

PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



one movement for people and the planet

Welcome to the first ever Vermont People's Convention for Human Rights!

For generations before us people have come together in struggle to demand their rights and to fight to make real their visions for a better world. We stand on their shoulders as we come together here to assert and enforce our human rights for the good of all. This is a space where, embracing the diversity which enriches our humanity, we will declare in unity that we will shift the balance of power back to the People!

This People's Convention arises directly from the growing grassroots movement in Vermont for human rights and real democracy now called: Put People First! Our movements in Vermont also draw directly from national and global organizing efforts including the Human Rights At Home Campaign, Caring Across Generations, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, World Social Forum, Jobs with Justice, US Human Rights Network and Occupy Wall Street.

Our families, loved ones, and communities are experiencing a crisis. The same forces that exploit people are also exploiting the planet. We understand that nobody will change this situation for us. Only by standing together in solidarity can we eliminate the human suffering that we all experience, and make certain that each of us lives a life of dignity on a healthy planet.

The human rights based system that we create here today must be sustainable—for humans, for our mother earth and for generations to come. We can only do this by getting our communities organized and building a powerful people's movement based on interdependence, solidarity, and love.

Thank you for joining us!

Vermont People's Convention Host Committee

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“In our dreams we have seen another world, an honest world, a world decidedly more fair than the one in which we now live. We saw that in this world there was no need for armies; peace justice and liberty were so common that no one talked about them as far off concepts, but as things such as bread, birds, air, water, like book and voice. This is how the good things were named in this world. And in this world there was reason and good will in the government, and the leaders were clear-thinking people; they ruled by obeying. This world was not a dream from the past, it was not something that came to us from our ancestors. It came from ahead, from the next step we are going to take. And so we started to move forward to attain this dream, make it come down and sit at our tables, light our homes, grow in our corn fields, fill the hearts of our children, wipe our sweat, heal our history. And it was for all. That is what we want. Nothing more, nothing less. From “In Our Dreams We Have Seen Another World” —Subcomandante Marcos

WEEKEND AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Saturday, September 1

8:30-9:00am <i>Breakfast & Registration</i>	
9:00-10:00am <i>Kickoff Rally: Welcome & Framing</i>	Emcee: Sarah Launderville, Vermont Center for Independent Living. Keynote Speakers: Shela Linton, VWC and Ellen Schwartz, VWC. Spoken Word: James Haslam, VWC. Music: Abominable Flomen
10:15am-12:15pm <i>Session #1: The Problem = The Multitude of Crises our Communities Face</i>	Participatory workshops to explore root problems. Tracks include: <i>Healthcare is a Human Right, Right to a Healthy Environment & Livable Planet, Human Rights and Education, Housing is a Human Right, Human Rights in the Food System, The Right to Dignified Work</i>
12:15-1:45pm <i>Lunch</i>	See Lunchtime Meetups board for full list of informal discussion over lunch
1:45-3:45pm <i>Session #2: The Vision = A Community Based on Human Rights and Democracy</i>	Participatory workshops on the vision. (Remain in same group as the morning)
4:00-5:00pm <i>People's Assembly: How do we get organized to create and protect our vision?</i>	Emcee: Mark Mitchell, VSEA Panelists: Harold Nadeau, Vermont Center for Independent Living, Sandra Schlosser, VWC, Natalia Fajardo, Migrant Justice, Beverly Greenwood, Vermont Early Educators United, Brian McAllister, Vermont Homecare United, Leslie Matthews, VWC. Closing Song
5:00-9:00pm <i>People's Concert - Battery Park 6-9pm</i>	In conjunction with the 60 th anniversary celebration of Progressive Media Outlet Toward Freedom. Bands: Salsa Norteña, Afro Vermont, Joe Hanzsum of the AZI Fellas. Food Vendors will be serving at the park.

