solidarity feminist GA on May 17th with OWS Women Occupying Wall St (WOW) in NYC

Nancy: This was discussed on last week's call and now we're open to ideas for this. How does this sound? Pat, is this something we can try to implement in Chicago on May 17?

Pat: I think that would be a great idea. Maybe we could do a Skype GA with other occupiers to coordinate. Sometimes our (women's) voices can get drowned out. I would love to see solidarity in other cities as well.

Alice: Have you connected with Melanie at OWS?

Nancy: Yes, Melanie was on our call last week and told us about the WOW plan. Hopefully we'll bring Melanie back for more info on how to organize a feminist GA in local communities.

Eliz: We have turned over our livestreaming to a woman to have it more feminist-oriented. We could also do streaming-solidarity, for folks who don't have Skype. I think a national feminist GA is just super! Upsparkle!

Nancy: That's a great idea.

Alice: Will send an article.

Pat: Thanks for the opportunity. If you can't come to Chicago, do something in solidarity and take a look at the Code Pink website -- lots of resources there.

Nancy gave a brief explanation of WomenOccupy online directory, connecting women in the OWS movement across the U.S. and beyond: <http://bit.ly/GUBRyM>

Nancy: Please add your information. There is not one hub of women-centric or gender-focus so far. [Lots of upsparkles for this tool.]

Closing Comments/Housekeeping

Next Call: From here forward calls will be on Wednesdays at 5:30PT/8:30ET in the evening. You don't need to re-register for next week's call - you can use the same number you used for this call. Upcoming presenters include [Joanna Macy](#) and social media goddess Suzanne Turner, in response to requests for social media training.

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Somer - in SF, OSF, Occupy Monterey, OO, 2012 mayan prophesy - let's wake up and live in harmony together! Women are traditionally the mothers and caretakers. Taking notes on this call.

Marilyn - from Half Moon Bay, CA, wants to get senior women hard hit by economy connected to Occupy

Megan - in ethical leadership and globalization class, want to learn more about women in occupy, observing and listening

Isabelle - OWS, moved to South Jersey, going to hear Vandana Shiva in Union Square tomorrow, happy to be on the call

Odile - Ann Arbor, Michigan, great to be with women, working with homeless camp in France

Additional notes from Summer:

Marilyn santa cruz and half moon bay senior called in to see what she can do to get seniors in her area more connected to occupy and if there are already seniors from the other side wants to connect with them. sees it's important to put our words into action. seniors have been very hard hit by the economic down turn that's happened. seniors occupy as a subgroup of women occupy.

Facilitator/Jodie: will connect her to occupy monterey folk

Meagan not part of occupy but from chicago in master program for leadership course she is in ethical leadership and globalization. intrigued by occupy going to event downtown. here as an observer and excited to plug in dt to see it in action.

THANK YOU MEAGAN

Isobel been involved in occupy movement in NY from beginning moved to south jersey into a senior village, wants to activate the community. felt she needed to connect with people who are doing things in the movement.

wants to be involved in occupy women is a representative for a _____ organization? presentation in union square. really happy to be here.

Facilitator: = we are here to support each other

Odile - also been working in occupy since beginning . for international womens day in ann arbor

Facilitator/Nancy: = was expecting melanie will move forward with agenda until she shows up

Summer's words of wisdom = when you start to see just how much needs to change it can be overwhelming. in light of that just take on issue that you are most passionate about, and most educated about and focus on that. Also, if you can help just one person, help that one person. Because it really is just baby steps that will gets us moving forward and changing the world invitation to monterey gave direct contact

Facilitator: great advise, thanks!

Find your passion and join Occupy!

10 mins. (5 mins) Q&A

Melanie G and others from Women Occupying Wall Street (WOW) will give M17 NYC report back with discussion. (5 mins. questions, concerns, discussion with Melanie G and WOW)

on Saturday everything was going great - GA in Zuccotti Park, wonderful, celebratory mood; someone set up a tarp that looked like a tent and the officers surrounding the GA were not amused to say the least, 17 people were brutally arrested, one woman had a fractured rib from police brutality and had a panic attack, ambulance took a long time and was called by Occupy activists not officers, woman was taken to jail anyway

Occupy took Union Square to some extent, holding a public sidewalk

Protests today in solidarity with Trayvon Martin who was murdered for walking down the street while wearing a hoodie and being african-american - #onemillionhoodies

Possible issue with a pregnant woman in labor

WOW had first meeting for a feminist general assembly last night - 25 people came just for the planning meeting, felt fresh and wonderful

Additional notes from Summer:

move to Melanie as she's time sensitive, come back to edeel

Melanie has the mic. is in the middle of an action, brief synopsis of NYC was in a very celebratory mood had a GA in zuccotti park some things were consented to.. mood was really wonderful and celebratory. someone set up a tarp that looked like a tent was pretty inspiring. cops were not happy. lol can give update from livestream had to leave really early.

