

# CHICAGO TROUBLEMAKERS SCHOOL

**Registration: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.**

Coffee and light snacks

**Opening Plenary: 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

- **Deborah Lane** (Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308) Welcome
- **Jhoanna Maldonado** (Chicago Teachers Union) on getting strike-ready in their fight for the schools Chicago students deserve.
- **Sharon Moore** (Chicago Teachers Union) on charter school teachers joining the strike wave.
- **Samantha Winslow** (Labor Notes), facilitator

**Morning Workshops: 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

- Beating Apathy
- Contract Campaigns from the Bottom Up
- Assembling Your Dream Team
- Strike Solidarity

**Lunch: 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Afternoon Workshops: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

- Turning an Issue into a Campaign
- Solidarity With Immigrant Workers and Communities
- Fighting for Safe Staffing and Workload
- Assertive Grievance Handling

**Closing Plenary: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

- **Portillo's restaurant worker** (ARISE) on organizing against anti-immigrant attacks (ARISE)
- **Zama and Alanna** (DCH1 Amazonians United) on organizing in Amazon warehouses

**Join Us For Post-event Troublemakers Happy Hour (location TBA)**

(Workshop details on opposite side)

**Saturday, August 24, 2019**

Chicago Teachers Union Hall  
1901 W Carroll Ave  
Chicago, IL 60612

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



## About Labor Notes

Labor Notes is a media and organizing project that has been the voice of union activists who want to put the *movement* back in the labor movement since 1979.

Through our magazine, website, books, conferences, and workshops, we promote organizing, aggressive strategies to fight concessions, alliances with worker centers, and unions that are run by their members.

Labor Notes is also a network of rank-and-file members, local union leaders, and labor activists who know the labor movement is worth fighting for. We encourage connections between workers in different unions, worker centers, communities, industries, and countries to strengthen the movement from the bottom up.

# WORKSHOPS

**MORNING 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

## Beating Apathy

Are you beating your head against a wall trying to get other workers involved? This workshop is for you. Hear success stories from those who've turned their workplaces around and turned apathy into action. Learn practical organizing tools for engaging your co-workers, taking action, and getting results.

*Samantha Winslow, Labor Notes*

*Kendra Koeppen, Wisconsin Education Association Council*

## Contract Campaigns from the Bottom Up

Back-room deals don't build power... and they don't produce good contracts. Hear from panelists about how their unions won more by bringing members right into bargaining, and how rank and filers organized to raise the bar even when union leaders were satisfied with the status quo.

*Linda Perales, Chicago Teachers Union*

*Dave Bernt, Teamsters Local 705*

*Erin O'Callaghan, UIC Graduate Employees Organization*

*Facilitator: Kerry Luckett, Cook County Teachers Association*

## Assembling Your Dream Team

Your workplace may feel like an unorganized mess, but the truth is you're not starting from zero. There's organization there already – though it might have nothing to do with the union. Learn how to map out the existing networks and knit them together into an organizing committee.

*Debby Pope, Chicago Teachers Union*

*Rosa Ponce, Labor Notes*

## Strike Solidarity

When one union goes on strike, what can sympathetic activists and members of other unions do to help the strikers win? We'll talk about the elements of a strong strike support campaign.

*Abby Agriesti, Chicago Democratic Socialists of America*

*Steven Ashby, AFT Local 6546, Chicago Teachers Solidarity Campaign*

**AFTERNOON 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

## Turning an Issue into a Campaign

Everybody has complaints and frustrations, but an organizer had the power to turn problems into opportunities. Learn how to sort through the issues you hear from co-workers and bring people together to solve them.

*Angelina Cruz, Racine Education Association*

## Solidarity With Immigrant Workers and Communities

Employers and politicians are trying to divide us from our co-workers and weaken the labor movement as a whole by attacking immigrants. Learn how unions and worker centers are fighting back – and how you can too.

*Rosa Ponce, Labor Notes*

*Jorge Mujica, ARISE Chicago*

## Fighting for Safe Staffing and Workload

Bosses always want us to do more for less - making it harder for us to do our jobs well and safely. Hear from panelists who have fought to improve workloads and staffing levels through collective action.

*Mary Difino, Chicago Teachers Union*

*Yolunda Clark, National Nurses United*

*Dan Ginsberg-Jaeckle, Teamsters Local 705*

*Facilitator: Dawn Tefft, UIC Graduate Employees Organization*

## Assertive Grievance Handling

Fighting grievances isn't only about how well you argue your case - it's also about organizing members to build pressure on management. This workshop will focus on how to win creatively without going to arbitration – or sometimes without even filing a grievance.

*Joe DeManuelle-Hall, Labor Notes*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2020 LABOR NOTES CONFERENCE**

April 17-19, 2020 Chicago, Illinois