

DEMOCRACY AWAKENING 2016

WHAT

In April 2016, more than 100 organizations representing a diverse array of movements and hundreds of thousands of people are coming together to demand a democracy that works for all of us. Join us as we converge upon Washington, D.C. for an array of actions, including demonstrations, concerts, teach-ins, direct action trainings, a Rally for Democracy, advocating for a Congress of Conscience, and more – all in support of a democracy in which votes are not denied and money doesn't buy access and power. Democracy Awakening will mark an unprecedented coming together of historically separate communities and reform proposals. Together we will build a nation that is truly of, by and for the people.

WHY

American democracy is premised on the fundamental tenet of “one person, one vote,” but since the very beginning, we've had to fight for every voice to be heard and every vote to be counted. Today an array of barriers are keeping regular Americans shut out of the political process, from restrictive voting laws suppressing the voting rights of people of color, students, and low-income Americans, to a campaign finance landscape that allows big money to increasingly shape elections and the policy-making process. For both issues, Congress has solutions in front of them, but has so far failed to pass them into law. It's time for us to come together and claim a democracy where every voice is heard and every vote counts equally.

THE PLAN

From **April 16-18**, join us for three days of protest, education, music and cultural exchange in Washington, D.C. Here's the plan:

- **Saturday, April 16 – Teach, Learn, Transform:** Saturday will feature teach-ins, workshops and direct action trainings by powerful leaders from around the country who will inspire us as we build a movement to fight back against attacks on our democracy. We'll have a cultural hub where people can gather to create art and inspire change. Saturday night will feature a large event to bring us together in the lead up to Sunday's Rally for Democracy.
- **Sunday, April 17 – Rally for Democracy:** Join thousands of people in a march and rally at the U.S. Capitol, where we'll mobilize in mass to call for solutions that protect the people's right to vote and prevent our voices from being drowned out by big money. Direct action trainings will follow in the lead up to the Congress of Conscience Day of Action.
- **Monday, April 18 – Congress of Conscience Day of Action:** Join activists on Capitol Hill for a day of action and advocacy in support of measures to: restore the protections of the Voting Rights Act; modernize voter registration and ensure equal access to voting for all; overturn Supreme Court decisions like *Citizens United* so we can get big money out of politics; and empower small donors in our democracy.

GET INVOLVED

As an individual or an organization, there are many ways to get involved, and we need your voice in this movement. Visit <http://democracyawakening.org> for more information, or contact info@democracyawakening.org.