LIVESTREAM UPDATE: big turn out today in solidarity march for Trayvon, 17 year old kid shot and killed in florida. person who killed boy is NOT being investigated. at occupy ny 73 people arrested. one woman had a fractured rib from the way NYPD attacked her. ambulance didn't come till 20 minutes later. ambulance called by occupy,

not by NYPD. went to hospital and went to jail anyway. she's out and being treated. occupy has now taken union square.

Melanie will send us an aerial shot of union square several thousand took union square all marched towards time square. last night police tried to take everyone out of the park. the part of the park people are trying to hold down was public sidewalk. cops said park is closed. they said this is the side walk, police said sidewalk is now closed. was speakouts, singing, in response. the sheer determination was inspiring.

a woman was about to give birth at some point in the middle of the night, another woman was trying to help woman giving birth, cop grabbed and hurt her. these are some of the things that are going on.

everyone is determined, and palpable.

with that I'll yield.

Facilitator: = thank you

back to Melanie i'll just say one more thing, last night women occupy ny had first general assembly planning meeting for may 17th. there is a lot of fresh wonderful stuff being worked on right now.

patricia has the mic - what is occupy asking for in terms of Martin - the kid who died, is occupy asking for accountability? we are asking for Ray Kelly to resign, for bloomberg to step down, asking for brutality to end. melony's personal request, she is a teacher... if teachers are to be accountable, why shouldn't we be asking our police force to be responsible for us?

Someone asked, Martin was killed by a night watch from Florida, what about focus for that?

not sure about that but asking for people to be held accountable in NYC. the ability for NYPD to respond accordingly is so important.

Facilitator: asked for confirmation about the women who occupy around the country to create a solidarity action for women who occupy!

NYC would be wowed if that happened - maybe having a woman gathering every

couple of months. gathering as many org's focused on women's issues to come together. one of the issues... what does feminism mean right now? what can we do to defend and support each other to support each other specific to our gender. so that possibly some org's working on similar issues will be made aware of their overlap. would love to hear how things develop across the country.

one of the goals of women occupy is creating the space for such a collaboration of women and organizations to work together. from now until May 17, let's learn about strategies for organizing together.

I'd like to go back, because 5 new people are on the call... 2 are new... looking to add some wisdom from these ladies.

Facilitator: heads up from Melanie. needs to get going... clarification would really like to get woman to the forefront of the movement - really wants to bring in some feminist leadership

Facilitator: - question from ? was asking about May 17th, to be combined with May 15th, Mother's Day. perhaps an agenda to share w/ other occupiers.

reluctant wants mothers day to be for mothers, wants the 17th to be for Women Occupy. Only agenda is to get everyone together to get the conversation out in public with everyone.

Patricia: What is OWS asking for in terms of support for Treyvon Martin?

> Asking for Ray Kelly to resign, Bloomberg to resign, Police chief in FL to step down, attorney general to take on the case, police brutality to end.

There is so much oversight over teachers but where is the oversight and accountability for the police force who is responsible for our safety?

What can we do as women to look at gender issues together?

May 17th as a national organizing day with feminist general assemblies?

Mother's Day for mothers, feminist GA separate from that, goal is to find a common agenda, to get everyone together, there isn't a separate goal from that. Get the conversation going out in public with everyone.

Odile on what's going on in MI - posting signs at night

Freeway bannered opposing violence on women in Congo

Additional notes from Summer:

Facilitator: back to Odele...

Odele - i could go into the town, put up nice signs on the wall, important to do activism, middle of the winter in michigan. women can have big house of food??? work w/ other women - women in war, women in congo, focus on women in the world, and in our towns. we are the only ones doing actions. don't seem to be doing any actions anymore. women will awaken the occupy movement to take action. question

Connect summer with Marylyn in half moon bay.

Back to dates we are talking about this may 17th date for women occupy

Marilyn has the mic interested in organizing in half moon bay area. really heard gail who said actions are important rather than just having meeting. not sure if that can be something to hook up w/ santa cruz, about an hour/ or a half hour away. wants to do something on that day.

Patricia thinks the idea for May 17th is incredibly inspiring... have an effort for consensus to aim for a unified action that of course everyone would do some variation of... as the last caller said, not sure what that would be but if there is a theme or a suggestion that would create a really wonderful thing.