Sunday, September 2

8:00-8:45am <i>Interfaith Service</i>	
8:30-9:00am <i>Breakfast & Registration</i>	
9:20-10:00am <i>People's Assembly: Plenary of National and International Guests on Indivisibility & Solidarity</i>	Emcee: Avery Pittman, Red Clover Climate Justice/VWC. Panelists: Cindy Weisner, Grassroots Global Justice, Miami, FL, Rushdia Mehdi Mehreen, La CLASSE, Montreal, Quebec, John Newton, Southern Maine Workers' Center, Portland, ME, Nijmie Dzurinko, Put People First PA, Philadelphia, PA
10:00-10:15am <i>Introduction to the The People's Recipe</i>	Kate Kanelstein and Matt McGrath, VWC, Mari Cordes, Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, Natalia Fajardo, Migrant Justice
10:30am-12:15pm **Session #3: Action/Movement Building = The Steps We Must Take to Move Towards our Vision	Participatory workshops on <i>The People's Recipe</i> —Strategies we can build collectively to achieve our vision. Breakouts include: Base-Building, Human Rights Framework, Holding Power-Holders Accountable, Grassroots Fundraising, Winning the Battle of the Story (Telling our own stories), Leadership Development and Political Education, Solidarity and Movement Building
12:15-1:45pm Lunch	See Lunchtime Meetups board for full list of informal discussion over lunch
1:45-3:15pm **Session #4: Skill Knowledge & Building Workshops	Skill/knowledge-building workshops (See <i>Page 6 about Session 4</i>)
3:30pm-5:00pm Closing: <i>People's Movement Assembly</i> - Music from Africa Jamono	Emcees: Anna Gebhardt, Vermont Parents United/VWC and Peg Franzen, VWC. A reading and ratification of the Vermont People's Declaration, Kid's Camp presentation, multi-media project from the weekend and closing songs.

**** Be sure to register for a session over the course of the day Saturday or on Sunday morning****

SESSIONS 1-3 IN DETAIL

The majority of the convention will be spent in participatory workshops no larger than 25 people. Each small group will be broken out by track (ie Healthcare is a Human Right). Each group will be having parallel conversations with the different track issues as context. These conversations are broken into 3 sessions: Problem, Vision and Action (how we will achieve our vision). We will be using similar exercises in each small group to facilitate these conversations. Below is a brief description of the three sessions.

Session 1: The Problem Tree. Saturday, 10:15am-12:15pm

In this first session, we will begin by hearing from one another how we experience the human rights crisis day to day in our communities. We will call these experiences the leaves of our problem tree. After sharing our stories, we will move the conversation from the “I” to the “We”. We will ask each other why? Why are our communities struggling? Why can we not meet our fundamental needs? We will look for the root causes of the problems in our communities. If we are to envision a different way, and take action steps to achieve that vision, we must have an accurate diagnosis of the problem.

Session 2: A Principled Vision. Saturday, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

We will remain in the same groups for session 2. A goal in Session 1 is to identify root causes of our struggles. In this session we will work together to build a vision for the community we would like to see, from the roots up. As we uproot the problem tree, what are we planting instead? We will use the Human Rights Principles of Universality, Equity, Transparency, Accountability and Participation (see descriptions on page 12) as our roots. Using these roots we will attempt to go beyond creating a list of the issues we want resolved. Rather, we will envision structural changes for a society that works by and for the people. We will also take time to work together on pieces of the first ever Vermont Declaration for Human Rights.

Session 3: Recipe for our Movement. Sunday, 10:30am-12:15pm

*** Be sure to register for a session over the course of the day Saturday or on Sunday morning***

In this session we will propose a model or “recipe” for building the capacity necessary to take on our opponents. We will each choose one “ingredient” or piece of our movement-building work (see The People’s Recipe p.13) to join in this session. Breakout groups will discuss the strategies we must employ together to build this movement. We will hear from organizations already using these “ingredients” about how they carry out that work. We will also discuss how and why we can build the capacity in each of these “ingredient” areas necessary to achieve our vision.

SESSION 4 IN DETAIL

Session 4 in Detail: Skill Knowledge and Building Workshops

Sunday, 1:45pm-3:15pm

Be sure to register for a session over the course of the day Saturday or on Sunday morning

The workshops listed in this section have been submitted by participating organizations and approved by the People's Convention Host committee. The Goal in this section is to offer participants an opportunity to get more concrete with a specific organizing skill or learn more about a specific organizing effort in Vermont and beyond. The intention is to create a space where participants can find ways to continue to be involved in our movement beyond the Convention.

Anti Racism and Organizing Across Color Lines

Share experiences of how systems of oppression impact our communities and how people are organizing across the lines that divide us to build a movement.

