



IE All Group Meeting NOTES

April 27, 2025

2:30 - New Member Welcome

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Main Agenda

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- Welcome! Enter Name and where you are from in chat
- Land Acknowledgement - video
- Steering Committee Introductions
- Speaker: Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09)
- IE Announcements
- Breakout Room Discussion
- Next meeting in-person May 18, location TBD

Land Acknowledgement

- Video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7VOVRUlwcKQ>
- <https://www.washingtontribes.org/the-tribes-of-washington/>

Speaker: Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09)

Q&A

Questions from Zoom registration as of 4/27/25 7 am:

- Knowing what you know, what would you like everyone in your district to do?
- What are we doing about social security?
- Human rights and immigrant & refugee rights enforcement: under the U.S. Constitution or under state and municipal code?

- What are the concrete actions we need to take together to disrupt the slide toward authoritarianism in this country?
- What can Congress do to address Trump's recent meme coin sales and offers to host dinners and White House tours to top investors
- How is WA state preparing for cuts to essential services like ACA. Medicare. Medicaid?

Questions from CHAT

- Nicole: QUESTION: How insulated is WA state from the descent into authoritarianism that the Trump administration is driving? QUESTION: regarding the third point (needing an alternative viable message), who is going to lead us? Biden and Harris failed us. Who is emerging as the viable leader of this message and movement on the national scale?
- Kathleen: QUESTION: If Trump's approval rating enters the low 30s, is it likely that Congressional republicans will start to break with him on some issues?
- Ginger: QUESTION: In the event of a successful impeachment and removal of Trump, how concerned should we be about those that will automatically replace him? QUESTION: What is being done to protect the LGBTQ+ community, especially Trans people, from the flood of over 850 bills that have been written against us in just this year?
- Kate: QUESTION: What financial impacts is Washington State experiencing NOW due to 47s Presidency? QUESTION: What National Security vulnerabilities do you see?
- Mark: QUESTION: What is congress doing to make sure the military is not following crazy orders from the President. Such as using the military against protestors. QUESTION: a lot of us are afraid that we can't wait until 2026. Trump is moving to fast. In order for us to support you is to understanding that you and the Democrats have a plan. Short term and long term. We are still waiting for a plan.
- Rebecca: QUESTION: What is your personal opinion of Bernie Sanders & AOC "Fighting Oligarchy" tour? Are there discussions within the Democratic Party to amplify this message? There is a perception among younger voters that Democrats & Republicans take money from billionaires,

and it leaves them feeling like neither party represents them and as a result they don't vote or don't engage in the political process. Thank you for your time.

- Susan: QUESTION: What do you feel are the 3 most pressing issues facing the country at this critical moment in time and how will those translate into the top action-oriented priorities for the Congress as Members return to the Hill? Thank you!
- Kathleen: QUESTION: What is the plan to introduce and pass bills once Dems retake control to clean up these loopholes that the regime is capitalizing on i.e. rolling back the Alien & Sedition Act, that was used to intern Japanese Americans and is now being used to illegally deport immigrants, overturning the Comstock Act, etc. as well as giving other laws actual teeth/mechanism for enforcement such as the Logan Act?
- Liz: QUESTION: How are we planning serious civil disobedience to flood the zone?
- Sally: Are democrats supporting David Hogg's ideas of supporting effective candidates?
- Karen: Question: What can Congress do to address Trump using his position to raise personal funds through meme coin, etc? Emollients are still illegal for presidents, right?
- Michaela: QUESTION: Is the Peace Corp at risk from the current administration?
- Kathy: What do you think the chances are Trump will declare martial law..... and what can Congress or the courts do if he does?
- Kelli: Question: How does that (holding members of the Trump admin in contempt for defying court orders) work if Trump himself is the perpetrator?
- Valerie: Question: Is Ukraine finished?
- Karen: People-- kids--are dying of measles and more. How can we push GOP/red state reps to get spines??
- Donald: QUESTION: Given how horrible Trump and his policies are, isn't the MAIN problem GOP messaging and the cult-like support of him? Why does the U.S. have troops in all these places?! We can't afford it, they cause wars,

and they invite retaliation.

