



Guide to Indivisible Akron

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Mission Statement

Indivisible Akron **is a** welcoming, independent grassroots movement **committed to** protecting democracy and defending the rights of all people **by** engaging the community, holding leaders accountable, and promoting progressive activism, **in order to** ensure a just, inclusive, and democratic future.

Vision Statement

Indivisible Akron envisions a just, inclusive, and democratic society, where every person — regardless of background — has an equal opportunity to thrive, and where social, racial, economic, and environmental justice are foundational values.

We are a diverse, patriotic, and pro-democracy community committed to opposing authoritarianism, defeating right-wing extremism, and challenging dangerous agendas like Project 2025. Through grassroots action, civic engagement, and support for progressive leadership, we work to create a sustainable future.

Our goal is to foster a politically empowered community that defends human rights, upholds the Constitution, and ensures a safe, equitable, and livable world for generations to come.

What is Indivisible Akron?

We are a grassroots nonprofit, 501(c)4 organization.

We fight for democracy boldly, locally, nationally and together.

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Origins: How'd We Get Here?

In December 2024, a small gathering of 19 women got together for a We Are Worth Fighting for gathering. We laughed, cried, commiserated and asked each other, “well, now what?”

Indivisible Akron was born. We quickly grew from our original 19, to over 1,300 people on our roster in just six months. As of June 2025, there are over 2,000 in our community.

We chose to go under the Indivisible umbrella because the national organization has a well-established foundation for defeating those who threaten democracy. Learn more about Indivisible national:

- [Indivisible.org](https://indivisible.org)
 - [Their vision and mission](#)
 - [Indivisible's national rural caucus](#)
 - [Indivisible's national BIPOC caucus](#)
 - [Truth Brigade](#)
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Where Can You Find Indivisible Akron?

How Do You Join Indivisible Akron?

We don't have memberships, and we have no financial requirements for becoming a member of our community. We ask that you review our values, vision and mission statements and **make sure they align with your values and goals.**

To be added to our mailing list, [fill out this form](#).

That said, donations help us grow, which brings us to the next FAQ ...

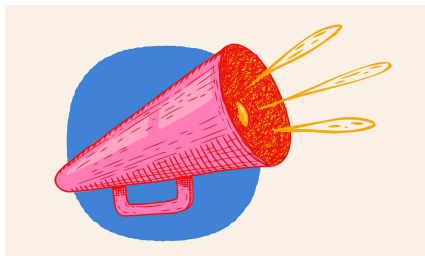
How can you financially support Indivisible Akron?

Indivisible Akron is completely volunteer-driven. Your donation will support the direct costs of our activism — things like meeting room rental, website creation and maintenance, posters, art supplies, clipboards, transportation, and more! Here are four ways to support Indivisible Akron:

- We accept donations through [Act Blue](#).
- You can send us a gift through [Substack](#).
- You can mail a check to Indivisible Akron, P.O. Box 1, Barberton, OH 44203.
- Come to our next meeting (second Mondays of the month; details in our CTA newsletter) and make a donation, which brings us to our next FAQ ...

When and where do we meet?

Indivisible Akron's monthly meetings are the second Monday of every month. Currently, most meetings take place at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron, but special events may take place elsewhere, depending on the format and size. The best place to find out information about our meetings and events is through our [Substack](#). The CTA (calls to action) include dates, times, and locations of upcoming events, and they share this header image, which brings us to our next FAQ ...



Indivisible Akron's Calendar of Events

In August 2025, we rolled out [our first website](#). It's a work in progress, but it includes an events page.

[Indivisible Akron Calendar of Events](#)

What's a Substack?

This is one of our most common questions. Substack is a free platform that allows content creators to share information. It's an alternative to building a website, and it requires fewer resources (people + money) to build and maintain. We don't use it as a social media site where you can have conversations with other Indivisible Akronites. You can comment on, share and like posts.

Our Substack is here: <https://indivisibleakron.substack.com/>

We have a [tutorial that explains what Substack is](#) and what it isn't.

Are we on social media?

Yes, although some channels are more active than others. As the community grows, so will our channels. The most active channel at this time (May 2025) is Facebook.

- [Indivisible Akron on Facebook](#) << screening questions required
- [Indivisible Akron on TikTok](#)
- [Indivisible Akron on Instagram](#)
- [Indivisible Akron on Bluesky](#)

Slack

Indivisible Akron uses Slack as a communication tool for working groups, some social groups and teams.

What is Slack? It's a shared online workspace. It is not social media. It's not a blog. If you have ever used Microsoft Teams, it's similar to that. Slack is a way for people who work together to collaborate. Noelle uses it to communicate with her coworkers, for example, most of whom are based in Phoenix. You can have one-on-one conversations (similar to texting or instant messaging), you can have small group chats, and you can create channels to work on common projects. The best thing about Slack is that it gets you out of email purgatory. It basically eliminates the need for email.

Not everyone within Indivisible Akron is in Slack. It's for the people who are most active within the community and working groups – the people who tend to get a lot of emails! If you'd like to join our Slack workspace, email indivisibleakron@gmail.com.

Slack Definitions

Workspace: This is the overall place where we collaborate. Our workspace is called indivisibleakron.slack.com. You have to be invited by one of our administrators to join our Slack.