Facilitators: James Haslam (VWC), Shela Linton (VWC), Nijmie Dzurinko (Put People First Pennsylvania) Room: B209

Bringing Workers and People with Disabilities Together: Honoring our Rights

Through a facilitated dialogue participants will begin to create a "Bill of Rights" addressing the needs of people who employ attendants/support workers and those who work as attendant/support workers, by coming together to discuss our shared vision and prepare action steps for moving forward. The discussion will include topics of supporting people with disabilities, wages, benefits, training/certification and advocacy.

Facilitator: Sarah Launderville (Vermont Center for Independent Living) Room: B212

Direct Action Workshop

Join this discussion of how direct action can be used strategically as part of an escalating campaign. Learn about examples of successful direct actions and regional movements currently employing direct action in their struggles. Explore tactics such as blockades, banner drops, workplace takeovers & tree sits.

Facilitators: Ryan & Eric Gillard Room: C102

Facilitating Direct Democracy: Toward An Egalitarian Movement

The workshop will teach basic facilitation techniques, how to apply them in meetings, and how to coordinate popular assemblies. It draws from Ian's training in consensus decision-making and facilitation, but also his experience facilitating numerous assemblies during his involvement with the Occupy movement. Ian offers some of his experience and perspective, but also seeks to learn from participants about their own perceptions and experiences with group decision-making.

Facilitator: Ian G. Williams (Occupy Wall Street – Political Action and Impact) Room: C206

FedUp? Stand up! How to Build a Grassroots Women's Rights Coalition, with FedUpVT

FedUp VT is a radical grassroots women's rights coalition that formed in response to the accelerated attacks on reproductive rights, continuing violence against women, and economic inequalities. From Reproductive Rights and freedom from sexual violence, to organizing against police brutality and uniting against racism, FedUp works through education, discussion, and direct action to face Capitalism's injustices head-on. Imagine a world without gender straightjackets, where all work is valued equally, a world that values nurturing, where human health and happiness matter more than profits. Imagine a society that understands that all life depends on the health of the earth; imagine a world without war, without domination. That world is FedUp's vision, to build it is our mission. This workshop will explore the next steps in the struggle for equal rights as we lay the foundations for a grassroots women's rights movement set to bridge gender inequality, eradicate sexism, and build the world we all deserve.

Facilitator: FedUp VT Room: C106

From Criminalization to Human Rights: Immigrant & Refugee Rights

Migrant Justice members from VT and One Love members from Philadelphia will share their international struggles for Human Rights. Migrant Justice will present their groundbreaking campaign to win access to driver's licenses in VT and seek support to build the campaign for a huge Human Rights victory in 2013. One Love will share their stories of displacement from home and their struggle to turn the tide of criminalization in the US with their 'Second Chance' Campaign.

Facilitators: Natalia Fajardo and Danilo Lopez (Migrant Justice) and Joe Hanzsum (One Love Movement, Philadelphia) Room: C203

Healthcare is a Human Right: Next Steps on Financing and the Paradigm Shift

The coming year brings the challenges of achieving equitable financing of our health care system and shifting our paradigm from one where we conceive of healthcare as an insurance benefit to one where we recognize the right to access all medically necessary care. Vermont has taken the first step in this shift by defining healthcare as a public good. The workshop will discuss what a financing plan would look like that meets human rights standards, and what needs to happen to remove all barriers between us and the healthcare we need. Join us in this workshop as we discuss lessons learned, such as the importance of using the human rights framework to defeat opponents' attempts to divide us. We will discuss what to expect in the upcoming financing struggle and brainstorm tactics we can employ collectively to continue Vermont's progress toward the human right to healthcare.

Facilitators: Mary Gerisch and MARRISA Caldwell (VWC) and Devon Ayers (Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals) Room: C207

Justice, Human Rights and the Environment

Principles of environmental justice emerged 2 - 3 decades ago from communities of color challenging the chemical industry. Since then, they have been embraced by people in a variety of local and regional struggles and have significantly shaped today's movements for climate justice. We will examine these ideas, their applicability to issues in Vermont, and the potential for a more radical, justice-centered environmental movement in our region.

Facilitators: Brian Tokar (United Academics) and Avery Pittman (Red Clover Climate Justice and VWC) Room: B206

Movement Media: Tools and Strategies for Grassroots Media Making

This workshop will look at both how organizations can use media as an organizing tool, as well as useful reporting, filming, interviewing and story-telling techniques for grassroots journalists covering social justice issues.