- Stacey: I agree with your parts 1 & 2, not sure I agree about 3. I mean yes, we need to rehabilitate the Dem brand, but it's not just about policy. In the last 4 years, Dems did a lot of good things - bringing down drug prices for one. And they tried to talk about them. But a big chunk of the population isn't listening at all, so it doesn't pop. Nobody watches the news or political shows or read political news. And yet "we saved you money from the price gouging drug companies" is a good message. If you have a good message and you are saying it over and over, then the problem isn't the message.
 - Wendy: Agree 100 - the entire media ecosystem is suppressing democratic message
 - Kristen: The political scientist Rachel Bitecofer has done a lot of deep diving on messaging and how Dems can improve their effectiveness. She makes some compelling suggestions and I recommend looking her up on Substack and her recent book, Hit Em Where It Hurts
 - Karen: I listened to an interview with Harry Sisson today and he had a lot to say about how the Dems have missed messaging opportunities by sticking only with legacy media and he feels a lot of his generation (Gen Z) did not get the message from the Dems. Dems also need to NOT be afraid to be louder and ruder if need be
- Marilyn: First wife Ivana was the daughter of a KGB agent. He took Donald to Moscow in 1987. Both sons have declared (first campaign against Hillary) proudly that "we don't need American banks. We get our money from Russia" OF COURSE HE is a Russian Agent
- Kathy: The chances of martial law?? And then what??
- Wendy: How is messaging for Dems always criticized but GOP talking points are ppl can be kidnapped at any point and vaccines are evil? Oh and we will register people with autism? How is it that it's Dems problem??
 - Karen: The right wing media spins these messages so they sound like all of these things are the fault of the Dems so it is our problem because they are overtly lying about us and the Dems have historically just ignored this or been too polite instead of loudly and rudely shutting it down.

- Lynne: QUESTION: To reiterate and combine 2 questions above, 2026 is pretty far away with how fast things are moving. What is the plan from Dems to get us past and through, and who do you see being the candidate to lead us?
- Kelli: Question: It sounds like you're advocating a very pragmatic approach going forward, which makes sense. But pragmatism often leads to accepted negative outcomes for smaller demographics. How are you going to balance necessary pragmatism with the likelihood of losing those smaller demographics because of the impact of that pragmatism?

IE Announcements

- Sign up for Indivisible Eastside's Weekly Actions and Events email at the website: <https://indivisibleeastside.com/>
- Sign up directly with Indivisible National to receive information in a timely fashion <https://act.indivisible.org/signup/get-updates-indivisible/>
- Tapping into the Washington Indivisible Network (WIN), a [Rapid Response Sign On Letter](#) to the entire WA State Congressional delegation was created and in 36 hours, 2800 individuals and 40 organizations signed on from all across the state. The letter and signatures were printed and delivered to Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell's offices as well as every Representative across the state including Republican Michael Baumgartner, in CD5
- Thur May 1, 7-8 pm – [IE Open Steering Meeting](#) – Join Indivisible Eastside Steering online, hear what we're working on, share what you're working on <https://bit.ly/IE-Open-Steering>
- [Seattle Indivisible Lunchtime Meeting w/ Sen. Cantwell's Staff](#) - online
- [Postcards and Letters Zoom meetings](#) 7-8 pm *every other* Sunday starting May 4th.
- **Upcoming protests:** <https://bit.ly/Eastside-Protests-25>
 - Thursday, May 1 - May Day National Day of Action
 - 12-5pm Seattle May Day Rally and March! - Cal Anderson Park
<https://www.mobilize.us/mayday/event/777492/>

- 4:30-6pm Indivisible Eastside May Day Strong - March -
Redmond Downtown Park
<https://www.mobilize.us/mayday/event/780408/>
- Saturday, May 3 11-12:30pm #MayDayStrong: We Are the Many
Bothell <https://www.mobilize.us/mayday/event/775394/>

Breakout Room Discussion

As a group, figure out 1 action you'd want to organize people to collectively take.
OR share resources and exchange emails with each other for future collaboration.
Email any thoughts to indivisibleeastside@gmail.com

