

Maine AFL-CIO 2018 Summer Institute

Building a Workers' Movement

Wednesday August 8th & Thursday August 9th, 2018

Wells Conference Center, University of Maine

Wednesday August 8

- 8am – 9am Registration
- 9am – 9:20am Welcome, Overview, Agenda Review & Introductions – Cynthia Phinney, President
Maine AFL-CIO & Marc Cryer, Director Bureau of Labor Education
- 9:20am – 9:35am Union Café
- 9:35am – 10:15am What We Mean by Building a Movement – Matt Schlobohm & Cynthia Phinney
- 10:15am – 10:30am BREAK
- 10:30am – 11:50am German & Hungarian Trade Unionists, IG Metall & VASAS – Presentation &
Participatory discussion
- 11:50am – 12pm Labor History: WWI War Labor Board – Tim Suttter
- 12pm – 12:45pm LUNCH
- 12:45pm – 1:10pm Bangor Five Skit & Discussion
- 1:10pm Nurses & Healthcare Worker Union Organizing: Past, Present & Future –
- A. Current Struggles
 - B. History of Organizing & First Contract Fight at Eastern Maine Medical Center
 - C. Nurses Organizing in the South - Libby Devlin, Ntl Nurses United Southern Regional Director
- 3:10pm – 3:30pm BREAK
- 3:30pm – 4:45pm Building Our Movement – Medicare for All/Healthcare Movement Building Project
- 4:45pm – 5pm Debrief Day 1, Announcements & GROUP PHOTO
- 5pm – 6:15pm DINNER
- 6:15pm – 7:45pm Labor Moth Story Hour
- 8pm – Socializing

THURSDAY August 9

7am – 8am BREAKFAST

8am – 8:40am Artifact Activity

8:45am – 9:15am Opening Announcements, Agenda review Day 2, Debriefing First Day

9:15am - 10:30am Role of Worker Education in Building a Movement - Peter Kellman, others

10:30am – 10:45am BREAK

10:45am – Noon Breakout Workshops on Movement Building Skills

- A. Internal Organizing in the Age of Janus (Practice 1 on 1 Skills)
- B. Social Media & Communications
- C. Union Orientations, Newsletters, etc.
- D. People can propose/self organize workshops

Noon – 12:45pm LUNCH

12:45pm – 1:30pm Union Cultural Performers – Joel Woods, photographer (IAM Maine Lobstering Union member) & possibly others

1:30pm – 3:15pm Doing our Politics in a Movement Building way

3:15pm – 3:30pm Recap Action Steps & Group Evaluation

3:30PM – 3:35pm Vote on 2 or 3 day SI Next Year

3:30pm – 3:45pm Closing & Graduation