

WHAT IS *OCCUPY* NOW?



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AT THE END, DURING REPORT BACK]

Occupy Wall Street

- September 17 – November 15 2011 in New York City (Zuccotti Park)
- Swept our nation



Occupy Wall Street

- Coordinated responses closed camps
- Energy continues!



The *Occupy* Spirit

- Focus on economic issues
 - Wall Street; markets and banking
 - Foreclosures
 - Debt
 - Money corrupting politics
- Principles of Consensus, Inclusion
 - Acceptance





Today

- Occupy Sandy
- Strike Debt
- Keystone XL
- Local community building





November 9, 2012

ON Wednesday night, as a fierce northeaster bore down on the weather-beaten Rockaways, the relief groups with a noticeable presence on the battered Queens peninsula were these: the National Guard, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Police and Sanitation Departments — and Occupy Sandy, a do-it-yourself outfit recently established by Occupy Wall Street.



Strike Debt

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Let's imagine life after debt.

Come with your bills, debt notices, city budgets, and other symbols of debt to burn. Wear your Sunday best. Refreshments will be served.



Sunday, September 9th | 4pm | East River State Park | 90 Kent Ave at N. 8th Street

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Debt is a way of life. It's the bedrock of a rotten system. From birth, we're told that in order to achieve success, we have to get into debt. This happens to individuals, towns, cities and countries alike. It affects us all, whether we actually have debt or not. Some of us take out huge mortgages and student loans under the assumption that doing so will allow us to achieve the elusive dream of success. We buy things we can't afford and work jobs we don't want, striving towards promises of success that seem to be getting emptier by the day. Despite our best efforts, we struggle to find meaningful work, secure housing, and accessible healthcare. We've been buying into the system, but getting very little in return. Meanwhile, banks and credit card companies get rich off our debts and the debts of our communities. Our labor props up a system based on illusory rewards, and we find that we have less and less time for our lives and each other.

It's time to turn our backs on this system of debt and create something new in its place.

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Being in debt can make us feel alone, trapped and inadequate, hopeless in the face of service cuts and endless bills. But debt can also bring us together. We believe we can be free if we invest in one another, rather than in a system that seeks only to take from us. **Burning our debts is a celebration of that possibility.**

Join us as we burn our debts and share our stories and hopes for the future. Together, we can step out of the shadows and light the way towards something better.

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Strike Debt is a network of students, artists, academics, and organizers who are sparking conversations about how debt affects us all and what we can do about it. Through militant research, direct action, and mutual support, we are exploring ways that we can break the chains of debt and create new bonds of solidarity.
www.strikedebt.org

Strike Debt: Rolling Jubilee

[A Project of Strike Debt](#)

We have raised \$701,317 (as of 16 March 2014) and abolished **\$14,734,569.87** of debt, with more to come!

A bailout of the people by the people!

Rolling Jubilee is a [Strike Debt](#) project that buys debt for pennies on the dollar, but instead of collecting it, abolishes it. Together we can liberate debtors at random through a campaign of mutual support, good will, and collective refusal. Debt resistance is just the beginning. Join us as we imagine and create a new world based on the common good, not Wall Street profits.

Keystone XL





Children living within 2 miles of the Houston Ship Channel are
56% more likely to contract childhood leukemia than children just 10 miles away
(That's before Keystone XL South started pumping today)

RECLAIMING OUR COMMONS

- ***The Commons***, the public spaces where dialogue can happen, and
- especially where those who are unhoused can manage to sleep in **not normal** shelters.



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- Even more broadly, where are safe spaces?
- People's assemblies to reclaim politics?
- People's investigations, to reclaim justice?
- People's libraries and classes, to reclaim education?

HEMPSTEAD FOOD SHARE

LONG ISLAND FOOD NOT BOMBS EVERY SUNDAY @ 1:30PM

LOCATED DIRECTLY OUTSIDE THE HEMPSTEAD TRAIN STATION (ON THE
NORTH END OF W COLUMBIA ST, ONE BLOCK EAST OF MAIN ST.)

MAP



FREE HEALTHY FOOD 4 ALL.



THERE ARE CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS LIKE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD AND WARM CLOTHING THAT ARE NOT BEING PROVIDED TO EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN. LONG ISLAND FOOD NOT BOMBS BELIEVES FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES ARE HUMAN RIGHTS, AND BECAUSE OF THIS WE SHARE THESE ITEMS WITH OUR FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS EACH WEEK.

ALL THE FOOD WE SHARE IS COMPLETELY VEGETARIAN AND MOSTLY ORGANIC. WE ALSO DISTRIBUTE CLOTHING, BOOKS, TOILETRIES AND TOYS. BASICALLY, IF YOU NEED SOME CLOTHES STOP BY AND WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN GET YOU. IF YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA CLOTHES YOU CAN HELP OTHERS BY BRINGING THEM DOWN TO A FOOD SHARE AND SHARING THEM WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE CALLED FOOD NOT BOMBS BECAUSE WE FEEL WAR IS JUST ANOTHER TOOL THAT PROMOTES POVERTY ABROAD AND IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. EACH YEAR WE WASTE TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON WAGING UNNECESSARY WARS WHILE PEOPLE AT HOME GO WITHOUT FOOD, CLOTHING, HEALTHCARE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PROPER EDUCATION.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN LONG ISLAND FOOD NOT BOMBS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR US, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT WITH THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW.

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BREAKOUT

- Occupy Sandy (and other *disaster* relief)
- Strike Debt (and other debt relief)
- Keystone XL (and other active protest mechanisms)
- Reclaiming Our Commons (and other local initiatives)

PLEASE CHOOSE A GROUP
EACH GROUP REPORTS BACK

THE OCCUPY SPIRIT

WEST VIRGINIA IS CALLING
WILL YOU **ANSWER?**



To cut to the chase: WE NEED YOU! We especially need longer-term volunteers who can commit to 3+ weeks to several months of organizing around the water crisis and other existential issues in this area. You will be providing water, making phone calls, coordinating with community members, working on sustainable water alternatives, and driving, driving, driving.

****WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE:** Warm housing, internet connection, reimbursement for water & (some) gas purchases, and other excellent people.

****WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:** Your time & physical presence, a vehicle (important but not necessary), organizing skills, and the willingness & ability to work with residents under challenging, stressful circumstances.

Please call the WV Clean Water Hub at (304) 249-8115 or email wvcleanwaterhub@gmail.com.

Thanks!



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