

RISE FOR DEMOCRACY

At All Souls Unitarian Church Washington, D.C.



Time	50 Minute Workshops CHOOSE 2	Deep Dive 110 Minute Trainings OR: CHOOSE 1
9:30-10am	Doors Open: Check-in and Registration, please bring a photo ID Reeb Lobby	
10-10:30am	Welcome : Opening Speaker(s) w. ASL* ASC Sanctuary	
10:40-11:30 Session A	<p>If you decide to attend the shorter 50 minute workshops, you can choose two options below: one during each session (A and B)</p> <p>[Session A Option 1] Democracy Movement 101: The Diversity & Intersectionality of the Democracy Movement with Christine Wood, <i>Co-Director of Declaration for American Democracy Coalition</i>; Justin Kwasa, <i>Democracy Program Director, League of Conservation Voters</i>; Chanel Sherrod, <i>Government Affairs Program Manager, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights</i>, and Silvia Zenteno, <i>Director of Movement Partnerships, Planned Parenthood</i>.</p> <p>101: All ASC Dining Room</p> <p>Join our Democracy 101 panel to learn more about the problems facing our democracy, how it connects to the issues we care about—including climate and repro-justice—and the solutions that will enable us to achieve a democracy where all of our voices can be heard.</p> <p>[Session A Option 2] Standing up to the Bullies Part 1: Protecting Workers with focus on Federal Workers with Sam Epps, <i>President, Washington Metropolitan Council AFL-CIO</i>; Alissa Tafti, <i>President of AFGE Local 2211 & Chair, Federal Labor Caucus, Northern Virginia Labor Federation</i></p> <p>101: All Pierce Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since Trump's rise to power, we have seen a disconcerting pattern of aggressive campaigns to bully and marginalize opponents and targeted groups. This session will focus on protecting federal workers who are finding themselves newly under attack, and explore how allies can help federal workers stand up to the bullies. 	<p>If you decide to attend the longer 110 minute training, you may only attend the one training below and it will cover both sessions A and B.</p> <p>From Authoritarianism to a Free DC (ASL) with Keya Chatterjee, co-founder & Executive Director, Free DC, keyachatterjee.bsky.social & Kelsye Adams, Organizing Director, DC Vote, Cofounder-Free DC, Executive Director, Long Live GoGo, @LongLiveGoGoDMV</p> <p>101: All ASC Sanctuary</p> <p>How did we get here? What do Authoritarians do? What does it mean for DC? What's the plan to protect DC and win a country where we take care of each other?</p>

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<p>11:40-12:30 Session B</p>	<p>[Session B Option 1] Keeping Us Safe: How to Take Security Measures to Ensure Personal and Organizational Safety with Adam Smith, Vice President for Democracy Initiatives, Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington, @crew.bsky.social, @citizensforethics on Instagram, @CREWcrew on X</p> <p>201: All ▾ ASC Eaton Room ▾</p> <p><i>Trump and his allies have threatened to use the power of the government to go after their enemies. Based on CREW's experience, we'll provide strategies on how you can prepare for attacks like this—from removing personal information from the internet to fact-checking your social media posts—and key tips on how to keep you and your colleagues safe.</i></p> <p>[Session B Option 2] Standing Up to the Bullies Part 2: Protecting Targeted Communities and Those Who Stand Up To Trump</p> <p>Hiram Cortez, Executive Director, Many Languages, One Voice Aquene Freechild, Democracy Campaign Co-Director, Public Citizen, X Christian Nunes, President, National Organization for Women Linda Sarsour, Executive Director, MPower Change Jeff Wheeler, Chapter Communications Chair, Pride at Work -Baltimore/DC Chapter</p> <p>201: All ▾ Pierce Hall ▾</p> <p><i>Since Trump's rise to power, we have seen a disconcerting pattern of aggressive campaigns to bully and marginalize immigrants, Muslims, Never Trump Republicans as well as Democratic opponents, women, the media, members of the trans community, and now federal workers. This session will build on the last and explore how we can support communities and elected officials who stand up to Trump.</i></p>	<p>See From Authoritarianism to a Free DC training above.</p>
<p>12:30-1:30</p>	<p>Lunch & Remarks in Pierce Hall with additional eating space in the Dining Room, Reeb Lobby, 2nd floor, and basement classrooms.</p>	
<p>1:40-2:30 Session C</p>	<p><i>If you decide to attend the shorter 50 minute workshops, you may choose two options below: one during each session (C and D)</i></p> <p>[Session C Option 1] Not Above the Law: Maintaining the Guardrails for Our Democracy Against the Whims of A Dangerous Presidency with</p> <p>Praveen Fernandes, Vice President, Constitutional Accountability Center, Lisa Gilbert, Co-President, Public Citizen</p>	<p><i>If you decide to attend the longer 110 minute training, you may only attend one of the trainings below and it will cover both session time blocks C and D.</i></p> <p>[Deep Dive C&D Option 1] How to Talk With People You Might Disagree With with Elyssa Feder, Executive Director, Rising</p>