Facilitators: Sam Mayfield, Natalia Fajardo and Ben Dangl (Toward Freedom), Megan Sheehan (VWC), and Rebekah Phillips (Media Mobilizing Project) Room: C112

Music for the Movement

We will talk about how music and the arts can be an instrumental part of the movement for social justice by exploring how art and music has impacted communities and social movements throughout history and across various cultures. Musicians from all over the world have dedicated their creativity and efforts into actions and movements that promote peace, justice and awareness. We will discuss how music and arts have been a positive force for change in our local communities (especially recently with Hurricane Irene) and how we can further build a movement with local artists.

Facilitators: Julie Winn (VWC) and Si Kahn (Musician, Author and Organizer) Room: B201

The People's Budget: Building on our Success in 2012—Next Steps in Achieving a Budget that Meets our Needs

This workshop will ground participants in the exciting progress made in the past legislative session toward a People's Budget and plan for our next steps. The People's Budget Campaign is seeking to fundamentally change budget and revenue policy by demanding that policymakers prioritize human needs. We will discuss the crucial role of grassroots organizing to grow power, the role of the human rights framework, and how a focus on the budget can link our various issues and struggles. Next up in the People's Budget Campaign will be a proposal for the people's participation in the budget process, and in this workshop we will discuss how to prepare for this.

Facilitators: Anja Rudiger (National Economic Social Rights Initiative), David Kreindler (VWC), and Matt Burke (VWC and Gund Institute) Room: B204

Social Media for Social Justice 101

Curious about social media—and how you can best use online organizing to support your social change efforts? This workshop will help you go big picture and develop an over-arching strategy, as well as dive deep with the latest tips and tactics for maximizing Facebook, Twitter, email newsletters, etc. Get ready to overcome any tech fears, and explore new ways to tell your story & inspire action!

Facilitators: Joe Solomon and Bekah Mandell (Webskillet) Room: C110

Stop the F35 Bomber Campaign: The Military-Industrial Complex versus the People of Vermont

In several short months, hundreds of Chittenden County residents have organized, rallied, petitioned, testified, and protested the basing of the F-35 stealth bomber at the Burlington airport. The basing that once seemed inevitable is now under serious challenge. Join this workshop with residents from airport neighborhoods, students, workers under the flight path, anti-war and environmental activists, and a city council member from S. Burlington to learn more about the campaign and how to get involved to stop the F-35 deployment to Vermont.

Facilitators: Rosanne Greco (Retired Air Force Colonel/Chair South Burlington City Council), Juliet Buck (Writer/blogger/activist), Paul Fleckenstein (Long-time environmental/Anti-war activist) Room: C108

Their Struggle Is Our Struggle: Lessons from the Chicago Teachers for Vermont's Public-Sector Unions

This workshop will feature a Skype discussion with a leader from the Chicago Teachers Union, to be followed by a panel discussion about how we can build support in Vermont unions for the CTU as they prepare for a possible strike—and what the CTU can teach us about building strong and democratic public-sector unions to stand up against attacks on public education and services.

Facilitators: Nancy Welch, Traven Leyshon, Ellen David-Friedman, and Brian Walsh (Green Mountain Central Labor Council, Haymarket Books and Labor Notes) Room: C204

Educating and Organizing for Food Chain Justice: the Vermont Fair Food Campaign

The Vermont Fair Food Campaign (VFFC) is building a worker/community based organization to address the urgent need of Vermont's food chain workers for justice on the job. While much has been made of the local, environmental and sustainable character of the Vermont food system, little attention has been paid to the conditions of the We are presently building a rank and file led organization to address food chain workers concerns and to establish a Vermont Fair Food certification program. The workshop is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the situation facing the workers who produce our food. Employees who work in Vermont's food industry and activists in any of the food-related non-profit organizations in the state are especially encouraged to attend.

Facilitator: Chad McGinnis (United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America/ Fair Food Campaign) Room: C202

LUNCH TIME MEETUPS

In addition to the formal tracks, groups are self-organizing lunchtime meetups around different topics that could be campaign focused, strategy focused or simply a space to start a new conversation. Some have been planned in advance—those are listed here—and some will be semi-spontaneous, and you find them on the Lunch MeetUp Board located in the Hallway just outside of the Cafeteria. (See map)

COOP Housing (Saturday Lunch)

Hosted by: Richard Kemp

Description: Cooperative housing is run by the members, who set the rent, elect board of directors, and serve on committees of the COOP. The rent pays down the mortgage.