Summer suggested cook a post mothers day dinner? perhaps link it to mother earth too? for moms who may not have relations w/ their children or live far away.

Odele - can host a benefit for women for occupy, another mothers day in the park, having our own kind of celebration

Facilitator: - that's it for the hands.

has to chime in as many of us are into the anti-war movement. the knowledge of mothers day was actually about ending the civil war. women could get together on mothers day to figure out how to have war no more. this has been a reminder that women need to get together to end all wars.

Facilitator: has consensus on May 17th, taking the 17th to clearly have occupy own the day, to not be distracted by other focus' of the day. some of the needs are ways to

organize our local occupy movement with women. perhaps we can put together some training like how would you build your community of women around the 17th?

On the calendar in two weeks, there is a woman from a pr firm for young women who will teach us social media for change. we could create the rest of the month as a focus for skill training on how to plan for local organizing.

Facilitator: we have most of the callers say YES! one no.

Patricia pushed one, has the mic - meant to say yes. whoops!

FULL CONSENSUS!!!

Okay great, that is what we can work on from now until the next call to find trainers to bring people on to train us for community building,

Summer's idea door to door canvassing. go w/ two people to keep each other safe.

OTHER PERSON name? social media would like someone to explain those things, i am one of those shy people and would not like to walk up to other's door.

Facilitator: Be sure to watch email as someone will be on the call for social media training in two weeks.

Maya - WOW what makes a feminist GA a feminist GA? how do we bring the women's movement to the next level in occupy?

Odele - we do something for culture or education. if you ever need that tool you can find the tool on the website... (where? please update with url)

Next person, Marilyn has the mic, I would like to learn how to cross the lines. I am a member of women's groups in the area, but I don't feel comfortable going to these orgs and speaking to them about occupy so if someone could help give us direction on how to do that, she'd appreciate it.

Facilitator: we can start offering this information up already about what works, what doesn't work.

Patricia has the mic - thinks it would be great to have a training for kids. we need to

know how to speak to the media as it's really important to know who to talk to in the media. so a training on how to talk to the media would be good.

Dates for Organizing:

May 17th

inspiring, support for it

idea to have a unified action that would connect us all

interest to do something in Half Moon Bay from Marilyn and Rae

Bring mothers who don't have something to do on Mother's Day to Occupy - cook mothers a dinner and honor them

Mother's Day is really about ending war, began with call to action from Julia Ward Howe

May Day organizing: What is your local Occupy doing? How do we bring our feminine message to May Day actions and protests

3 mins.

Survey: Are there issues someone would like to organize a call around?

-- Social media & media training with Suzanne Turner in 2 weeks

-- how to talk to new people

-- how to create a feminist GA, how to take women's organizing to the next level

-- have a flyer about WO

-- how to cross-fertilize with other women's groups, speak about the Occupy movement with other organizations

-- how to speak to media

Thanks to everyone!!! Let's work together toward May 17th. Share info and ideas on the listserv!

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This is the call after our IWD actions

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Report-back from IWD actions

FIRST TIME CALLER INTRODUCTIONS

May Abdel Rahman: From Washington DC, glad to be part of this, part of all of the Occupies in DC

REPORT BACKS FROM INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS

Kristen: Los Angeles. Good community gathering, fabulous costuming, ready with talking points, media ready, banners and fliers on point. Not sure whether to advertise location next time as police and security were inside and outside banks so inside actions were driven to the sidewalk.

Rae: New York. Real News video of footage including singing in Oakland, mock arrests in Dallas and LA, NYC on stage with BofA CEO, trouble across Zuccotti Park after

action there. Medea will speak to this later. Loved seeing the actions, being a part of this kind of action with women. She was inspired by costuming from LA action.

Leslie: Dallas. Pink Posy, costumes, had a blast, marched to BofA, did street theater with bankers and a jail, roped them up and finale threw bras at them, fun and we needed that.

Rained but we had backup plans

Eliz: Tennessee. Incredible rain drove people to do a press conference under the Plaza. Several issues, got to talk about what International Women's Day was on local TV, too rainy for march, met Women on the Bridge, exciting to get women from a lot of organizations together, make connections for future street theater.

Nancy M: San Francisco. Thursday Bust of BofA in the morning, went to two branches, shut them down, did an OM-in next to an ATM, Saturday great march and rally led by Occupy SF, great to be in solidarity with so many women across the globe.

Goals from IWD --

Jodie: Overall we met our goals -- including new women. And the creativity was really awesome, soared. Got national media, including NYT, WSJ, Real News, Democracy Now and got local media.

