



Localize the movements for global justice...

HOST A 2007 JUSTICE PROJECT TRAINING!

Bring the Justice Project to your **COMMUNITY** or **CAMPUS**

• **HIV/AIDS** • **Domestic & Global Poverty** • **War & Conflict** • **Access to Water**

2007 is an important year for movement building in the United States and around the world. With the World Social Forum, the US Social Forum, a new congress, and shifting US foreign policy around the world...

It is time to widen the scope of our movement, to connect the dots between local and global struggles for justice, peace, and a more equitable society. A good starting point is to understand the relationship between the policies of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the US government, and critical global justice issues such as HIV/AIDS, environmental justice, gender, immigrant and labor rights, access to essential services, and the inherent unsustainability of corporate-driven globalization.

Under the umbrella of the Justice Project, the **50 Years Is Enough Network**, **TransAfrica Forum** and the **Student Global Aids Campaign**, are organizing multiple regional trainings, which will kick-off in mid-March and last until mid-April. Each will feature seasoned activists from various global justice communities in the US, who will address the underlying role of the U.S. in the world.

- What kind of economic policies does the U.S. promote internationally?
- What is the link between these economic policies and war, disease, and development?
- What does the anti-war community need to know about these policies in order to offer real alternatives?
- How are these policies different or similar to what our national and local governments do right here at home?

Please let us know if you're interested in hosting a Training stop in your community! If you would like to organize such a training or participate in it, contact Ruth Castel-Branco at 202.463.2265 or ruth@50years.org

Bios of

Selected Justice Projects Trainers:

Sameer Dossani is the Director of 50 Years Is Enough: U.S. Network for Global Economic Justice. Sameer has been working to expose and challenge the unjust economic policies of the World Bank and the IMF since the early 1990s, when he was a student activist at McGill University, Canada. From 2002-2005, Sameer served as the Executive Director of the NGO Forum on the Asian Development Bank, based in Manila, Philippines for three years. This gave him the opportunity to work closely with Asian NGOs and peoples' movements working for economic justice. Sameer has written extensively in journals and published books on the challenges of corporate-led globalization and also its links with other serious concerns such as militarization. He can often be heard on radio and on-line programs debating on such issues.

Ruth Castel-Branco, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, 50 Years Is Enough: U.S. Network for Global Economic Justice Originally from Mozambique, Ruth moved to the US to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison. There she joined the Student Labor Action Coalition as an organizer and worked on a number of international labor solidarity campaigns. After completing her undergraduate degree in human geography in December 2005, she took a research assistant position for a diploma course in poverty analysis at the Institute of Social Studies, the Netherlands. Ruth first experienced the contradictions of structural adjustment programs and service privatization as a healthcare-NGO worker in Mozambique. Since then she has been committed to understanding, challenging and fundamentally changing the policies of the IMF and World Bank.

Matthew Kavanagh is the executive director of Global Justice, an organization dedicated to mobilizing a powerful movement of students and youth in the U.S. to promote socially and economically just solutions on global HIV/AIDS, trade, and child survival. He is an organizer and educator with a long-time commitment to building a movement for global economic justice. Before coming to Global Justice, Matt worked with a wide variety of NGOs and social-movement organizations, most recently in South Africa, where he worked on water rights and apartheid reparations campaigns. In the US, he directed a national legal-and human rights-education program at Street Law and worked as a community organizer with the Boston Youth Organizing Project. Matt has organized for people-focused international development and trade policies with groups including the Mobilization for Global Justice, and coordinated health, civic engagement, and environmental education programs in Massachusetts, New York, Guatemala, and Namibia. As the National Coordinator of the Student Global AIDS Campaign (SGAC) at Global Justice, Matt previously coordinated a nation-wide network of youth AIDS activists and guided SGAC's treatment access campaign focused on international trade and pharmaceutical company policies.

Roxanne Lawson is an International Policy Campaigner for Friends of the Earth. She works to promote community rights related to natural resources and the environment on the African continent, with a particular emphasis on the impacts of international financial institutions and multinational companies. Prior to joining Friends of the Earth, Roxanne was the national coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee's Life Over Debt Campaign and worked to cancel African countries' illegitimate debts to international financial institutions. She is a current board member of the Africa International Youth Network, which connects and builds solidarity between young organizers in the U.S. and the African continent, and is also a board member of the UZIMA Foundation of Nairobi, Kenya. Ms. Lawson is a member of INCITE-Philadelphia, the Black Radical Congress, SUSTAIN as well as a founding member of Organized Community of United People (C.O.U.P.) a Washington, DC based human rights group and BEATS for PEACE, an activism and acts collective.