



Democracy: What is It? Can We Have It? What Do We Need to Do?

2018 Schedule

DATES: May 11, September 6, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

PLACE: East Side Freedom Library

ADDRESS: 1105 Greenbrier St, St Paul, MN 55106

PREPARATION: For each session there are pre-session readings or videos. To receive them sign-up with Barbara Gerten at minnesota@movetoamend.org. Leave you name, phone number and email address.

Rights and Privilege Timeline (May 11 and September 6)

Session 1: Democracy: What is It? Can We Have it? (September 20)

Objective: Define democracy, political democracy, economic democracy, and participatory democracy. Learn how these distinctions are relevant to our fight against corporate rule. Explore how a democracy movement can incorporate these toward our strategies in order to win.

Session 2: Oppression and Democracy (September 27)

Objective: Define oppression and solidarity and intersectionality, learn how corporate rule benefits from oppression, and learn how oppression damages democracy and our chances of winning this fight against corporate rule, and why we need an intersectional approach to understanding different people's experiences.

Session 3: Abolitionist, Women's Suffrage, Direct Election of Senators (October 4)

Objectives: Learn from effective past movements: Abolitionist, Suffragist, direct election of senators, and explore how a democracy movement can incorporate past strategies to win our current fight against corporate rule.

Session 4: Intersectional Solidarity Organizing and Anti-Oppression -- Building a Culture of Trust and Safe Spaces (October 11)

Objective: Learn about tools, culture, and processes that can help to make space for people with different life experiences, intersecting identities, and needs. Make a historical connection between the Women's Suffrage Movement and gender justice today. Take lessons from the Civil Rights Movement .

Session 5: Division and Co-option (October 18)

Objectives: Explore the ways that social justice movements can be co-opted, and learn how a democracy movement can avoid repeating those mistakes.

Session 6: Labor and Democracy (October 25)

Objectives: Learn from an effective past social movement, the Labor Movement, and explore how a democracy movement can incorporate this toward our strategies to win the current fight against corporate rule.

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