Why Human Rights (Saturday Lunch)

Hosted by: Vermont Workers' Center and Put People First Pennsylvania

Description: Come Join a discussion about the what, why and of using a Human Rights framework in Vermont and nationally.

Organizing in Central Vermont (Sunday Lunch)

Hosted by: Central Vermont Organizing Committee of the Vermont Workers' Center

Description: The Central VT Organizing Committee of the VWC is interested in meeting with other folks to from Central VT to plan a regular meet up throughout the year. As we are all so busy, how do we maintain the relationships started or deepened today? How do we best maximize our capacity, build and strengthen relationships and work pro actively versus reactively to the assault on our human rights. Another world is possible, let's make it happen!

Food Chain Workers Luncheon (Sunday Lunch)

Hosted by: Fair Food Campaign and Migrant Justice

Description: Does your work put the food on the table? Want to build a food system that respects worker and human rights? Come get to know your food chain workers and learn about our campaigns for Human Rights, Fair Food, and Food Justice.

Privatization of our Education System and Organizing for our Right to Education (Sunday Lunch)

Hosted by: Vermont Workers' Center, Philadelphia Student Union/Put People First Pennsylvania, La CLASSE Quebec

Description: Come discuss the nature of the privatization on the education system and what communities are doing in the US and in Canada to fight back.

HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES

Universality: Everyone is included and can meet their needs



Equity: Everyone contributes what they can and gets what they need



Transparency

All information related to decision-making should be clear and accessible to all



Accountability

The people are able to oversee and guide how government is protecting and fulfilling our rights



Participation

Everyone has a meaningful say in how decisions get made that impact us all



The People's Recipe

Yields: Power for the long haul + concrete changes along the way

Ingredients:

• Base-building

What: We build and strengthen our base by reaching new people and developing capacity with our existing base.

Examples: Petitions, postcards, photo petitions, surveys, organizing meetings, community meetings, door knocking, tabling at events, etc.

• Human Rights Framework

What: We use a principled framework that is based on human rights, as both an organizing tool and a tool for creating and evaluating policy.

Examples: Having organizing conversations based on our values, and the notion of rights rather than focusing on specific policy initiatives; a policy committee and other working groups that use the human rights framework (based on the principles of universality, equity, transparency, accountability, and participation) to evaluate and propose legislative policy and talking points

• Holding Power-Holders Accountable

What: We put direct pressure on those who make decisions that impact our rights (politicians, bosses, etc.)

Examples: candidate forums; accountability meetings with elected officials; direct action (such as the May 1st Rally, strikes, march on the boss); call in days; reclaiming political spaces (like packing the Statehouse).

• Winning the Battle of the Story

What: We recognize that successful movement organizing is more than just moving bodies, it's about moving hearts and minds, and changing the dominant stories that prop up current oppressive power structures. To do this, we tell our own stories and create our own media.

Examples: multi-media testimony collection (e.g. Put People First Stories Project); creating podcasts, videos, photo collections; communications and narrative trainings, Letters to the Editor, Editorial Board Meetings, spokesperson trainings.

• Grassroots Fundraising

What: Through a variety of means, our communities and members fund our movement (in other words, a broad base of donors, coming from our own communities)

Examples: monthly sustainers; fundraising events (house parties, auctions, etc.); fundraising drives (e.g. Race for Human Rights, dance-a-thon, etc.).

• Political Education

What: We believe we must develop a sophisticated understanding of the systems of oppression we face, how they were created and are maintained, and develop the and analysis to dismantle them and build more just systems grounded in human rights. We also must have an understanding of history so that we don't repeat mistakes or fail to harvest lessons from past social movements.

Examples: Weekend political education trainings; educational activities at organizing meetings; leadership retreats; collective study; movie nights with discussion.

• Solidarity and Movement Building

What: We build long term relationships with other organizations and networks across issue areas, to learn from each other, develop shared strategy and tactics and people power and capacity to change systems

Examples: Participating in national alliances; exchanges with organizations in other states; solidarity with workers' struggles; the Vermont People's Convention for Human Rights.

This People's Recipe was developed by the Vermont Worker' Center through our Health Care is a Human Right campaign and the Put People First campaign, and by learning from other people's organizations and movements.

