

## U.S. Social Forum

# POVERTY WORKING GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The U.S. Social Forum is less than three weeks away! Over 20,000 people from across the United States and the world will unite in Detroit from June 22 – 26 to articulate visions and plan concrete strategies to strengthen and build our movements for social justice.

The USSF is grounded in an understanding that successful social movements are always led by those most affected. The Poverty Working Group of the USSF has been working for months to bring poor people from across the country to Detroit for this historic opportunity to unite and create strategic plans for action. At a time when corporate control of the planet continues to concentrate the world's wealth into fewer hands and spread poverty to the masses, it is more crucial than ever that the poor and unemployed are in the leadership of the movement to end poverty.



The USSF Poverty Working Group, co-organized by Detroit-based Michigan Welfare Rights Organization and National Welfare Rights Union, and the national Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign, wants to invite you to attend our poverty program, led by poor folks at the forefront of the movement to end poverty.

### **Our program includes:**

- A caravan into Detroit and national press conference on Monday, June 21st for the March to Fulfill the Dream, hosted by the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign & Poverty Working Group
- A Poverty Summit on opening day, June 22 at 10 am, and closing day of the USSF
- A rally hosted by Michigan Welfare Rights Union & the Poverty Working Group at DTE Energy on Tuesday, which will join the opening march to the USSF. DTE's aggressive practice of electricity shutoffs to poor families and low-income seniors has caused several people, including children, to die in fires trying to keep themselves and their families warm.
- A Poverty Tent in the USSF Vision Village with workshops, networking, arts & culture
- People's Movement Assemblies (PMA):
  - World Court on Poverty in the U.S.: Disappeared in America
  - What the Health Happened and How Do We Get the Health Care We Need?
  - How to Claim the Right to Housing and the City: Take Over, Take Back, and Take It to the World

For more information please visit [www.ussf2010.org/poverty](http://www.ussf2010.org/poverty) or email [poverty@lists.ussf2010.org](mailto:poverty@lists.ussf2010.org).

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