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	<p>Jonah Minkoff-Zern, Co-Director, Democracy Campaign, Public Citizen Adam Smith, Vice President for Democracy Initiatives, CREW 201: All Pierce Hall</p> <p><i>Since Donald Trump's first presidency, the Not Above the Law Coalition has mobilized hundreds of thousands of people nationwide to maintain the guardrails of our democracy against the whims of a dangerous presidency. Join us to learn and discuss how we can continue to hold the line through grassroots action, litigation, messaging and advocacy. The future of our nation is in our hands.</i></p> <p>[Session C Option 2] Defending DC's Cutting Edge Democracy Reforms: Ranked Choice Voting (I-83), Public Financing and Voting Access with DC Senator Ankit Jain, Ed Lazere, DC For Democracy and Brianna McGowan, All of Us 101: All ASC Longfellow</p>	<p>Organizers, Nile Blass, League of Women Voters US 101: All ASC Sanctuary</p> <p><i>In this training, participants will gain practical skills for having tough conversations in moments of division and tension. We will explore the strategic importance of this issue and create space for participants to practice new skills in real time.</i></p> <p>[Deep Dive C&D Option 2] Activism Under Authoritarian Creep: Lessons from Student / Democracy Movements (ASL) with Keya Chatterjee keyachatterjee.bsky.social & Nadine Bloch, Executive Training Conductor, BeautifulTrouble.org: MovementInfrastructureProject.org; 201: All ASC Dining Room</p> <p><i>Join us to explore tools and tips for protest under authoritarian creep. Learn from other international movements on how to overcome authoritarians.</i></p> <p>[Deep Dive C&D Option 3] Mutual Aid 101 with Natacia Knapper, Community Organizer, @dcw1mutualaid (IG) and @dcw1mutualaid.bsky.social, Ward 1 Mutual Aid & Baldwin House 101: All ASC Gym</p> <p><i>A brief history and grounding in mutual aid with storytelling & practical ways to establish mutual aid networks in your own community.</i></p>
2:40-3:30 Session D	<p>[Session D Option 1] Envisioning the Democracy We Want with Brianna Cea, Executive Director & Founder, Generation Vote (LinkedIn) and Brendan Cushing, Managing Director, Generation Vote, @GenVote 201: Students & Youth ASC Eaton Room</p> <p><i>In this interactive 50-minute workshop, participants will collectively envision what a just democracy could look like in 2045 and beyond. Based on GenVote's experience organizing with young people and students across the country, this workshop will allow participants to map out their vision for a just democracy, collaborate in small groups, and engage in a full group interactive activity focused on what our political system and electorate could look like in a truly just democracy.</i></p> <p>[Session D Option 2] Media and Messaging in the Trump Era with Omar Baddar X: @OmarBaddar, IG: @obaddar, bsky: @omarbaddar.bsky.social 201: All ASC Longfellow</p> <p><i>In this workshop, you'll learn the basics of good messaging and how to engage with the media, including how to perform well in on-air interviews.</i></p>	
3:30-4pm	Coffee and Snack Break: Reeb Lobby and Pierce Hall	

