



Massachusetts Progressives to Gather for Strategy Conference

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Cambridge, December 4 -- Massachusetts progressives breathed a sigh of relief when Joe Biden was declared winner of the presidential election. But his victory also means that we can take nothing for granted -- we now have to organize for peace and social justice like never before.

What does that organizing look like? Over 400 Massachusetts progressive activists from 16 organizations will gather at a two-day online conference December 5-6 to exchange strategy ideas and hammer out a joint plan of action. Titled "Where do we Go from Here: Preparing our Movements for the Next Four Years," the conference will address six key issue areas, including the pandemic; the economic crisis; racial injustice; climate change; endless war; and political polarization.

Sen. Ed Markey, journalists John Nichols and Stephen Kinzer, anti-poverty activists Shailly Gupta Barnes and Deborah Weinstin, State Rep-elect Erika Uytterhoeven, and activists Bill McKibben, Bill Fletcher Jr., Gladys Vega, Rahsaan Hall, Alina Tomeh, and Vaughn Goodwin, will address the attendees on Saturday, Dec. 5 between 9am and 5pm. Attendees will participate in 27 breakout groups on topics ranging from public education under COVID, to defunding the police and Pentagon, to transparency in the State Legislature.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 6, the group will debate proposals for common work in the next year.

Presentations by plenary speakers are on the record; breakouts may be open to the press depending on the decision of the conveners; the Sunday discussion is off the record.

Full details of the program are available at bit.ly/where-go-conf. Press are invited to register for the event at <https://secure.everyaction.com/8qBf-l2PAUiAHzhclXscA2> and you will then receive your Zoom code within a few minutes.

Sponsors of the event include Massachusetts Peace Action, 350 Mass, Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security, American Friends Service Committee – Northeast Office, Progressive Massachusetts, Massachusetts Alliance of HUD Tenants, Massachusetts Poor People’s Campaign, Progressive Democrats of America, Biodiversity for a Livable Climate, Boston Independent Drivers Guild, Our Revolution Massachusetts, Cambridge Residents Alliance, Peace Action Maine, Veterans for Peace/Smedley Butler Brigade, Jewish Voice for Peace Boston, and Boston Democratic Socialists of America.

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