Wanted this to be part of a longer term campaign and we supported three women-led campaigns. They said they were inspired and energized by our work in their daily work. Didn't have actions in as many cities as we had hoped.

Ellen: Did anyone have experience closing a bank with one or two entrances?

RESPONSE: Good to have longer discussion about strategy in cities with multiple banks. Good to have two doors because police in one, we're out the other.

RESPONSE: Passersby become your audience after the bank closes, so may be okay that people didn't get inside.

Patricia: Thought LA was a lot of fun, particularly good event in terms of costuming. Hadn't been in any of the planning so didn't understand if we were CODEPINK, Women Occupy, IWD or all of these. Thinks that some passersby didn't understand connection with banks.

Eliz: Wondering how living room in the bank action was resolved.

RESPONSE: Other 99% action upcoming, put it up so others can see how successful it

was and how quickly we must move. Look at their site to see their full clip.

UPCOMING

May 1st General Strike

Mother's Day

Democratic National Convention

Continue with B of A -- Moveable Feast of Furniture re: foreclosure (what Other 99% is doing) (Use broken furniture to show transience)

Eliz: Does anyone know more about the Bill going through Congress to make picketing near anyone being guarded by Secret Service a Federal offense?

RESPONSE: Interesting for us to take on particularly watching arrest of Rae (cop knowing he had impunity) and being at jail. Clampdown on our freedom of speech is huge. This would be an interesting issue to have women take on. Message has been: "If you go to the Occupies and speak out it's not going to be pleasant for you".

Some in favor of taking on Freedom of Speech, some not:

Francis: Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Rather have ACLU take it on than Occupy. So much reflects patriarchy of society. Rather see something that goes directly at patriarchy rather than just police brutality.

RESPONSE: Please give us an idea of another issue. Gathering together nationally to expose an issue, coming together as women and making the issue more visible with an edge.

Francis: Likes building homes where you aren't supposed to – could take ironing boards, items associated with women to energize idea of women's space.

Anyone interested in developing these issues for the next call or wait until next call?
Patricia and Eliz interested.

Guest Speaker Medea Benjamin:

CODEPINK and Global Exchange Co-founder, longtime activist, author of new book on drones, and she wrote about busting up Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan in New York City and brutal arrest at Occupy Wall Street. [Read her recent piece.](#)

Entered day of activities from Occupy AIPAC without having been part of Women Occupy. Found it well organized, easy to plug into, difficult to get into the costuming side of things, but busting out seemed a lot easier.

Notes on the IWD handout were very useful, having background on the issues right there.

Action with BofA CEO: Room full of white men in black suits, the financial industry. The contrast of having us come in stripping down to pink bras. Camera person had his camera taken away. Spectacular seeing Rae standing on a table, larger than life, we can do it...

Shocking to see how second B of A action in NYC played out. Occupy Movement has had impact, special court, longer in jail, more quickly arrested.

How do people feel about stripping down action? I'm sure a lot of women may not like it. In Mexico the stripping down was that they have taken our clothes. Powerful.

Good 99% idea with setting up the furniture in the bank, and it's a nice idea to feminize it. Could sit outside with cans for childcare or rolling pennies in the bank

A lot of people in bank stripping down would have been much more powerful than three. Continuing to bring women's issues to the actions would be great.

Questions for Medea:

Rae: Appreciate analysis. Strong nude actions in Europe around banking and coal. Being smeared with coal, not humorous, similar to Mexico.

What are other tactics useful around BofA?

Medea: Better if you have a simple goal like ending \$5. Hook up with other groups on something smaller and specific, more so than Bust Up although that was good too. Working in general on sweatshops was good, but better to concentrate on clean drinking water, for example, to give sense of accomplishment although it doesn't end the campaign.

CLOSING COMMENTS/ NEXT WEEK'S CALL

For next call -- Think about what we can do together on May 1 or around Mother's Day.

Rae sent around Real News video link to list-serve.

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15 mins

Reportbacks on International Women's Day events at your local Occupy and/or community. What were some of the challenges? Any concerns?

10 mins.

Civil liberties at Occupy and police repression. How to address? Any interest?

5 mins.

Upcoming events: May 1st: General Strike. What is your Occupy doing?

Mother's Day: Is this a day of action for women in the Occupy Wall Street movement? What can we do? (If we run out of time, table for next call)

10 mins.

