NEW LEADERSHIP NETWORKING INITIATIVE

Fall Meeting

Agenda

Chicago, IL
October 28-29, 2010
Thursday, October 28, 2010
*All sessions in Capri unless otherwise noted

9am  Welcome and introductions  
*Corinna Yazbek and Soo Ji Min

10 – 11am  Setting the Context: Organizing in Chicago, Illinois, and the Midwest  
*Adam Kuranishi, Dominique McKinney, Mayadet Patitucci-Cruz, Earl Pike, Cherisse Scott
Chicago and Cleveland-based activists will describe the climate for social justice organizing in Chicago, Illinois state-wide, and the Midwest regionally in the current political moment. They will explore the political context, opportunities for movement-building, and connect their work to organizing around the country.

11 – 12:30pm  The Greening of Anti-Immigrant Politics: Scapegoating from the Right to the Left  
*Verónica Bayetti Flores, Katie McKay Bryson, Rebecca Poswolsky, Nia Robinson, Fred Tsao
In the midst of a surge in anti-immigrant fervor on the Right, including efforts to change the 14th amendment, we’re simultaneously pushing back against paternalistic fertility control efforts by the Left under the guise of feminism and empowerment. Panelists will describe these efforts and resistance by immigrant and ally activists.

12:30 – 1:45pm  Networking Lunch

2 – 3:20pm  Concurrent skills-building sessions:
• Social Media for Social Justice - *Melissa Gira Grant
• Supporting Prisoners Inside and Through Re-Integration  *Ischia Room
  - Theresa Martinez and Amanda Scheper

3:30 – 5:15pm  Where is Reproductive Justice in the Progressive Left?  
*Zahra Alabanza, Paris Hatcher, Heidi Williamson, Corinna Yazbek
After the 2010 US Social Forum, many of us were left wondering if Reproductive Justice, gender justice, and feminism have a place on the Left’s national agenda. Speakers will deliver brief presentations describing inclusion or marginalization of Reproductive Justice in various contexts, then participants will break into small groups and develop concrete ways to move reproductive and gender justice from the margin to the center.

5:30pm  Reception  *Ravello Lounge

7pm  Dinner  *Adobo Grill
Reproductive Justice and the Sex Trade
Sienna Baskin, Gina DeVries, Betty Devoe, Kelli Dorsey, Melissa Gira Grant, Deon Haywood, Bhavana Nancherla, JD Rosario, C. Angel Torres

Moving beyond the binary conversations of the feminist sex wars, this panel features voices of national leaders in the movement for the rights of people in the sex trade. They’ll use an interactive fishbowl structure, speakers will explore the current obstacles and opportunities for moving forward a justice agenda through cross-movement collaboration.

Open Space

Evaluations and closing

Boxed lunch to go

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New Leadership Networking Initiative (NLNI)
Mission Statement

The New Leadership Networking Initiative (NLNI) is part of CLPP’s overall effort to diversify the reproductive rights movement with new vision, voices and leadership. To work toward this goal, NLNI fosters new collaborative work between organizations, nurtures young and emerging leadership, and sparks campus organizing.

NLNI is a forum for bringing together a diverse group of people engaged in reproductive justice work from a variety of organizations, including those organizations which are not always included in the movement, such as welfare and immigrant rights groups. We work actively to ensure that our discussions are conscious of and sensitive to the ways in which racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, transphobia, ableism, ageism and educational privilege affect our movements and our work. NLNI is committed to changing the face of the movement by confronting issues of movement diversity, creating new strategies and messages to represent the movement, and building a network of leaders who can support one another.

NLNI has an ever-changing membership as participants move to different organizations or jobs and more people join the movement. NLNI must retain a flexibility to accommodate this rolling membership, while remaining stable and dynamic enough to support returning members as they continue their work in the movement.

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