

The Power of the People

A Convening for WV Organizers

Friday–Sunday, September 18–20, 2026 · Davis, WV

A small working retreat to build a concrete plan for a statewide grassroots network for rapid mobilization, coalition-building, and state and federal advocacy.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Arrival & welcome dinner

6:30 – 8:30 PM **Dinner**

Food available whenever you arrive. Informal conversations.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The working day

8:00 – 9:00 AM **Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:25 AM **Welcome and Introductions**

Getting oriented together. Who's in the room, why we're here, and what we hope to build.

Trina Runner and Annabel Park

9:25 – 10:20 AM **Sharing from Indivisible leaders**

Trina Runner, Kim van Rijn, Vincent DeGeorge, Cristal Moore, and Cynthia Fox

10:20 – 10:50 AM **Sharing from Rev. Paul Hudock**

His experiences organizing around ICE raids and detentions

10:50 – 11:00 AM **Break**
10 minutes

11:00 – 11:30 AM **Sharing from Tucker United**

Organizing lessons from Tucker County
Cris Parque

**11:30 AM –
12:00 PM**

Sharing from Hardy Land Alliance

Lloyd Fultz and Lindsay Paul

**12:00 – 1:00
PM**

Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 PM

Discussion with Eli Baumwell

Election protection · ICE · Flock cameras · Know your rights
Executive Director, ACLU of West Virginia

1:45 – 2:30 PM

Discussion with Seth DiStefano

The federal policy landscape and its impact on our communities
WV Center on Budget and Policy

2:30 – 2:40 PM

Break
10 minutes

2:40 – 3:25 PM

Sharing from Sara Lindstrom (United WV), Sam Green (ACLU – trans rights), and Ocean Smith (ACLU – Youth Organizing)

3:25 – 3:50 PM

Show Up to Defend

Organizing after Minneapolis
Annabel Park and Camaron Shore

3:50 – 4:00 PM

Break
10 minutes

4:00 – 5:00 PM

World Café Discussion & Harvesting

How do we create a statewide grassroots network?

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Dinner, storytelling, and music

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Closing breakfast

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Breakfast