Jodie to introduce Medea Benjamin. Hear Medea's account on busting up Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan in New York City and brutal arrest at Occupy Wall Street. [Read her recent piece.](#)

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Answer questions and get help planning actions on International Women’s Day

CALL NOTES

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Welcome by Jodie Evans on the eve of International Women’s Day

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FIRST TIME CALLERS

Julie from Texas, life-long feminist, must get involved, single mom without a lot of time but this is worth the time

Lynn from Occupy Atseigo, a rural upstate New York county near Cooperstown, low number but trying to being active, interested in women's issues

Shanon with Occupy the Hamptons, lives on Long Island NY, excited to join call

INTRODUCING IWD AND JANET WEIL

Co-facilitator Jodie: We've been working for over a month about International Women's Day, we've been learning how to use our voices, talking to media, dealing with what might happen with police, bank managers and public. This call is a review to make sure we are all comfortable and ready

Janet Weil has been with CODPINK for six years, Military Families Speak Out, Afghanistan working group, excellent writing skills.

Review of past speakers and their main points

Celia Alario on the media

Amanda Starbuck campaigner for Rain Forrest Action Network's Bank of America campaign

Lisa Fithian, long-time activist involved in many BofA actions

Tomorrow's actions are part of longer campaigns!

Starbuck--

Basic talking points:

BoA one of biggest banks, one of worst

Billions of \$\$ in bail out

Fee hikes are back

Laying off 30,000 employees

BofA is leading fore-closer of American homes

Largest funder of coal mining, including mountain top removal

Janet reviews practical tips given by Lisa Fithian long time activist who has been part of actions of BofA:

“All cops, security and manager work on a “power over” model. We don’t have to accept it or do what they say when they say it. Can begin negotiations over how and what you’re doing.”

Action examples: go in with signs and be quiet, go to manager and ask her to fax letter to CEO, group gets louder if it doesn’t happen

Group goes in with trash from fraudulent foreclosures

Review the goals -- What are the issues you are bringing up, may not be able to bring up all 13 talking points, but chose some. What are the visuals? What is your goal? -- Shut down bank, get information to public?

At BofA tellers may be instructed to shut down windows and go into back if there is a disruption, prepare for that possibility

Have group agreements as when what will happen – when to enter bank, when to speak, who will speak, etc

Talk to customers and encourage them to move their money

Send a letter to the CEO of BofA

If it’s a large action have police liasons – should be two people communicating between group and police/security. These people are not decision makers.

Plan how to exit and end the action – want to leave as soon as the police come? Sometimes police let you stay.

Be watchful -- Don’t let people be isolated, notice what the police/security are doing

Think through what we’re doing, don’t just accept what police/security say, we own our own power

Janet reviews Celia Alario media tips:

“About power it can often feel with a journalist that your power is with others. Reclaim your power. Journalists need you for their story.”

Practice for media interviews and for conversation with the public

Practice in front of a mirror, look into your eyes and honor the woman who is speaking

Leave yourself a voice mail message and then listen to where you want to emphasize certain words

Say, “Hello Joe” with different emphasis

Get rid of the “um, uh, likes” Don’t buy time or get affirmation this way. Take silence!

Take a moment to breathe, a pause. Energize your power.

All of the speakers reiterated we must own our power, own our stories.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

International Women's Day action discussion: Document Action Day -- Camera, Video, Tweets; Getting Media Out -- Talking Points, Press Calls, Promotion; Check Your Toolkit -- Flyers, Costumes, Visuals, Props; Legal - Know Your Rights

Julie: I'm new. How do I find a group to do this with? Is there an action in Dallas?

Direct Response: If not there we will connect you with more women later, next steps.

Anna: Direct response to Julie. In a rural area, alone but will go to local BofA with a sign and won't go in. Feels funny and first but at the end it feels really good.

Direct Response: You are awesome!

Janet: Saturday, March 10th in Dallas, event listed on Women Occupy calendar

Jodie: Fliers/tools/costume ideas are on Women Occupy site. One woman can make a difference in talking to people coming out of the bank

Legal question: Do we have the legal right to be inside the bank?

Direct Response: You do until they ask you to leave. But security system has no right or authority over you, but if they call police you risk arrest.

Rae: Success inside the banks by having someone stand in the door with security guard to talk to them about something else while the others do the action inside. However, lots contracted by G4S and they are difficult.

NY action on the 10th in addition to the 8th.

1pm Union Square, Saturday, 10 March

Laurie: There is a Facebook page for tomorrow's action, post your event, and tweet out the great video (on FB and sent to list serve). Search for "International Women's Day: SuperSheros and Women Occupy"

Share videos from tomorrow!

NEXT STEPS

Rae: Would love to see Women Occupy the Convention in the Fall

99% spring trainings will be taking place in March and April

Question: What kind would you like? What is needed for women in the occupy movement?

