

REVOLUTIONARY NONVIOLENCE?

STRATEGY SERIES AT THE FRIENDS CENTER - 2012

1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia 19102

Monday, February 20, 6:30-9:30pm *This is What Democracy Looks Like.*

A screening of this documentary about the protests at the 1999 WTO meeting in Seattle will be followed by discussion about mass nonviolent action and a video conference with David Solnit, co-founder of Art and Revolution and author of *Globalize Liberation: How to Uproot the System and Build a Better World.*

Monday, February 27, 6:30-9:30pm *You Say You Want a Revolution...*

A panel on strategy for Occupy and beyond. Approaches and panelists will include Strategy for a Living Revolution (panelist: George Lakey); Diversity of Tactics (panelist: Cathie Berrey-Green); Deep Green Resistance (panelist: Derrick Jensen); Faith community-based nonviolent action (panelist: Rev. Donna Jones).

Monday, March 5, 6:30-9:30pm *When the People Lead.*

Veteran organizers will share stories of strategic campaigns for social change. Participants will include Bal Pinguel (veteran of the 1986 EDSA Revolution in the Philippines), Cindy Milstein of the Institute for Anarchist Studies, Rabbi Arthur Waskow of the Shalom Center and 4 other veterans of local struggles.



Saturday, March 10 9:30am- 4:30pm

Nonviolent Warrior. This space-limited experiential training facilitated by Training for Change (trainingforchange.org) is for activists who want more powerful change strategies and anyone who wants to channel love and anger into action for change. *Many activists use nonviolent tactics but don't achieve the full value of the action because it's not connected to a strategy, or to a richer understanding of how nonviolent action works. What we can miss is a treasure trove of theory and practice developed by oppressed people all over the world. To apply for this workshop, please go to tinyurl.com/NVTraining.* In order to make this workshop accessible to all, there is no registration fee. Voluntary sliding-scale donations will be requested to cover the cost of the training but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Monday, March 12: 6:30-9:30pm *A Force More Powerful.* An inspiring film about how nonviolent power has overcome oppression and authoritarian rule all over the world - followed by audience discussion.

Sponsored and organized by: The American Friends Service Committee (www.afsc.org), Occupy Philadelphia Friends Center and Interfaith Working Groups (occupyphillyga.net), and the Shalom Center (www.theshalomcenter.org). Questions? Email revnva@gmail.com.

WHY THIS SERIES?

The Occupy movement has reawakened dreams for a social revolution and has effectively changed the conversation about economic justice in the U.S. **But now what?**



Strategy and preparation make or break social movements. Even more dangerous than repression and agents provocateurs are the splits that often arise in movements over questions of strategy and tactics. **What will be the best way forward for Occupy?**

Come explore questions that loom large – those around nonviolent action and “diversity of tactics,” around action agreements, autonomy, authority, and accountability. By exploring these questions together, - with helpful materials and with speakers representing a variety of viewpoints - we can build a far more powerful movement for change.