

Freedom & Struggle Song/Poetry Circle

SPRING 2016:

Sunday, March 13, 2-5PM

Sunday, April 10, 2-5PM

Sunday, May 15, 2-5PM

170 Main Street, Greenfield, MA

(This gathering space is part of the new office space for Franklin Community Co-op, immediately adjacent to World Eye Bookshop. Seating area is wheelchair accessible, but the bathroom is not. Wheelchair accessible bathrooms available at the main Co-op building, just 2 doors down the street.)



Agenda:

- 2:00-4:30: Share songs in a round and share snacks
- 4:30-5:00: Discuss outreach for and process of the group

This song circle is an open and inclusive space for sharing songs and poems of freedom and struggle. We welcome listeners (whether or not you happen to perform), songwriters, song-makers, song leaders, poets, and performers wanting to participate in and sustain radical political culture in Western Massachusetts. ***This song circle is:***

- A space to share songs and poems of freedom and struggle, broadly defined. Among the musical creations we aim to include are songs that inspire social movements seeking justice, peace, and ecology and songs that carry the dreams of people in oppressed groups.
- A regular gathering that actively reaches out to newcomers who want to participate in and/or develop their craft of performing and/or songwriting.
- A loving artistic community where people come to support each other's growth as artists and as human beings.

This song circle is organized by local members of People's Music Network for Songs of Freedom and Struggle (PMN/SFS) – a national network of Musicians, Performers, Songwriters, Promoters, and Activists using music and culture to promote progressive ideas and values. We recognize the power of music to effect social change, and we gather together to be nourished by sharing and hearing this music. We strengthen our commitment as artists and activists to produce transformative political culture by supporting one another in an environment where we meet on an equal basis.

Upcoming PMN Regional Gathering:

PMN Summer Gathering: June 3-5, 2016 at Camp Kinderland in Tolland, MA.

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