WANT TRAININGS IN

Ellen: Interested in how to best use Facebook and other social media, tools like photo shop

Lynn: There is no BofA in my area. But we are having a rally at local college at end of month; involving Planned Parenthood. What are other areas doing involving attempts to block access to contraception, etc?

Direct Response from Texas: emailing senators, contacting legislators about bill, quote in her email used in a press release, one person can make a difference!!

Direct Response: getting advertisers to get Rush Limbaugh off the air, and campaign to get the license revoked, exploit rules about violence on the air, petition to FCC, also can go to Bain Capital, which owns Clear Channel. Del Sener is point name.

Janet: Train women as live-streamers

Shanon: How to empower women more within the Occupy movement. Learn ways to make our voices more upfront in GAs, etc. Women aren't respected as much, looking to band together and move forward together.

GOODBYE

Local Event Support: We'd like to support you in planning your local events and we'd like to know where people are from who are on the call.

Harvest emails from each region for follow up

Press 1 if you are west of the Mississippi

Press 2 if you are East of the Mississippi

Press 3 if you are a local CODEPINK coordinator

NEXT WEEK'S CALL

Debrief of tomorrow's actions on next call

Next Call: From here forward calls will be on Wednesdays at 5:30PT/8:30ET in the evening.

You don't need to re-register for next week's call - you can use the same number you used for this call.

Feedback for making this call better? Send to [rae\[at\]codepink.org](mailto:rae@codepink.org) with subject "General Call Feedback." Feel free to invite others to join.

Please add your events to the Women Occupy calendar: www.womenoccupy.org.

Wednesday, 2/22/12 5:30 PM PT/5:30 PM ET

Call Host: Women Occupy

Call Facilitators: Nancy Mancias and Rae Abileah

Maestro Board Manager(s): Tammy of OWS

Note Taker(s): Janet Weil

Maestro Call Registration Link for This Call: <http://interoccupy.org/womencall/>

Link to these notes: <http://bit.ly/ycXlz5>

Link to share your contact info and introduce yourself to the group: <http://bit.ly/zcmCSI>

CALL OBJECTIVES:

- Connect women and feminists across the occupy movement
- Share resources and develop media strategy for International Women's Day Events, March 8
- Share and develop action guidelines for March 8 events
- Goal setting for what to do for everyone on call between the call

CALL AGENDA:

Welcome & Introduction

- Nancy Mancias introduced facilitation team (Nancy, Rae and Janet) and welcomed everyone.
- Overview of what we've done so far: have been had calls every week; part of the occupy movement; so far, focused on organizing for IWD; 10 events now posted on [womenoccupy.org calendar](http://womenoccupy.org/calendar).
- Call guidelines - Nancy read aloud the guidelines (see below).
- Rae reviewed these details (see [Call Participation Guidelines](#) at bottom)

Communication using phone keypad (review numbers 1-5)

- 1) Get on Stack
- 2) Agreement, applause & approval for current speaker or idea (twinkles)
- 3) Disagreement with current speaker's comments
- 4) Direct response to current speaker
- 5) Point of process or request for tech assistance

- 30 persons on the call from around the country.
- **Newcomers: Elizabeth Barger** of Occupy Nashville, working to get women together for IWD action, just back from CA trip and folks at ON are enthusiastic, getting together w/women later this evening; Kasha of North Carolina, this call has already been clear and highly evolved; **Pat Hunt** of Chicago, CP and Occupy Chicago, local folks "obsessed" with NATO/G8, just starting plans for IWD; **Shannon** of Long Island, OWS, Occupy the Hamptons, important to bring GA back to local community, want to be more active w/women's groups I've connected with lately, IWD is very important to me, planning for IWD and attending parade in NYC on March 10; **Barbara** of Santa Monica, CA, fairly active with OLA and CP, have done a number of demos in

front of Bank of America, happy to be active, important to let our voices be heard, longtime political activist; **Kayla** of Occupy Oakland, CP, RAN, wants to find out the plan for IWD, already inspired by hearing from women all over the country; **Rosanne** of Ft Wayne, Indiana, involved in Occupy FW since the beginning and just started a new CP group, women's issues and women in general are under attack, we need to band together and get our voices heard (**2 SPARKLES**); **Z** of CP Philly, somewhat active in Occupy Philly, looking forward to learning more about IWD.

Nancy: Inspiring to hear so many new voices from around the country, exciting to be growing.

