

# Hope Out Loud

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HOPE OUT LOUD – Hurrah !

Hope Out Loud is coming to Hartford on September 19<sup>th</sup> – will you be there?

**Hope Out Loud**, which began in 2002 as a response to 9/11, has grown to become a shared call for renouncing violence and developing peaceful conflict resolution in our towns and in our world, for social justice and economic equity, and for harmony in our presence in the environment. **Hope Out Loud** is a celebration of the creativity and vibrancy of Connecticut's advocacy, service, activist and arts communities committed to peace and social justice intended to provide inspiration for renewal and recommitment. Join us for the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope Out Loud Peace and Arts Festival** planned in Hartford on September 19, 2010 from 12 noon to 5 pm as we all **Hope Out Loud** that *a peaceful world is possible*.

**Hope Out Loud** is an opportunity for your organization, its members, friends and family, to network with other people doing work for peace and social justice. It is a chance to reach out to others who are interested in knowing how to get more involved in working together towards common goals. Last year's gathering attracted more than 50 tabling organizations with hundreds of people enjoying the day. The gathering features live music, speakers, children's activities, information tables and great people to just sit down and talk with. Plan a picnic for your organization. Plan to be there.

Plan to be a part of this year's **Hope Out Loud Festival**. As the peace and social change movements have evolved since the Festival began so have the challenges of maintaining the Festival. This includes funding the event. We are all volunteer driven and work to keep expenses low. Our goal is to have 4 sponsors contribute \$ 100, 6 sponsors contribute \$ 50 and have at least 40 tabling organizations donating \$ 25. If you have supported the Festival in the past consider increasing your level of support. Note: all donations are suggested not expected – everyone is welcome to be involved in Hope Out Loud regardless of ability to contribute financially.

There are many other ways you can support the Festival. Volunteers are needed – not just for the day of the event but all summer long with HOL activities promoting the Festival. See the 'How to Help' form or visit our website – [www.hopeoutloud.org](http://www.hopeoutloud.org) .

So join us - gathering together organizations and individuals interested in social change and community activism for a relaxed day to identify common strategies and goals, to build coalition and support on our work of making a peaceful world possible. So plan to be there and work to help it happen.

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