

September 6: 19th Biennial Convention Workshops - Preliminary Listing

The final list along with session times will be available soon (some workshops will be presented twice). Workshops are listed below in alphabetical order.

Beyond Bias: How We Think, Talk and Act on Race and Difference

Did you know that 80 to 90 percent of human decision-making happens at the subconscious level? This provocative and highly interactive workshop will introduce the ground-breaking science of implicit bias. Learn new and rarely used strategies for addressing racial bias and other forms of bias at the individual and organizational level.

Breaking the Stereotype

Envision a tow truck driver, a firefighter or scientist. Does a man come to mind? That's generally the case with most people, and with reason. These jobs are among the many catalogued on the U.S. Department of Labor's list of non-traditional occupations for women - occupations in which women compose less than 25% of the work force. In this workshop you will meet and hear from women who are "Breaking the Stereotype"; why and how they entered their field of work, their experiences, the benefits, the obstacles they face and how they overcame those obstacles to find economic independence and pave the pathway for future generations of women.

Elections 2018: Engaging Labor and Community Coalitions in Advancing Work and Family Issues

Labor and community organizations are important allies. They will need to build stronger networks in order to achieve success in the 2018 elections. Through a labor/community discussion we will share tactics, mobilization techniques and review issue based campaign strategies to accomplish a better work and family life. We will explore how labor and community issues complement each other and how building bridges now will lead to success in 2018.

This is an interactive session where participants will be encouraged to share their experiences and devise scenarios that can win in their home communities. Building social and economic justice coalitions will be a focus.

Ending Sexism and Building Union Power

In this workshop we will look at how we learned sexism early on, talk about our own experiences and look at the issues based on sexism we face in the labor movement, including the key issues that limit women's leadership in our organizations. We will discuss and start to plan solutions for handling those issues as well as, how we can get institutional support to end sexism in our movement.

Financial and Administrative Responsibilities of CLUW Chapters

Whether you are a current chapter/state officer or plan to hold one of these important positions in the future this workshop is for you! We will discuss how to make sure you have enough money to carry out your action items, budgeting, and what reports you are responsible to provide to others. We will demonstrate how to fill out your IRS 990 E postcard, obtain your exempt status and remind you of what information you should keep all year to make filling out your reports easier.

How to Make Your Voice Heard With Your Lawmakers

Your voice and opinions are powerful. Your members of Congress, state representatives, and city officials were elected to serve their constituents: That's you! It's vital that your voice is heard. This workshop will provide you with the most effective ways to communicate with your representatives. You will leave with a comfortable plan in place that you will carry out with confidence and success. You will also be able to help your family members, friends, coworkers, community organizations and colleagues develop their plan of action. If you are interested in improving communications so that your congressional representatives will be carrying out their votes based on how their constituents feel on issues such as: Social Security, Medicare, long-term medical insurance, healthcare for all, Meals on Wheels, jobs, salaries, immigration rights, LGBTQ rights, etc... this workshop is for you.

Human Trafficking

Details to follow

Making Reason the Loudest Voice in the Room: Communication Training for a Propaganda Era

Do you want to have more effective conversations with relatives, friends, co-workers or neighbors who have bought into misinformation and propaganda? This training teaches people how to have conversations that break down polarization and distrust and get people to think critically about context and media influence and rebuild the civic conversations that are necessary for democracy to flourish.

Mentoring

Details to follow

Parliamentary Procedure Primer

Details to follow

Power and Inclusion

Participants will examine the dynamics of race and institutional power within our unions, discuss how unions address issues of race and how structural choices impact how well we support members of color.

Rulemakers, Rules and Resistance: A Globalization Timeline Exercise

In this workshop, participants will build a collective timeline of knowledge about the global economic system and points of resistance. This workshop will examine how global rules are made, how the global system is intentionally created and how this system has impacted workers, especially women and their families. Finally, we will discuss ways to design better strategies for change and act in solidarity with workers elsewhere.

The Battle in the States: Fighting for Justice in 2018

Workers are continuing to face extraordinary attacks in the states: right to work, attacks on collective bargaining, bills to bar prevailing wage and PLAs, attacks on pensions, anti-LGBTQ and anti-immigrant bills and more.

Join us for an overview of the legislative landscape in the states, a discussion of the fights and opportunities ahead for 2018, and learn more about our opposition and who's driving the attacks on workers. From fighting back efforts to decimate labor to working proactively for equal pay, paid sick days and paid family leave, learn what is ahead and how you can help.

Please join us to prepare for 2018 and to bring what you know – share updates from your own state/union on the fights impacting union women and all workers.

The Labor Movement: Where Do You Fit In And How To Make It Work For You?

In this workshop participants will look at the structure of their union to understand their union's flow of power and begin to investigate ways to become more active within their organization.

We will examine how different unions work within the larger labor movement – the AFL-CIO, Change to Win, as well as independent unions such as NEA, for example. This workshop will help you, as a CLUW member within your union, understand the decision making process, how to influence it, and gain support for issues of importance to women and working families.