Update on Campaign resources

- Lacy, Occupy DC and Institute for Policy Studies, introduced press packet for IWD actions at Bank of America. Calling from McPherson Square! The media team will provide a kit for folks to do their own media work for coverage of local events. [Press release template](#) was created by Laurie of LA . Take the press release and put your own details into that document, and send it to local reporters. Sample press call script will soon be available for women in cities where actions are planned (**5 SPARKLES**) -- email Lacy at lacy@ips-dc.org for YOUR city's press list. The press call script will soon be on [womenoccupy.org](http://www.womenoccupy.org). For more info on Lacy: <http://www.ips-dc.org/staff/lacy>
- Update on events being planned, if you'd like your event posted to the WO calendar you can post it yourself on the [womenoccupy.org calendar](http://www.womenoccupy.org/calendar) or email Melanie@codepink.org the info!
- Other updates on WO organizing - Rae - Twitter & [Article up on AlterNet](#)

Special guest speaker: Lisa Fithian!

Jodie introduced Lisa: It's such a great honor to have Lisa on our call, one of the rockstars of organizing and has great depth of knowledge and experience. We will be going into places where police may show up and also bank security and managers. Lisa has been "everywhere" including Seattle in 1999.

Lisa: Thanks, Jodie! I have been in many places and many bank lobbies. Are there questions on direct action?

(Nancy directed people on the call to press I and took stack.)

Jodie: One of the things about women occupy is we want to model a feminist way of being in the occupy movement and lead from who we are -- what are some creative ways to deal with bank management when when it starts to confront our interests?

Ashley: I find that the police are targeting women, maybe to get a violent reaction out of men in our actions? They are pushing us around more than the guys.

Janet: question on approaching customers and passersby at banks.

Lisa: All cops, security, managers work on "power over" model. We don't have to do what they say when they say it. Begin negotiations over how and what we're doing. [Lisa gave a couple of examples of possible actions inside the bank.] EX: Go in with signs, group is quiet, one person went to the manager and asked him to fax a letter/statement of demands to the CEO, but when he didn't, we got louder. EX: group dumped trash from foreclosures inside a bank and started chanting.

What are the issues and the visuals that will be good to use? What are your goals? Shut down the bank? In particular at BofA, all tellers are instructed to shut down and go in the back room so you might consider that in your goals when you're coming.

Part of the art of action & set-up is designed for the police to over-react. If police are picking on women, that's a good thing in that they're exposing what they're about. Train to be prepared for what it's like to be pushed around. "The power of the action is in the reaction" (Saul Alinski) - so how does that play out? Men in our groups don't have to "protect" us. What choices do we have? Sit down to change the dynamics? How do you set that up? We're not in control of everything. It's important to have police liaisons (at least 2 people), who are not decisionmakers but just relay communications between police/security and people in action. You can have a GA inside the bank.

Your group might decide to designate someone or group of people to liaison w/police; be clear about goals; how far you can push it; when to get out; might be all grouping up & marching out together; might be some taking more risks than others & everyone else getting out quickly as soon as police come. Even when they come, it can play out for a long time. In one bank, they formed a guantlet & people had to go through to get in. Talked to them.

Going into bank lobbies with signs is not very challenging. You can also "decorate" banks or do a photo op with your group.

Lisa repeated these points:

- **Have Police Liaisons (again, these are communications people, not decision-makers)**
- **Have group agreements about what to do when**
- **Plan how to exit/end the action. EX: there might be a non-risk-arrest group who leave as soon as the police come. Sometimes the police let group stay for a long time as they give info to customers.**
- **Be watchful: how many police are on the scene, do they have handcuffs out?**

Talking to customers is crucial. What do we want them to do? Two examples: Encourage them to take their money out of the banks. Send a letter to the CEO. Where as women do we want them to go?

More questions:

Shannon: What are some creative & effective ways to draw attention to women's issues, within an IWD celebration? How can we come up with something creative to focus on BofA in an IWD march?

Lisa: Two things: it requires research on women's issues - obviously women need their homes; student debt affects women. Go with theme of the 1% - have a day without the 1% [this will be messaging on May Day]. How do we move the narrative of the stealing of our common wealth? (4 SPARKLES) Brainstorming tactics - the best thing is to get a local group together and talk about ideas, images, stories relating to BofA and let's share them so we can reproduce them. BofA has extensive reach into charities, local music halls, etc. *also see [action guides on womenoccupy.org](http://actionguides.on.womenoccupy.org)

for inspiration!

Rosanne: How to combine women's issues and natl issues? Foreclosures actions have been happening. I'm just a little confused about BofA - I'm in Indiana and my city doesn't have a BofA, but we have Chase and Wells Fargo. I've done my research on them and the bailouts. Focusing on women - they take care of children, they're facing all kinds of insecurities - food, housing, transportation -- I don't know how to use the bank as a target.