[Breakout Room Help - screenshots of what to look for](#)

Moderated Breakout rooms

- Book Club - Sharon I resources [below](#)
- Congressional outreach - Wendy G resources [below](#)
- Protecting Immigrants - Michelle M until 4:00 resources [below](#)
- Postcards, Letter Writing - Joan and Yvonne resources [below](#)
- Protests & Rallies - Sally S resources [below](#)
- Voter Registration - Micheala G
- Why labor unions are so important in fighting fascism - Melissa D

Unmoderated Breakout rooms

- LGBTQ Rights - resources [below](#)
- Protecting Public Schools - resources [below](#)
- Parents of young children Group / How to get more younger people engaged
- Protecting Social Security/Medicare/Healthcare
- Home parties/social events with a purpose & Small pro-democracy action groups/circles
- Creating community mutual aid
- Movement to abolish nuclear weapons

Book Clubs

3 AntiFascist Book Clubs have been created with 2 launching so far - 1 in Redmond (at capacity) and 1 in

Kirkland. Bellevue (Bridle Trails area) will launch soon.

Please let Sharon know if you are interested in joining a book club OR if you are interested in leading or co-leading a similar book club. Contact hello@indivisibleeastside.com to be connected

Protecting Unhoused People

A group has organized and will be serving dinner to 110 men at Porchlight on Thursday funded by donations to Indivisible Eastside.

Protecting Public Schools

Join WA Stop Moms 4 "Liberty" by filling out the Volunteer/Interest Form: <https://bit.ly/WAStopM4L-Form1> to stay in the loop or volunteer to research Research Volunteer Orientation Wednesday April 30th 7-8 pm email stopm4l.wa@gmail.com with questions

See linktree at: <https://linktr.ee/strongschools.wa>

LGBTQ Rights

From Jan Y. To connect with Jan, email hello@indivisibleeastside.com

We've seen successful pro LGBTQIA+ state legislation move through the House and Senate and are awaiting Governor's signature. Thanks to those who've written or called our state legislators. It takes perseverance but it's important to write or call in at every stage that a bill gets reviewed through the process.

Bill 1971 - Increasing hormone therapy access, allowing 12 month prescriptions signed into law 4/25

Bill 5632 - Protecting the confidentiality of records and information that may be relevant to another state's enforcement of its laws - on Governor's desk for signature on 4/22

Bill 5101 - Expanding access to leave and safety accommodations to include workers who are victims of hate crimes or bias incidents - on Governor's desk for signature on 4/22

Bills SB 5181 - Parents Rights Bill **and HB 1296** - Promoting a safe and supportive public education system- these controversial bills were long debated but SB 5181 passed House and Senate and HB 1296 is on the Governor's desk for signature on 4/26 (Conservative multi-millionaire Brian Heywood is expected to launch a campaign to repeal LGBTQ protections and progressive taxes by collecting 400k+ signatures to repeal these bills by election).

Locally, will continue to monitor school boards decisions on whether to follow State laws on maintaining

DEI policies and allowing trans athletes to participate in school sports or follow Federal executive orders.

Monitor and fight city level activity, like Newcastle City Council whose Mayor and conservative members were against flying the Pride flag in June of last year and Woodinville City Council, which has 4 upcoming open seats which may flip the make-up of the council to be more conservative.

After answering some brief questions on how they'd like to help, I send a TAG (Take Action Group) email out once a week.

Protecting Immigrants

Contact hello@indivisibleeastside.com to be put in touch with Michelle M.

Here is the one-page handout from the March 22nd IE meeting entitled [Ways to Help Immigrants in WA](#). It lists 6 concrete ways you can help our immigrant neighbors.

And here's one more:

Asylum Clinics:

There's a once-a-month volunteer opportunity that's open to lawyers, law students and some paralegals. There is a free asylum clinic one Saturday a month in downtown Seattle. You don't have to go every month, just when you choose. These days, filing for asylum is one of the only protections against deportation. So the work is more important than ever.

The clinic is sponsored by the [Riverton Park United Methodist Church](#), and largely run by volunteers from the [Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice](#).

