

Hope Out Loud

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Dear Friend,

It's happening on September 14th this year – bigger, better and more inspiring – the 7th Annual Hope Out Loud Peace and Music Festival in Bushnell Park. What started as a peaceful response to 9/11 has grown into one of the regions most vibrant gatherings of activists and advocates dedicated to creating peace through social justice, economic equity and sustainable environmental cohabitation. Join us and become a part of a call for peace, greater than ending wars, when we will all Hope Out Loud that a peaceful world is possible.

This year the theme is *Building Community – Creating an Us without a Them*. On the stages, at the tables and on the field hundreds of people dedicated to a local and world vision of peaceful and sustainable co-existence will gather to share their objectives, their successes and their ideas for how we can all join together to make a better world for all peoples.

The Hope Out Loud Festival, now in it's 7th year, is a time for all of us to celebrate what we have been able to accomplish and to find out how we can work more closely in connecting the many issues that need to be addressed to achieve our goal of building peaceful communities in a peaceful world.

We are asking you and your organization to join us in making this year's Festival more vibrant, more relevant, more inclusive and more diverse. Work with us now to bring the Festival together, sign up as a sponsoring organization, register for a table, promote the Festival and be in Bushnell Park on September 14th with your friends and family.

If you haven't been to Hope Out Loud in recent years you will find that the day has become a Festival designed to promote interaction among everyone attending. Several performance stages are planned. There will be even more activities for children and adults to learn peace in a playful way. Tabling by the big and small activist and advocacy organizations of central Connecticut and beyond with multicultural music, art and dance making the day one we will all remember. Plan a picnic in the Park and make sure you and your organization are a part of this signature event.

This letter is the beginning of the process building up to September 14th. Read the attached "How to Help" form and become involved. Call us at (860) 523-4823 or visit our website at www.hopeoutloud.org for more information – or even better come and meet us at the monthly Hope Out Loud Coffeehouse every last Friday of the month at Alchemy Juice Bar. Contact us soon to make sure you are included in making Hope Out Loud happen.

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