Wisconsin business leaders and politicians have declared war on workers. Whether in the public or private sector, workers face the biggest crisis in decades. Learn how to fight back!

Friday, April 1, 2011 - 5:00 pm
Drinks, food, cartoon and photo exhibit
Special guest speakers on the "State of the Unions"

Saturday, April 2, 2011 - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Workshops all day
Lunch

Join us at the Labor Temple
1602 South Park Street, Madison

SIGN ME UP for the 2011 Madison Labor Notes Troublemakers School!

Registration: $25
Includes lunch & all workshops

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See reverse for special requests
Friday, April 1, 2011
Open to the Public! Free Admission!

5:00 pm: Exhibits and book signings
Drinks and food; David Giffey photo exhibit; Huck/Konopacki Labor Cartoons exhibit; greet and meet with various book authors. Registration for the Saturday program also available.

6:00 pm: “The State of the Unions”
Poetry by M.L. Liebler; David Giffey discusses photo exhibit; panel discussion with special guests: labor journalist and organizer Steve Early, author Joe Burns, SCFL president Jim Cavanaugh, Macalester College history professor Peter Rachleff, and Labor Notes staff writer Jane Slaughter.

Saturday, April 2, 2011
Registrants only

Madison Labor Notes Troublemakers School

8:00 am: Registration, coffee, pastries
9:00 am: Opening, plenary session
9:50 am: Break
10:05 am: Choice of four workshops
11:30 am: Lunch provided
12:30 pm: Choice of four workshops
1:55 pm: Break
2:10 pm: Choice of four workshops
3:35 pm: Closing and plenary speaker

WORKSHOPS

Organizing
Alex Gillis, Ron Blascoe, Eduardo Soriano-Castillo.
New and old organizing strategies in an economic crisis. Create an independent organizing committee.

Immigration
Christine Neumann-Ortiz (invited), Alex Gillis. What we can do to protect and advance the interests of immigrant and other workers.

Racism: History of Divide and Conquer
Peter Rachleff, Christine Neumann-Ortiz (Invited). Racism is used to divide and conquer us. Know our history and prepare for upcoming struggles.

Media Outreach
Frank Emspak, Steve Early. How to get media attention and communicate your members’ issues to the press and the public.

Contract Campaigns
Steve Early, Dave Poklinski. Mobilize your members to get a better contract; good, practical steps any local can take.

Public Sector Workers
Earl Silbar, with public employee union representatives. Public sector workers are on the front lines and in the cross hairs. How to fight back.

Labor-Campus-Community Solidarity
Patrick Barrett, SLAC, AFSCME. Madison is fertile ground for campus, community, and labor mutual support. Develop a solidarity project.

Is Capitalism Working for Us?
Peter Rachleff, Frank Emspak. Unions, workers, and the social safety net are under attack. What we can do about it.

Election Strategy
Greg Neil. Make sure the people we elect represent us. Find options that benefit the majority and develop an outline of a plan for the Madison area.

Art for Mobilization
Mike Konopacki. How union campaigns can use corporate logo and identity images. Brainstorm ideas for your locals.

Know Your Rights
Marilyn Townsend, Carlos Miranda. Understand your rights under existing labor law to organize at work, in your union, and elsewhere.

Build Your Union
Earl Silbar. Your union needs you. How to get involved and get more accomplished to revitalize and build your union.

All events held at the Madison Labor Temple
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