

WHO

The workshop is for individuals who want more power by learning new skills and strategies to affect change to benefit and protect their families, communities and environment. It's for people who feel that public officials, regulatory agencies and business corporations either have too much power or don't listen to citizens and their concerns. It's for citizens who want to create or make more effective a community group that can influence public policy, directly create laws and/or create viable local alternatives.



*The workshop is facilitated by staff and/or board members of the Economic Justice & Empowerment program of the Northeast Ohio American Friends Service Committee [AFSC, www.afsc.net], a Quaker social action organization that educates, advocates and organizes for social change. The program staff person is **Greg Coleridge**, former national board member of Common Cause and current national member of the Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy [POCLAD, www.poclad.org]*

WHAT

A 4-hour one-time workshop that introduces participants to:

- ***The history of domination and democracy/self determination in Ohio and the US***

[Example: Did you know that at one time Ohioans through the state legislature prohibited business corporations from owning other corporations, moving their business from outside the community without permission, or making political contributions?]

- ***Democratic/self –determination strategies from elsewhere across the US and around the world***

[Example: Did you know that citizens in other states have passed or are working to pass local ordinances banning agribusiness, toxic sludge dumping and corporation campaign contributions? Or that nonviolent mass movements have toppled that undemocratic governments elsewhere in the world over the past 10 years?]

- ***Specific organizing skills that you and other participants want to learn to bring change***

[Examples: recruiting new people, developing leadership, planning and running a meeting, developing a campaign, using the media, coalition building, conducting a power analysis, organizing an initiative and referendum campaign or any others that participants decide]

- ***Specific local alternatives in Ohio to corporations, corporate governance and elite control.***

[Examples: cooperatives, public access media, local currencies and municipal ownership]

- ***Follow-up help and guidance on how to specifically learn more or implement what you've learned.***

Very importantly, the workshop also allows participants to share their knowledge and skills with one another and discuss and react to the presented information.

CREATING DEMOCRACY

A PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP ON HOW TO CHANGE LAWS AND ASSERT CITIZEN AUTHORITY AND POWER

REGISTRATION FORM
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Name of group _____

Contact (Name) _____

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