Contact Michelle M. by writing to hello@indivisibleeastside.com if you are a lawyer, law student or paralegal and interested in this opportunity.

Good Sources of Information & Actions:

Here are three that are great sources of information & action about immigration:

[Northwest Immigrant Rights Project](#)

[Acacia Center for Justice](#)

[American Immigration Council](#)

Immigrant Detention Data

If you want to get into the weeds, a great source of info on immigrant detentions is [TRAC at Syracuse University](#). It is nationwide data, and you can zero in on the NW Detention Center (aka NW ICE Processing Center) in Tacoma if you want. There are many tabs & reports to explore.

Immigrant Housing

When immigrants are released from the NW Detention Center in Tacoma, they sometimes need short-term housing. There is a whole system in place, where volunteers are vetted and specify dates when they are available, and when they are not.

To find out more, you can contact **Aidan Perkins, Operations Manager** at [AIDNW](https://aidnw.org) (Advocates for Immigrants in Detention) at operationsmgr@aidnw.org. The short-term housing program is run jointly by AIDNW and [World Relief](#).

Supporting Immigrants who have been detained in WA:

Information on what to do if someone is detained. Here's a document with concrete steps you can take if you know someone who has been detained: [How to Support an Immigrant Who is Detained in WA](#). Here's the same document in Spanish if you know a family who could use it: [Cómo Apoyar a un Inmigrante Detenido en WA](#).

Know Your Rights resources:

[This one page](#) from the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) website has links to several trustworthy Know Your Rights publications in English, Spanish and other languages.

Congressional Outreach:

5 people delivered a statewide sign on letter to Rep. Suzan DelBene's office regarding Due Process and Kilmar Abrego Garcia.

People are using 5Calls.org app to contact their Members of Congress
email hello@indivisibleeastside.com if you'd like to connect with this group.

Indivisible Meetings with DelBene Staff

Constituents in CD1 meet every other month with Rep. Suzan DelBene's staff.

When: generally the third Wednesday every other month at 3 pm for 1 hour The next meeting will be on May 14th (a departure from the usual schedule).

Who: we meet with Kelly who is the lead staff person for her District offices.

What: we circulate an agenda 2 weeks before the meeting in which people can put in their questions/comments by subject.

This is then forwarded to Kelly 1 week before the meeting.

email hello@indivisibleeastside.com if you'd like to connect with this group.

Protests and Rallies:

The Indivisible Eastside Rally Planning Team is organizing events in the Eastside in support of national events including April 5 Hands Off, April 24 Hands Off Social Security, and May 1 May Day Strong events. We organized a weekly Redmond Street Rally to Defend Civil Rights and are supporting and promoting other events including the weekly Kirkland Street Rally to Defend the Constitution and the Musk or Us Starlink events. The connections we make at these events allow us to increase our network of people who will join us in standing up and speaking out in solidarity. We help maintain the [Eastside and Seattle](#)

[Protests 2025](#) document.

Our strategy is to carefully plan and build our organizing and planning skills so we are able to increase the number and size of events we organize and move quickly as needed. We also publicize events other organizations are holding in our Weekly Actions and Events Calendar.

Breakout session discussion:

- What ideas do you have for protests/rallies that you can also help organize?
- How can we have more coordination with other resistance organizations such as 50501, Troublemakers, Evergreen Resistance, etc. so we can publicize and support each other's events?

email rally@indivisibleeastside.com if you'd like to volunteer at upcoming events

Postcards and Letterwriting

2025 Postcard and Letter Writing

Current Opportunities Table <https://bit.ly/IECurrentPostcards>

Postcards/Letterwriting Zoom meetings - Zoom meetings starting May 4th, 2025

IE Website link:

<https://indivisibleeastside.com/events/event/postcards-and-letters-zoom-get-together-2025/>

Zoom Registration <https://bit.ly/PNL-IE>

Coffee and Postcards for Change

Tues April 29, 10-11:30 am - Coffee and Postcards for Change - DownPour Coffee, 13200 Old Redmond Rd suite 120, Redmond (by Bridle Trails Shopping Center). We supply everything but coffee.