THE ROAD AHEAD: UPCOMING DATES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

SEPTEMBER

Educational Forums on Healthcare

This is a series of statewide informational forums on the next steps for implementing a universal healthcare system in Vermont. A great opportunity to come out and have your questions answered about the road ahead for healthcare. For up to date locations and times visit www.workerscenter.org/calendar.

Monday, September 10th

12:00-2:00pm, Lyndon State College

6:30-8:30pm, Hardwick

Tuesday, September 11th

6:00-8:00pm, White River Junction

Wednesday, September 12th

9:00-11:00am, Randolph, Vermont Technical College

12:00-2:00pm, Bradford

6:00-8:00pm, Barre

Thursday, September 13th

5-7pm, Johnson State College

Monday, September 17th

12:00-2:00pm, Bristol

6:00-8:00pm Middlebury

Tuesday, September 18th

1:00-3:00pm, Burlington, Multi-Generational Center

6:00-8:00pm, Milton

Wednesday, September 19th

1:00-3:00pm, St. Albans, Franklin County Senior Center

Thursday, September 20th

1:00-3:00pm, Charlotte

6:00-8:00pm, Burlington

Monday, September 24th

12:00-2:00pm, Castleton State College

6:00-8:00pm, Rutland, Fox Room, Rutland Library

Tuesday, September 25th

1:00-2:30pm, Poultney

6:00-8:00pm, Bennington, St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Wednesday September 26th

12:00-2:00pm, Wilmington, Pettee Library

6:00-8:00pm, Brattleboro

OCTOBER

Put People First Candidate Forums

Candidates for the state legislature will answer questions and hear from their constituents on the issues we deal with everyday such as healthcare, workers' rights, healthy environment and other important human rights issues in our communities. Forums will be scheduled in every county of the state. For up to date info on dates, locations, and times visit workerscenter.org/calendar. Here are the forums that are scheduled now. These events are hosted by a number of Put People First Campaign organizational partners. If your organization is interested in participating, contact kate@workerscenter.org.



Thursday, October 4th

6:00-8:00pm, Randolph

Tuesday, October 9th

6:00-8:00pm, Brattleboro

6:00-8:00pm, Rutland, Free Library Fox Room

Wednesday, October 10th

6:00-8:00pm, St. Albans

6:00-8:00pm, Montpelier, Montpelier High School

Sunday, October 14th

3:00-5:00pm, St. Johnsbury, Catamount Arts Center

Wednesday, October 17th

6:00-8:00pm, Burlington

6:00-8:00pm, Middlebury

Thursday, October 18th

6:00-8:00pm, White River Junction

Tuesday, October 23rd

6:00-8:00pm, Newport

Wednesday, October 24th

6:00-8:00pm, Bennington

Dance Party for Human Rights

Benefit dance party to raise money for Migrant Justice and the Vermont Workers' Center. Save the date to come get your groove on and support these two organizations that are building a human rights movement.

Saturday, October 27th

7:00pm-Midnight, North End Studios, Burlington

Migrant Justice's DRIVING TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL

Fall Speaking Tour!

Migrant Justice farmworker members and organizers will share the education, organizing and mobilizing behind their groundbreaking campaign to win access to driver's licenses in VT, regardless of immigration status. Participants will be invited to help build the campaign and work for a huge Human Rights victory in 2013. More at www.migrantjustice.net

Saturday, September 8th

6-8:00pm, Guilford Community Church

Wednesday October 17th

6:15pm, Burlington College

Sunday October 21st

Rutland Unitarian Universalist Congregation

**This will be during the regular Church service*

Are you interested in hosting Migrant Justice's Driving Towards Human Rights for ALL Fall Speaking Tour in your town, school, church or organization?

Contact: info@migrantjustice.net or 802-658-6770

Driving Towards Human Rights for All in Vermont! Driver's License Study Committee Meetings at State House

Wednesday, October 3rd and Friday, October 26th

9:30am-3:00pm, VT State House

Support Migrant Justice members with solidarity transportation to go speak up for the Human Rights to Freedom of Movement at the State House. Contact:

info@migrantjustice.net or 802-658-6770

DECEMBER AND ONWARD

December, date TBA

Human Rights Day Celebration & VWC Membership Assembly

January 8th 2013

Kick off the legislative session by saying - Put People First!