Channel: Specific space where you can share messages, tools and files dedicated to a specific focus, such as a topic, project or team. We have channels for various topics (environment, LGBTQ, book club, etc.) and projects. Some channels are public, while others are closed and invitation only.

At mentions: Using @name (as in @noelle) notifies someone they have been mentioned in a comment. There are individual at mentions and group at mentions (@channel notifies everyone in a channel, while @here notifies everyone who is present).

Here is a [quick-start guide](#) for Slack.

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Indivisible Akron Working Groups, Social Groups & Teams

Working groups and social groups are the heart of Indivisible Akron. With more than 2,000 people in our community, working groups give us ways to connect in smaller settings.

- [Sign up for working groups](#)
- [Read more about working groups](#)

Working Groups (incomplete)

Working groups are dedicated to a common cause. They follow legislation, connect with other local and national groups, and help keep the rest of us informed.

- **Youth Advocacy Group:** For young people in middle school, high school and early college years. **Contact:** indivisibleakron@gmail.com
- **Healthcare Working Group:** Protecting and strengthening the Affordable Care Act, protecting Medicare and Medicaid, and fighting big pharma. **Contact:** Kelley Hunsicker kelley.a.wagner@gmail.com
- **Immigration Working Group:** Track local efforts, collaborate with multicultural organizations and agencies, track legislation, distribute Know Your Rights information, and support and attend special events within the Akron area's multicultural communities. **Contact:** indivisibleakron@gmail.com
- **Equality Collective:** The Akron Indivisible Equality Collective stands united to uphold the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice. We are committed to confronting systemic inequities, amplifying marginalized voices, and fostering inclusive communities. Through community, advocacy, and community engagement, we

strive to ensure that every individual is valued, empowered, and afforded equal opportunities, regardless of federal policy shifts.

Contact: indivisibleakron@gmail.com

- **Environmental Working Group:** We fight for bold climate action and environmental protection in the face of government rollbacks and denial. Through advocacy, education, and community action, we push for sustainable policies, defend our natural spaces, and hold leaders accountable, because the climate crisis is real, and we refuse to let politics stall progress. **Contact:** indivisibleakron@gmail.com
- **Democracy Watch:** Monitors legislation, tracks party initiatives, follows election developments, participates in GOTV and progressive candidate campaigns, and helps inform the rest of us. **Contact:** indivisibleakron@gmail.com
- **LGBTQ+:** Mission statement: “We are an LGBTQ+ activist group within Indivisible Akron, committed to advancing equity, justice, and visibility both within our organization and in the broader community. Centering on trans, nonbinary, and gender expansive voices, we work to challenge discrimination, remove systemic barriers, and advocate for inclusive policies. Through bold advocacy, public education, and intentional community building, we strive to foster a culture where all LGBTQ+ people, especially those most marginalized, can live, thrive, and lead authentically.” Contacts: **Eddie B.** blackdragoneddie@gmail.com, Lisa S. schoeny@mac.com

Social Groups

Social groups are less about effecting a cause and more about learning, listening and taking a break from the cacophony of politics.

- **Book Club for Progressives:** Meets monthly. Books have included “On Tyranny” by Timothy Snyder, “Dear White Women” by Sara Blanchard and Misasha Suzuki Graham, and “Prequel: An American Fight

Against Fascism” by Rachel Maddow. Contact: **Jennifer Sebe**
Pj5464@hotmail.com

- **Resilience Group:** Feel like talking? This subgroup within Indivisible Akron is about empathy, coping and sharing stories. When you need to vent or take a break, join your fellow attendees for an hour of venting, comfort and laughs. **Contact:** indivisibleakron@gmail.com
- **People’s Social Hour:** Every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Mustard Seed Market in Highland Square. Folks from the Indivisible Akron and Akron Democracy Defenders welcome progressives for socializing. There’s no agenda, no to-do list, and no asks (other than a donation to help with the space rental). **Contact:** indivisibleakron@gmail.com

Teams

For all you worker bees out there, the teams are a great way to contribute your time and energy to our causes.

- **Events Support:** Volunteers are always needed to ensure our events run smoothly. Greet and direct people at monthly meetings, and help with setup and tear-down at rallies. [Sign up here](#) by selecting “Events Volunteer.”
- **Communications Team:** Help with social media, press relations, and miscellaneous communications within the Indivisible Akron community and between us and the Akron-area at large.

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Leadership Team

Who are the leaders behind Indivisible Akron, and how do we get in touch? These are the leaders, who were officially elected during the June 2025 steering committee meeting, and they have volunteered to serve until June 2026.*

- Chair: Noelle Bowman indivisibleakron@gmail.com
- Co-chair: Lisa Schoenberg schoeny@mac.com
- Treasurer: Romi B. treasurerjean3@gmail.com
- Co-treasurer: C. Urban 132Berwyck@gmail.com
- Secretary: <<need to confirm contact info>>
- At-large
 - Bill Jordan jordan@uakron.edu
 - Diane Falen
 - Suellen Roberts suellensroberts@gmail.com
 - Wendel Niles Wendel Niles wendel.niles@yahoo.com
 - R. B. <<need to confirm contact info>>

*Some leadership team members prefer not to share publicly their full names and contact information. If you have questions or need to reach someone whose information is not fully listed, contact indivisibleakron@gmail.com .

Contact Indivisible Akron

<https://indivisibleakron.org/contact-us/>

hello@indivisibleakron.org

(330) 283-9327 voice mail and text only

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