In - Person event hosts needed

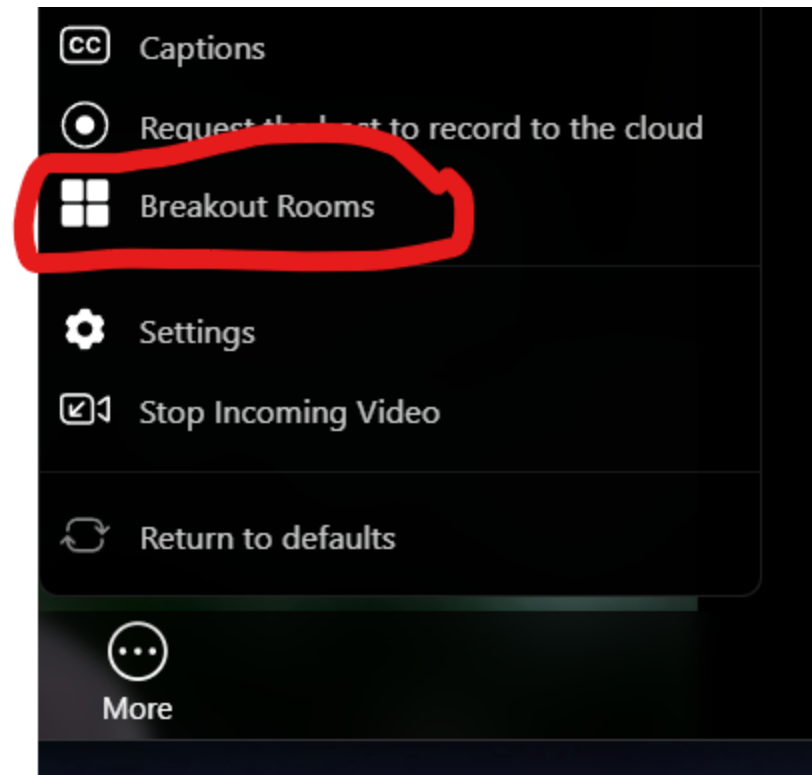
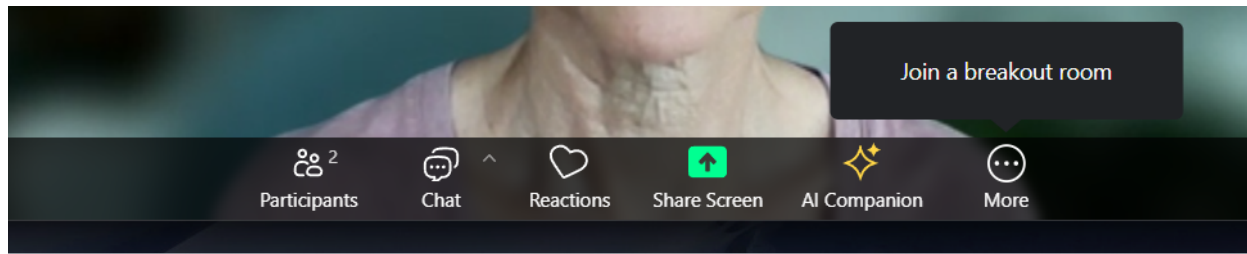
contact postcards@indivisibleeastside.com to learn more

See our Postcards Resources on our website <https://indivisibleeastside.com/postcarding-resources/>

Digital Safety

[Establishing Good Digital Hygiene](#)

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Breakout Rooms - In Progress



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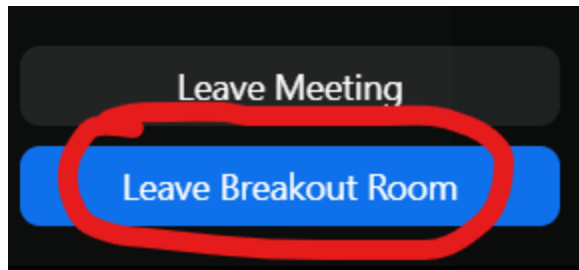


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