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Seattle+10 People's Summit

Amy Goodman, The Yes Men, David Korten, Thea Lea (AFL-CIO), Leo Gerard (U.S. Steelworkers), Rep. Bob Hasegawa, Rev. Robert Jeffrey, Sr. Among National/International Speakers Presenting at Town Hall, New Hope Baptist Church, NW Film Forum, and Seattle University, November 27-29.

* Video and photos available from '99 Protests *

* Spokespeople from People's Summit Program available for interviews *

Seattle, WA—More than 85 organizations are coming together in Seattle for a People's Summit, to show another world is possible: a world of economic fairness, environmental health, and justice for all.

The weekend long People's Summit, running November 27-29 at multiple venues, features internationally renowned speakers, strategic workshops, performances, and solution-oriented networking.

People's Summit Schedule Highlights

Nov 27: Amy Goodman/*Democracy Now!* – Town Hall Seattle, 7pm

Nov 27: Andy Bichlbaum/*The Yes Men* – NW Film Forum, 7pm & 9pm

Nov 28: Morning plenary with welcome by Rep. Bob Hasegawa – Campion Ballroom, Seattle U., 9:30am

Nov 28: 17-plus workshops – Pigott Hall, Seattle University, 11:30am-5:45pm

Nov 28: Evening plenary program hosted by Rev. Robert Jeffrey, Sr. – New Hope Baptist Church, 6pm-10pm

Nov 29: 12-plus workshops, and cross sector strategy sessions – Seattle U., 9am-5pm

Nov 29: Evening plenary program – Town Hall Seattle, 7pm

The event marks the 10th anniversary of the Seattle protests, when tens of thousands of people made history by shutting down the World Trade Organization ministerial meetings. Workers, environmental activists, and faith communities came together in November 1999 for several days of unprecedented, nonviolent street protests.

Ten years later, with international economies in collapse and global temperatures rising, groups are coming together again to critique powerful institutions who they say still lack workable solutions to contemporary international crises.

"Corporations' dominance of global trade policy was shaken in 1999, but the WTO's profits-over-people mentality still casts its shadow over public debate about climate change, energy policy,



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and people's basic needs, like food, water and health care,” says Rep. Bob Hasegawa, who will provide welcoming remarks at the Saturday morning opening plenary session, “The Climate is Changing: It’s Time for Solutions!”

“The path we are on is unsustainable, and unjust.” Says Reverend Robert Jeffrey, Sr. whose New Hope Baptist Church is hosting the Saturday evening program:

“We need to rethink how we do trade, how we develop our communities, where we get our food and energy. The way we figure out the right solutions is by working together across our areas of interest.”

The Seattle event falls within a week of national and international events. Protests are being planned in Portland (OR) Los Angeles, and New York; and across the world in Geneva, where the WTO is meeting again on November 30th, and in Copenhagen at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, December 7 through 18.

The Northwest focused People’s Summit brings together groups representing working people, immigrants, faith communities, food security advocates, and artists. The weekend kicks off Friday night at Town Hall Seattle with a celebration of grassroots media featuring Amy Goodman of *Democracy Now!* and Seattle premier screenings of the new film, *The Yes Men Fix the World* with the film’s codirector, international prankster Andy Bichlbaum, in attendance at the NW Film Forum.

Events throughout the weekend at Seattle University, Town Hall Seattle and New Hope Baptist Church feature speakers and presenters from, among others: ACLU Washington, AFL-CIO, Business Alliance for Local Living Economies Seattle, Church Council of Greater Seattle, Comité Pro Reforma Migratoria y Justicia Social, Community Alliance for Global Justice, Council of Canadians, Earthjustice, Food First, Green for All, Hidmo Community Empowerment Project, Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, National Family Farm Coalition, Pinay sa Seattle, Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch, Reclaim the Media, Riseup.net, Seattle Tilth, Seattle Young People’s Project, Statewide Poverty Action Network, U.S. Steelworkers, Washington Fair / Trade Campaign, Witness for Peace NW, and YES! Magazine. For the complete summit schedule, please see: <http://seattleplus10.org/peoples-summit/schedule>

About the Seattle+10 Organizing Committee:

The Seattle+10 Organizing Committee is an ad-hoc group of activists and organizations that have come together to mobilize and inspire citizens and civil society to carry forward the lessons and energy of Seattle 1999, when civil society—representing diverse areas of public interest—successfully shut down the WTO ministerial. Participants in the Seattle+10 organizing committee include the Community Alliance for Global Justice, the Washington Fair Trade Coalition, YES! Magazine, Reclaim the Media, Witness for Peace NW, and many other interested groups and individuals. For a full list of co-sponsoring and endorsing organizations, please see: <http://seattleplus10.org/about/endorse>

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