



FIGHT BACK PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the United Steelworkers Associate Member Program



Fight Back Pittsburgh/USW Local 3657 Organizing Committee

May 2016 Report to Local 3657 Membership Meeting

Celebrating International Workers Day

On May 1, Fight Back Pittsburgh held our first (annual?!?) May Day Party at the Vietnam Veterans Pavilion in Schenley Park. About 75 people attended including core Fight Back Pittsburgh activists, Pitt Students, USW retirees and rank and file District 10 members. The event culminated with the smashing of a Donald Trump piñata (complete with small hands and filled with dumplings and airheads).



Crashing ALEC's Party

Fight Back Pittsburgh activists and members of USW Local 3657 stormed into the American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) Spring Task Force Summit meeting on Thursday evening, disrupting the lobbying group's Board of Directors Dinner. While ALEC's Summit took place at the Omni-William Penn, the dinner was held a few blocks away at Heinz Hall.

Hoisting yellow umbrellas with anti-ALEC slogans, a common prop from the 2014 pro-democracy mobilization in Hong Kong, participants rolled out 'crime scene' tape and shouted, "This is a crime scene! ALEC is killing us! With private prisons and attacks on workers fueled by greed and hunger for power ALEC is killing us!"



Fight Back Movie Night—Pride

On Monday, June 6 at 6:30pm Fight Back Pittsburgh will be hosting a screening of the 2014 film *Pride* in the Lobby Conference room. *Pride* is the story of a group of LGBT activists organizing to support British coal miners during the 1984 NUM strike in the United Kingdom. Based on a true story, this bold, energetic and often hilarious group of queer activists mobilize to support rural coal miners during a bitter strike in Margaret Thatcher's UK.

Getting Ready for the RNC in Cleveland!

On Saturday, June 25th at 1pm, Fight Back Pittsburgh will be holding a mass action training to get ready for the upcoming RNC protests in Cleveland at Babyland (3577 Bigelow Blvd.). During this three-hour training we'll cover key aspects of planning and preparing to participate in a major mobilization, organize with a crew to take care of each other in the streets, and share key tips on staying healthy and safe in the streets. We'll also provide updates on action plans in Cleveland and let you know how to plug into the organizing here in Pittsburgh for the RNC.