Lisa: These banks touch all aspects of our lives. Another way is to think about the larger frame: banks are affecting food supplies, food stamps (Chase?), debt. Interest rate swaps lock cities into bad deals and then there are cuts to city budgets. Depending on cities - check out [New Bottom Line](#). Think about broader messages. I'm willing to keep thinking about it.

Nancy: Great discussion on thinking about actions and then police counter-reaction.
(SPARKLE)

Breakout Sessions (10 minutes)

- 1 - Western States - Nancy & Jodie
- 2 - Eastern States - Melanie
- 3 - Midwest - Rae & Janet

Questions for your breakout session: What event are you planning? How are you outreaching to get people to your action? Are you coordinating with other occupiers in your area? Do you have a media plan? What are your visuals/props? Is there anything else you need to make your action a success?

Report Backs from Breakout Sessions

Nancy: Just had a great Western States discussion. Laurie in LA: 2 events planned, in Bev Hills and a local community college. Ilene has an idea of dropping off aspirins at Darrell Issa's office re cutting off contraceptions. Kayla wants to do a action in the East Bay.

Melanie: We had Shannon, Ashley, and Sasha in our group from Eastern States. Shannon discussed doing a creative action during larger IWD march on March 10. Need to find a bank that's open on Saturday. Next steps: outreach, outreach, outreach!

Rae reported back from the Midwest group when Janet's call dropped (she got back on call).

Notes from Janet during breakout:

Jennifer, Pat, Leslie, Rosanne (Rose), Rae & Janet in Midwest group.

Rose: I didn't know about IWD, have not seen anything from women in occupy about IWD and we don't have anything planned. Just became a local group coordinator for CP, so I'm not sure I'll be able to participate but would love to hear what others are doing and maybe it could still happen in Ft. Wayne.

Jennifer of East Lansing, MI: Nothing planned for now.

Leslie: I have suggested IWD actions several times. Occupy Dallas has been "taken over" by women and they are very organized with other actions. CP Dallas. We recently did a funeral march to BofA for the

death of the American dream, single file silent procession with everyone in black, weeping widows, preacher, Angel of Death figure, drummer. We put the coffin in front of BofA while women moaned and cried, then had a woman speak about her foreclosure. Woman gospel singer. Preacher (male) read from the book of "Eviction." We have already done our thing and now people are focused on ALEC and there will be actions at school district meeting over layoffs of teachers and spending money on expensive machines.

Rose: What about groups like rape crisis center? Has anyone contacted them to get their involvement?

Rae: REMINDER: your event does not have to be an IWD action/event to be posted to the Women Occupy calendar!

Summarize next steps

All calls are on Wednesday, 8:30 ET/5:30 PT. You can use the same pin for the next call on Weds, February 29.

Closing Comments/Housekeeping (5 minutes)

- **Next Call:** From here forward calls will be on Wednesdays at 5:30PT/8:30ET in the evening. You can use the same number as you used today for the call next week, February 29. We'll have a special guest - [media strategist Celia Alario!](#)
- Rae: please stay on call afterward to give me your email.
- Feedback for making this call better? Send to [raef\[at\]codepink.org](mailto:raef[at]codepink.org) with subject "General Call Feedback."
- Please add your events to the [Women Occupy calendar](#) or send the info to Melanie@codepink.org. Putting your event on the national calendar is good for attention and publicity - you can use the link in social media.
- GROUP GOOD-BYES! (UNMUTE ALL)
- New emails:

References / Links

- [Call Guidelines and glossary of terms](#)
- About [Women Occupy](#)
- [Women Occupy call notes](#)

Call Participation Guidelines

1. **Be Curious and Open to Learning:** Listen to and be open to hearing all points of view. Maintain a attitude of exploration and learning.
2. **Balance Advocacy and Inquiry:** Seek to learn and understand as much as you might want to persuade. Conversations are as much about listening as it is about talking.
3. **Show Respect and Suspend Judgment:** Setting judgments aside will enable you to learn from others and contribute to others experiencing being respected and appreciated.
4. **Seek Alignment rather than Agreement:** Alignment is shared intention, whereas agreement is having a shared belief or opinion.
5. **Be Purposeful and to the Point:** Notice if what you are conveying is or is not "on purpose" to the

question at hand. Notice if you are making the same point more than once. Do your best to make your point quickly with honesty and depth.

6. **Own and Guide the Conversation or Process:** Take responsibility for the quality of your participation and the quality of the work conversations by noticing what's happening and actively support getting yourself and others back "on purpose" when needed.
7. **Be Excellent to Each other:** Share what's important to you. Speak authentically; from your personal and heart felt experience. Be considerate to others who are doing the same.