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▶ **JOHN MERSON/WAR LESSONS**
6:15PM/September 12/Burlington College/Room 253

Author of *War Lessons: How I Fought to Be a Hero and Learned War Is Terror* Merson discusses the effects of war on soldiers and civilians in war zones, war crimes, and conflict prevention strategies. All royalties from Merson's *War Lessons* are donated to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and are used to help clear unexploded ordnance in Vietnam.

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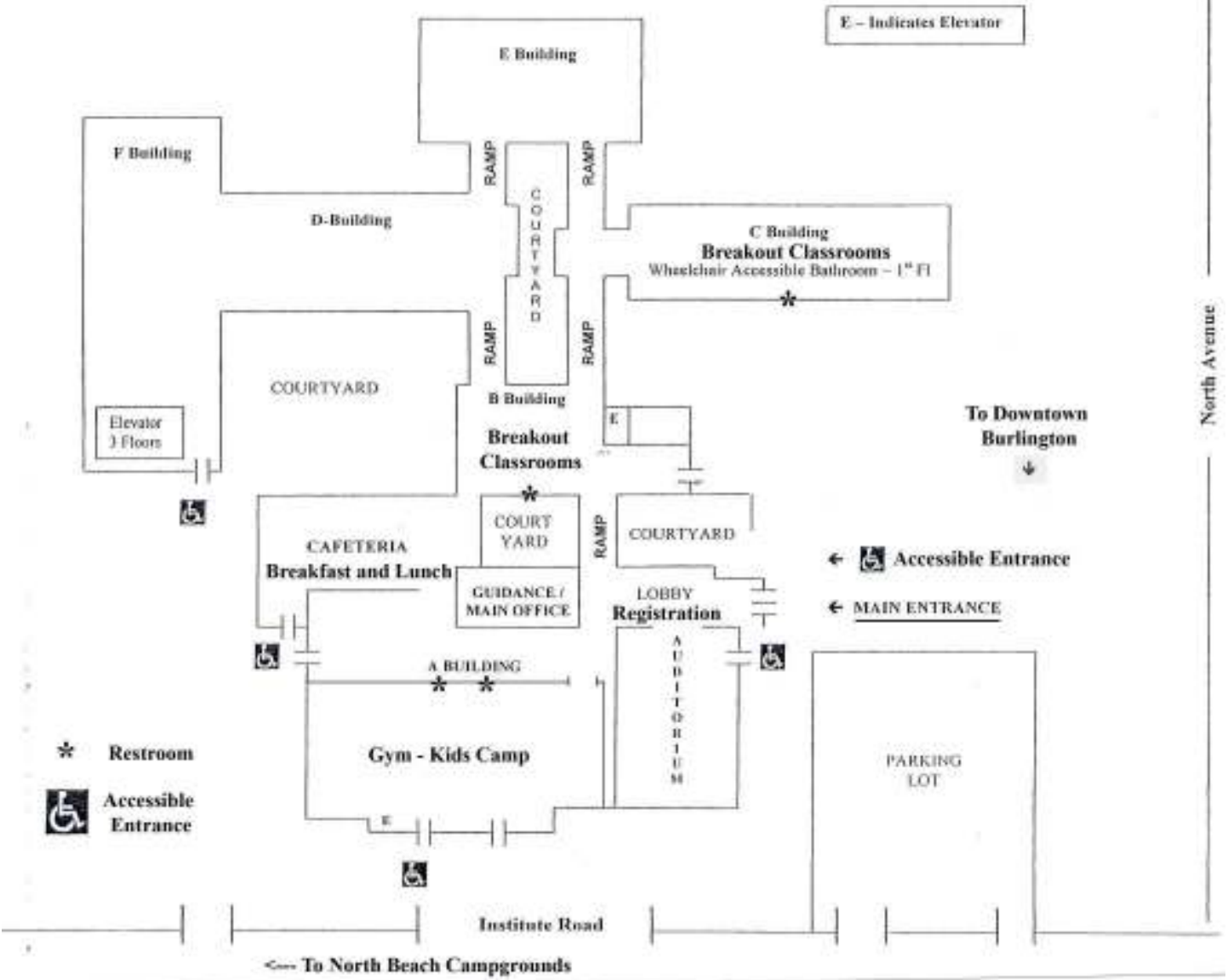


Mark Twain's *A Murder, A Mystery & A Marriage* - a musical melodrama - at LNT in 2009.
photo: Jim Love, The Times Argus



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