

Hope Out Loud

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining the Connecticut Coalition for Peace and Justice and the American Friends Service Committee in celebrating another year of working to create peace and justice in our communities and in our world. Hope Out Loud 7 will begin at 12 noon on Sunday, September 14th. We have an exciting program this year and your participation will help us make it our best year ever.

We will be located in the more intimate setting at the East End of Bushnell Park in the area between the Pump House and the Pond. The entrance to the Park at the end of Trumbull Street provides the easiest curbside drop of access to the tabling area of the Festival. If you need to drive to the tabling area you must arrive early and use this access for unloading/loading only – there is no parking inside the Park. Please find some important registration and tabling information enclosed – please read this carefully and call if you have any questions.

This year's festival occurs as we enter a crucial time in our country's, and the world's, history. Please do all that you can to turn out the largest audience possible so Hartford and Connecticut know how many of us are calling for a peaceful solution to the growing violence in our world. The theme for this year's Festival is 'Building Community – Creating an us without a them', applicable to addressing the conflict among ourselves, within our communities and across our globe.

Remember also that Hope Out Loud is a response to September 11th – we will be remembering the events of 2001 and reflecting on how our world has changed since that time. Finally, Hope Out Loud is a time to relax, make contact and build community.

Please call us at (860) 523-4823 or email us at info@hopeoutloud.org with any concerns, special needs or changes in your plans. We will be in available throughout Saturday night on September 13th to respond to your call. If you need to contact us on the day of the event feel free to use one of the cell phone numbers provided in the enclosed materials for that purpose. The message on our main number will be updated on the morning of the Festival.

See you on September 14th as we all *Hope Out Loud* that a peaceful world is possible.

Hope Out Loud 7 Organizing Sponsors

The Connecticut Coalition for Peace and Justice, The American Friends Service Committee, CT TransAdvocacy Coalition, People of Faith Network, and the Charter Oak Cultural Center

Hope Out Loud 7 is supported in part by the Greater Hartford Arts Council and the City of Hartford

Hope Out Loud 7 – Tabling Information

Hope Out Loud begins at 12 PM. We will have the tables set up by 10:30 AM and encourage all tabling groups to arrive no later than 11 AM to prepare the tables. A map will be available the CCPJ Registration table - table locations can be chosen in order of arrival - there will be a sign for each pre-registered organization available when you register at the CCPJ Table. On arriving at the festival site feel free to go straight to a tabling to drop off your materials but please send a representative to the **Connecticut Coalition for Peace and Justice (CCPJ)** table to sign-in to let us confirm your chosen location is not taken.

There will be a clearly labeled area of the CCPJ table for performers, speakers, vendors and tabling organizations to check in. This is also the information area should needs arise.

We cannot provide canopies for the tables so if you bring one arrive early enough to set it up. Bring water and consider bringing an umbrella and a tarp to cover your materials in case it does briefly shower. Note: the park is very strict in not allowing anything to be inserted into the lawn or attached to the trees. If there is a sustained rain contact us on the day of event using the contact numbers listed below for information - the **Rain Site is at Union Station** which is across the Asylum Street from the Northwest corner of Bushnell Park. We will try to contact you in advance if rain is forecast – the outgoing message at our main number (860-523-4823) will be updated as the day approaches.

Chairs will not be provided by HOL – consider bringing your own to better enjoy the day. One table is provided to each registered tabling organization – contact us in advance if your needs differ from this.

First aid kits will be located at the CCPJ table, the Stage and at the Kids Activity area. In an emergency please use the cell phones listed below or report it at one of those three locations. If it is a medical emergency call 911 first but be sure to inform us as listed above of this immediately.

There are portable toilet facilities and MDC Water Wagon for drinking water at the East end of the site. Drinking water stations will also be at other locations including the Kid’s Activity area, the HOL Coffeehouse and the CCPJ table. See the site map for details.

If you arrive late please go to the CCPJ to locate an available table.

If your organization has pledged a contribution to defray festival expenses but has not sent it in – please do so now and call CCPJ at (860) 523-4823 to inform us of this. Checks should be made payable to AFSC – HOL. We would prefer not to collect these donations on the day of the festival but will do so at the CCPJ table only. All CCPJ volunteers authorized to collect money will be clearly identified – this information will be available when you check in.

We are all trying to promote peace, environmental responsibility and social justice. Bring trash bags and take responsibility for maintaining your table area specifically and the festival site overall.

If you have any special needs please call CCPJ at (860) 523-4823 to arrange to have them met. Use the cell phone numbers listed below on the day of the festival. Hope Out Loud volunteers will gladly assist.

Food vendors have been limited in the past – consider bringing a picnic lunch. *Hope Out Loud is a sober event* – we encourage our brothers and sisters in recovery to join us so please respect their needs and do not bring alcohol or other substances to the Festival site. Free drinking water will be available at the site.

Remember – **Hope Out Loud** is planned as a day to celebrate our activism and work in the past year while reflecting on the challenges we have faced since the events of September 11, 2001 Let’s all try to make the day meaningful for ourselves and all of those who attend.

If you need to contact us on the day of the event, call Caron Shanahan at (860) 478-7864 or Eric Stamm at (917) 405-9287.

Again, thank you for participating in this year’s **Hope Out Loud Community Peace and Music Festival**. If you have any questions or concerns please call CCPJ at (860) 523-4823, email us at info@hopeoutloud.org or visit our website at www.hopeoutloud.org. We will be at available through Saturday, September 13th late into the night and our outgoing message on the main number will be changed on the morning of the Festival to provide current information.

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