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<p>4-4:50pm Session E</p>	<p><i>If you decide to attend the shorter 50 minute workshops, you may choose two options below: one during each session (E and F).</i></p> <p>[Session E Option 1] Fact vs. Fiction: Navigating Truth with Lamisa Hasan, National Digital Field Organizer; Nile Blass, League of Women Voters US @leagueofwomenvoters 201: Students & Youth ▾ ASC Longfellow ▾</p> <p><i>At a time when information about critical issues like elections, public health, and social justice is increasingly distorted, this workshop will equip participants on and off social media with tools and tactics to combat mis- and disinformation.</i></p> <p>[Session E Option 2] Building Pro-Democracy Support on Campus with Generation Vote Brianna Cea, Executive Director, Brendan Cushing, Managing Director; @GenVoteUS 301: Students & Youth ▾ ASC Dining Room ▾</p> <p><i>In this student-oriented session, participants will learn basic principles of base-building to build support for pro-democracy campaigns, including practical strategies to effectively outreach/engage students and college organizations to support local democracy and electoral justice fights. Whether you're an aspiring campus organizer or have been in the space for longer, this workshop is perfect for students who want to unite other students to protect our rights.</i></p> <p>[Session E Option 3] Corrupt Government, Impoverished Country: How Autocracy Harms Everyday People with Jasmine Banks, UnKoch My Campus/Generation Common Good & Scott Greytak, Transparency International 101: All ▾ ASC Eaton Room ▾</p> <p><i>The scale of corruption we tolerate has very real consequences on people's lives – whether they can find a job, start a business, access healthcare, or a quality education. This session will connect lessons learned from at home and abroad about how people can and must organize against corruption to protect common good institutions and keep an inclusive economy and democracy alive.</i></p> <p>[Session E Option 4] Small Groups: Meet Ups by Region and School (attendee-led) 101: All ▾ Pierce Hall ▾</p> <p><i>Meet with other attendees from your city, college, or region, and make next-step organizing plans together during this attendee-led workshop. Sign up to start an affinity group on the</i></p>	<p><i>If you decide to attend the longer 110 minute training, you may only attend the one training below and it will cover both sessions E and F.</i></p> <p>[Deep Dive EF Option 1] Harnessing Our Power to End Political Violence (ASL) with Nadine Bloch, HOPE PV 101: All ▾ ASC Sanctuary ▾</p> <p><i>Political violence—and threats of political violence—are a direct assault on US democracy, the Constitution, and the rights and freedoms of people across the nation. Join us to learn how we can stand up to those who want to silence our voices, who try to deny us our rights, and who aim to bully their way into political influence through intimidation and violence.</i></p> <p>[Deep Dive EF Option 2] Working Together for Action Security & De-Escalation with Alix Davidson, Training Manager, Actions Committee of Jewish Voice for Peace DC Metro @JVPDCMetro and Ann Swearingen, Data Wrangler, Movement Infrastructure Project, 201: All ▾ ASC Gym ▾</p> <p><i>Join us for a training and practice oriented around best practices in direct action affinity groups. We'll review topics like decision making and (secure) communications, de-escalation, and moving together. With scenarios and role-plays, we'll work together to help you figure out what works and what you might want to do differently, in the context of street protest.</i></p>

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	<p><i>large sign up sheet on the wall in Pierce Hall. Then pick a table and write a sign so people can find you.</i></p>	<p><i>Come and create a group on the spot or bring your crew and collaborate with us to make it shine.</i></p>
5-5:50pm Session F	<p>[Session F Option 1] DC Statehood 101: Dangers to DC Home Rule with the Anne Anderson, Chair, Committee for Full Rights for DC Citizens, League of Women Voters DC, @LWVDC (IG) & Kelsye Adams, Organizing Director, DC Vote, Cofounder-Free DC, Executive Director, Long Live GoGo, @LongLiveGoGoDMV 101: All ASC Longfellow</p> <p><i>Statehood 101 provides a brief history of DC's governance, how and why DC Statehood would work, and answers FAQs about statehood for the people of DC. Participants will be invited to discuss how to talk about statehood with friends and family, what the new administration means for home rule and how you can fight back.</i></p> <p>[Session F Option 2] Social Justice Poetry Workshop with Sunu Chandy Sunu P. Chandy, Poet and Civil Rights Attorney ; @Sunuchandy 101: All ASC Tupper</p> <p><i>In these times and all times, the arts can help to move our hearts and minds and provide a source of energy and comfort. Come together to engage with poems and respond to writing prompts as a way to create community and remember both our wholeness and connection.</i></p> <p>[Session F Option 3] Wheatpasters Unite! Postering in the District with the 411 Collective @411collective 101: All Pierce Hall</p> <p><i>Learn how to make paste and put your dissenting art up and around DC legally. You will receive the rules and hands on experience so you can form your own paste groups to keep the street posts lit with our dissent to racism and oppression.</i></p>	
6-7pm	<p>Dinner & Closing Remarks (ASL) in Pierce Hall with additional eating space in the Dining Room, Reeb Lobby, 2nd floor, and basement classrooms. <i>with John Paul "JP" Mejia, National Spokesperson, Sunrise Movement</i></p>	
7-8pm	<p>Solidarity Sing and Send Off (ASL)</p>	
8-8:30pm	<p>Post-Solidarity Sing Reception ASC Dining Room</p>	